

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
July 16, 2018

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met at 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time for the regularly scheduled work session on Monday, July 16, 2018, 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 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's Office Manager Shannon Davis. City Clerk Melony Lee was not present. Department Heads in attendance were: Building Official Gil Griffith, Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, Assistant Engineering Director Mike Pattillo, Utilities Director Stephen Smith, IT Manager Mike Bauer, Fire Chief Kris Kennedy, Golf 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 Graduate Engineer John Spraggins.

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

City Manager Wallace Hunter presented Mayor and Council with the submitted budget packets. Utilities Director Stephen Smith discussed the adjustments that were made to the budget. The following adjustments were made:

1. Non-Departmental Capital, Page 162:
 - a. Added \$30,000 for contingent appropriation for CVCC to assist with expanding campus.
 - b. Budgeted \$50,000.00 for the renovations for the handicapped to use the proposed Miracle Park at Lakewood Park.
2. Three areas of salary changes and benefit calculation correction in Public Works.

Utilities Director Stephen Smith advised that a Public Hearing will be held to present the submitted budget. Mr. Smith also advised the Public Building Authority changed the rating from an A- to an AA rating. This status affects the bond rating and high levels of maintaining reserves. Councilmember Bailey questioned how long had this mistake been in effect. Mr. Smith advised that it was in effect since 2006 and several cities had been the same.

The invocation was led by Councilmember Johnson.

Mayor Lowe called upon Mary Mayrose with the Phenix City Housing Authority to address council as listed on the agenda. Ms. Mayrose discussed the project updates for the Hidden Hills Trace, the Whitewater Village and Frederick Douglass Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant. Mayor Lowe thanked Mary Mayrose for coming to speak with Council.

Mayor Lowe called upon Bishop I. L. Wilson with Beneficent Ministries, Inc. to address council. Bishop Wilson discussed a mentoring program for both female and male children from the ages of 12 to 17 years of age. Mayor Lowe thanked Bishop I.L. Wilson for coming to speak with Council.

Mayor Lowe called upon Assistant Engineering Director Mike Pattillo to discuss the actions taken by the Planning Commission at their July 10, 2018 meeting.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Clerk's Office Manager Shannon Davis who advised Mayor and Council of the various dates on the July and August 2018 calendars. Ms. Davis also discussed the groundbreaking at the Village at Crosswinds to be held on July 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

Mayor and Council conducted a Board Interview.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Monday, August 6, 2018.