

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
January 2, 2018

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time for the regularly scheduled work session on Monday, January 2, 2018 in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building located at 601 12th Street, Phenix City, Alabama. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Councilmember Arthur L. Day, Jr., Councilmember Steve Bailey, Councilmember R. Griff Gordy and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Also present were City Manager Wallace B. Hunter, City Attorney Jimmy Graham, Acting City Clerk Melony Lee and Kelly Newcomb. Department Heads in attendance were: Chief Building Official Gil Griffith, Utilities Director Stephen Smith, Economic Development Planning Specialist Shaun Culligan, City Engineer/Director of Public Works Angel Moore, Assistant Fire Chief Bill Czukor, Golf Course Manager Julie Taylor, IT Manager Mike Bauer, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Library Director Michelle Kilday, Municipal Court Clerk Pam Jarrell, Human Resources Director Stephanie Chastain, Assistant Chief of Police Gail Green, and Utilities Engineer John Spraggins.

Upon a quorum being established, Mayor Lowe called the meeting to order.

The invocation was led by Mayor Lowe.

Mayor Lowe called upon Justus Armstrong to present the Infrastructure Project of Interstate 14. This project is also called the 14th Amendment Highway. The highway would be right along Highway 80. Three reasons that it would benefit Phenix City: Interstate Connection, Strategic Military Impact, and Economic Development. Mr. Armstrong requested the city to create a resolution supporting the highway coming through Phenix City. City Manager Wallace Hunter advised that this project has been talked about now for twenty years and the city should bring in Regional Architect Vance Beck. He would have more information about the project but it is all about what the Alabama Department of Transportation does. It needs a lot of funding.

Mayor Lowe called upon William Epps, Jr. and Charles Waush with the Disabled American Veterans. They are non-profit organization and have started a Valentine's Day Ball for members. Mr. Waush asked if the city could help on the rent of \$1,000 for the Idle Hour facility. Also, they will be having a Women's Veteran program. They had to have it in a private home last year. Mayor Lowe advised that the city could not waive fees or lower price of the building but Mr. Waush could apply with Stephen Smith for appropriations before May 1, 2018.

There was no Planning Commission meeting due to the Christmas holidays.

Mayor Lowe called upon Acting City Clerk Melony Lee to review the January and February calendars with Council.

Acting City Clerk Melony Lee also advised Mayor and Council of upcoming board appointments.

Councilmember Day asked about the 5th Street South project. City Attorney Graham advised that he would be going house to house with paperwork and check. City Engineer Angel Moore still needed 3 parcels that will be condemned and is currently working with ALDOT to get those properties.

Councilmember Day asked about the 431 project date. City Engineer Angel Moore advised that plans are not finalized. City Manager Wallace Hunter advised there will be no groundbreaking until plans are completed.

Councilmember Bailey asked about the Riverchase pipe project. Utilities Director Stephen Smith advised that pipes are being tested now but with no water source they have to run a hose to test the pipes. Final connections are being done on the south end and it will be at least a few weeks before the project is completed.

Councilmember Gordy asked about the St. Andrews project. City Engineer Angel Moore advised the city will have to replace the pipe but it will not require the road to be shut down. The dirt will have to sit for three months to settle before paving the street.

City Manager Wallace Hunter discussed the Lake's property.

Councilmember Gordy advised that the notices on social media have greatly helped getting the word out to citizens.

City Manager Wallace Hunter advised he would be out of town January 24th through 26th.

City Manager Wallace Hunter and City Engineer Angel Moore provided a list of businesses that have not complied with the Illicit Discharge. This list will be sent to the Finance Department and a hold put on the business license when the business tries to renew license. The license will not be renewed until they are in compliance. City Engineer Angel Moore explained Illicit Discharge to Ms. Vickey Carter Johnson.

Mayor Lowe advised everyone of a five minute break.

Mayor Lowe discussed the agenda items with Council.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham reviewed the claims on the agenda with Mayor and Council.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:53p.m. until Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 3 p.m.