

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
April 30, 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 30, 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 Vickey Carter Johnson, Councilmember Steve Bailey, Councilmember R. Griff Gordy, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Councilmember Arthur L. Day Jr. was not present. 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, Utilities Director Stephen Smith, Finance Director Labrita King Copeland, IT Manager Mike Bauer, 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.

Mayor Lowe advised that Councilmember Day was in the hospital but doing well.

The invocation was led by Councilmember Johnson.

Mayor Lowe called upon Steve Franklin to address council as listed on the agenda. Mr. Franklin came forward to discuss the possibility of the Historical Commission moving into the old Brick School. Mr. Franklin was advised that the city does not own the Old Brick School. He was also advised that the Historic Commission is in need of funding. Mayor Lowe advised that the budget process will start soon. There was discussion on a museum building. Mayor Lowe thanked Steve Franklin for coming to speak with Council.

Mayor Lowe called upon Utilities Engineer John Spraggins to discuss the actions taken by the Planning Commission at their April 24, 2018 meeting.

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

1. Advised of various dates on the May and June 2018 calendars.
2. Advised of the upcoming June board appointments for the Industrial Development Board of Therri Brooks and Thomas Blythe.
 - a. City Clerk's office will make contact with them to see if they are interested in reappointment.
 - b. Mayor Lowe asked that Council turn names into the Clerk's Office for interviews.
3. Advised Councilmember Gordy of his Economics Statement Confirmation Number.

Council discussed the following issue with City Manager Wallace Hunter and Department Heads:

1. Thanked Building Department for listing previous month's figures on their monthly reports.

2. Received an update on the Art Park project from Shaun Culligan.
3. Talked with Chief Smith about the speed bumps within city.
4. Riverchase traffic signal update.
5. Update on the Highway 431 Development Plans.
6. The number of building permits from local contractors.
7. Update on the Highway 431 exit.
8. An explanation of why utilities' customers have to provide driver's license on check. Utilities Director Stephen Smith advised the District Attorney's requested Driver's License Number on check.
9. The need for second notices for utility bills. IT Manager Mike Bauer advised a computer program will be in place by the end of the year that will help with this.
10. Tenant Lease Agreements- Utilities Department requires the lease to be notarized. Utilities Director Stephen Smith advised this procedure has been in place for over a year due to identity thief and other problems with tenants.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham reviewed agenda claims with Council.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham gave an update on 5th Street South - the 1/2 tract has a motion in to condemn it. The hearing is May 14, 2018 at 2:00p.m. However, if we receive the signed petition in the mail before then, we will not have the hearing. He also gave an update on the title research for Appeal of Condemnation. It should be complete in the next few days.

Mayor Lowe advised Council there needs to be an Executive Session for Economic Development for 30 minutes from which the meeting will reconvene due to board interviews, Councilmember Gordy moved to go into Executive Session, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. All were in favor.

Council took a 5 minute break.

Council went into Executive Session at 4:10 p.m.

Council came out of Executive Session at 4:42 p.m.

Council conducted Board Interviews.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Monday, May 14, 2018.