

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 5, 2018**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time for the regularly scheduled work session on Monday, March 5, 2018 in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building located at 601 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Phenix City, Alabama. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Councilmember Arthur L. Day, Jr., Councilmember Vickey Carter Johnson, Councilmember Steve Bailey, Councilmember R. Griff Gordy, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Also present were City Manager Wallace B. Hunter, City Attorney Jimmy Graham and City Clerk Melony Lee. Department Heads in attendance were: Building Official Gil Griffith, Finance Director Labrita King Copeland, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Skipp Hansberger, Engineering Director Angel Moore, Civil Engineering Graduate Brittany Israel, Utilities Director Stephen Smith, Fire Chief Kris Kennedy, Golf Course Manager Julie Taylor, Library Director Michele Kilday, Human Resources Director Stephanie Chastain, Chief of Police R. J. Smith, Utilities Engineer John Spraggins and Administrative Assistant Shannon Davis.

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

The invocation was led by Councilmember Day.

Mayor Lowe called upon Jennifer Davidson with the Russell County Extension Office to address council as listed on the agenda. Ms. Davidson came forward to address council as listed on the agenda. Ms. Davidson asked for permission to use the Garrett Harrison Stadium for the Russell County Farmer's Market. The farmer's market will be two days a week starting the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in May through November. The times will be 12 noon until 6:00p.m. on Thursday, and 8:00a.m. until noon on Saturday. Ms. Davidson passed out home owner's information on trees from the extension office. Ms. Davidson also spoke on the 4-H kid's camping events that are coming up and asked to pass information on to potential youth that might be interested. Mayor Lowe and Council approved the request for the Russell County Farmer's Market. Mayor Lowe thanked Ms. Davidson for coming to speak with Council.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Engineer Angel Moore to discuss the actions taken by the Planning Commission at their February 13, 2018 meeting.

Councilmember Bailey asked Shaun Culligan if the city could host a food truck plaza showcasing local restaurants down near the water area. Economic Development Planning Specialist Shaun Culligan advised that he was looking into some food expos for the future.

Councilmember Johnson asked about the art park being a place to do artwork and display the artist's work. Mayor Lowe and Councilmembers advised that it was both. Economic Development Planning Specialist Shaun Culligan advised that the art park is temporary but the WC Bradley Company may include an art park in the final phase of the development.

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

City Clerk Melony Lee discussed with Mayor and Council the upcoming board appointments to the Phenix City Board of Education.

Council asked for updates on the following items from department heads:

1. ALDOT Project on Highway 431 (traffic signal) with City Engineer Angel Moore. The traffic signal permit has been approved, but we are still waiting on the access permit from ALDOT.
2. 5<sup>th</sup> Street Project with City Attorney Jimmy Graham.-All tracts are closed but Tract #6, he will be presenting a resolution to move forward through probate court to get the tract closed.
3. Afterschool program with Skip Hansberger.
4. Splash pad at the Spencer Pool with Skip Hansberger.-He advised that a quote would be in this week from the manufacturer.
5. "More Than A Game" at Meadow Wood Park- Councilmember Gordy advised that two free youth camps had been held.
6. Discarded Tire update with Angel Moore-She updated council on the expense of picking up the tires.
7. The Riverchase Project with Steve Smith.-He discussed the laying of the pipe.

Utilities Director Stephen Smith discussed the grease traps at restaurants with Mayor and Council. Many of the restaurants are not in compliance.

Mayor Lowe reminded Council about the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Unity in Prayer Breakfast at 7 a.m. on March 8<sup>th</sup> at the Martin-Idle Hour Park.

Mayor and Council congratulated City Manager Wallace Hunter for this participation in the 2018 ACCMA Winter Conference.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham reviewed agenda claims with Council.

Mayor Lowe advised Council needed to enter into Executive Session for good name and character for 10 minutes, Councilmember Gordy moved to go into Executive Session, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Day. All were in favor.

Council took a 5 minute break before going into Executive Session.

Council went into Executive Session at 4:23 pm.

Council came out of Executive Session at 5:00 pm.

Mayor and Council conducted interviews with the board members of the Zoning Adjustment and Appeals Board.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Monday, March 19, 2018.