

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 16, 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, April 16, 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, Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, Engineering Director Angel Moore, Utilities Director Stephen Smith, Fire Chief Kris Kennedy, Golf Course Manager Julie Taylor, Library Director Michele Kilday, Municipal Court Clerk Ruby White, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Personnel Director Stephanie Chastain, Chief of Police R. J. Smith, and Utilities Engineer John Spraggins.

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

The invocation was led by Councilmember Bailey.

Mayor Lowe advised Council that Mr. Steve Franklin would not be able to speak today and would be rescheduled for the April 30<sup>th</sup> work session.

Mayor Lowe called upon Meredith Riley Stewart to address council as listed on the agenda. Mrs. Stewart came forward to discuss the possibility of filming two movies in the Phenix City area. Mrs. Stewart advised that she needs funding from the Phenix City area to get the film industry on board with films in Phenix City. Mayor Lowe thanked Meredith Riley Stewart 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 April 10, 2018 meeting. City Engineer Angel Moore advised the meeting was cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Clerk Melony Lee. City Clerk Lee advised Mayor and Council of the following:

1. Advised Mayor and Council that she would be off on Wednesday, April 18, 2018.
2. Advised of the upcoming Phenix City Housing Authority Board Appointment (in May) of Steve Pace.
  - a. Mr. Pace submitted a letter and would be interested in serving on the board again.
  - b. Mayor Lowe asked that Council turn names into the Clerk's Office for interviews.
3. Advised of Mr. Jim Welburn's resignation from the Personnel Review Board.
  - a. Mayor Lowe asked that Council turn names into the Clerk's Office for interviews.
4. Advised of Debbie Andrews' resignation from the Zoning Adjustment and Appeals Board.
  - a. Robert Scott's name had been turned in today.

5. When the Tree Commission submitted the affidavits to the City Clerk's office, two members reported that they are not residents of Phenix City.
  - a. Jeff McDonald (expires 12/05/19) and Fran Loftin (10/15/18).
  - b. Gail Brantley was suggested as a possible board member by the Board.
  - c. Ms. Fran Loftin would like to be a volunteer with the board.
6. Condemnation Appeal Request from James Shortz. City Attorney Jimmy Graham advised that he will do a title search on the church property to see if Mr. Shortz has any ownership after the Council meeting on April 17, 2018. City Clerk Melony Lee advised that the public hearing needs to be on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, directly after the City Council meeting.

Shaun Culligan presented the Departmental Review with Mayor and Council.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham reviewed agenda claims with Council.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham advised Council there needs to be an Executive Session for Economic Development for 45 minutes from which the meeting will adjourn, Councilmember Day moved to go into Executive Session, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. All were in favor.

Council took a 5 minute break.

Council went into Executive Session at 4:50 p.m.

Council came out of Executive Session at 5:38 p.m.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Monday, April 30, 2018.