

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
August 20, 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, August 20, 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 and City Clerk Melony Lee. City Attorney Jimmy Graham was not present. Department Heads in attendance were: Building Official Gil Griffith, Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, Engineering Director Angel Moore, Utilities Director Stephen Smith, IT Manager Mike Bauer, Fire Chief Kris Kennedy, Golf Manager Julie Taylor, Library Director Michele Kilday, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Chief of Police R. J. Smith and Graduate Engineer John Spraggins.

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

The invocation was led by Mayor Lowe.

Mayor Lowe advised there were no requests to address Council.

Mayor Lowe called upon Engineering Director Angel Moore to discuss the actions taken by the Planning Commission at their August 14, 2018 meeting.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Clerk Melony Lee who advised Mayor and Council of the following dates on the August and September 2018 calendars.

1. Quarterly Council meeting for 09/18/18 will be at the Library.
2. Monday, September 3rd is a holiday, the work session will be Tuesday, September 4th at 3:00 p.m. Reminded Mayor and Council of canvassing the Referendum election on 09/04/18 at noon.
3. Testing the Voting Machine on Thursday, August 23rd at 9:00 a.m. at the EMA Building located at 808 8th Street (By Care Ambulance).
4. Adopting 2018-2019 Budget tomorrow at the Council Meeting.
5. Referendum Election next Tuesday, August 28, 2018, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. City Clerk Melony Lee will have a command center set up in Council's Chamber all day with Chief Ray Smith, Matt Lenoir, Engineering and Elections Custodian Rusty Robinson. Polling places will have cell phones at each district polling location. The Planning Commission will have their meeting in the Municipal Courtroom.
6. Advise of the Phenix City Youth Baseball Banquet for 9U World Series Champions at Martin Idle Hour Community Center on Sunday, September 2nd at 6:00 p.m. Mayor, Council and spouses are invited to attend. Councilmember Day and City Manager Wallace Hunter will not be in attendance. Mayor Lowe, Councilmember Gordy and Councilmember Johnson will be able to attend. Councilmember Bailey was unsure.
7. New Resolution and contract from Parks and Recreation with corrected amount of \$100,000.00 for the White Water Classic.
8. United Way Kickoff Luncheon on August 30th at 11:30 a.m.

Ms. Lee also advised Mayor and Council of two upcoming board appointments for the Personnel Review Board and Phenix City Planning Commission. Mayor Lowe advised Council to turn in nominations but do not talk to the people.

Utilities Director Stephen Smith discussed the Audit Proposals with Mayor and Council. Mayor and Council advised that Robinson and Grimes was the lowest bid that met the City's requirements.

Utilities Director Stephen Smith discussed the Amendment to Franchise Agreement with Southern Light. The resolution should be on the next meeting agenda.

Utilities Director Stephen Smith discussed the Master Meter Reading System that will be added to the Council Meeting Agenda with a resolution. Mr. Smith stated the reason for the update is due to the battery life of the electronics and nothing to do with the actual water meter.

Councilmember Johnson would like to have a meeting with District 2 citizens for about 90 minutes before the Council Meeting in September at the Library.

Councilmember Johnson asked the Mayor, Council and City Manager in reference to a phone call and letter about the retirement system bonus. City Manager Wallace Hunter explained the Christmas bonuses and also explained that Retired Fire Chief Don Ivey ran the retirement. Utilities Director Stephen Smith also spoke on what the City of Phenix City does for the retirees.

Councilmember Bailey discussed the carbon filter issue at Riverchase. Utilities Director Stephen Smith advised that the filters were in place and everything should be improving.

Councilmember Bailey also inquired about the Bridgewater manhole covers now having locks on them. Engineering Director Angel Moore and City Manager Wallace Hunter discussed the storm water drainage at that location also.

Councilmember Bailey inquired about the Saddlebrook situation. City Manager Wallace Hunter advised that the City of Phenix City has possession of the house. Mr. Hunter stated that the house will be scrapped for salvage and then demolished. Engineer Director Angel Moore advised that the detention plans are already in place and will be installed when the house is cleared off the property.

Councilmember Day inquired about the 5th Street South outside restrooms due to citizens using other areas of the park as a restroom after hours. City Manager Wallace Hunter advised that the facilities close at a certain time and no one is supposed to be there once the facility closes. Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes stated that most parks close at 10:00 p.m. but 5th Street South closes at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Hunter stated if a special event is scheduled, Parks and Recreation will make arrangements to leave the restrooms open for the citizens.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

City Manager Wallace Hunter informed Mayor and Council the City Hall building will be repainted and the signage and awnings will be replaced also.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 4, 2018.