

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
September 4, 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 Tuesday, September 4, 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 Clerk Melony Lee and City Attorney Jimmy Graham. 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 Manager Julie Taylor, Personnel Director Stephanie Chastain, Library Director Michele Kilday, 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 Councilmember Gordy.

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 28, 2018 meeting.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Clerk Melony Lee who discussed the following with Mayor and Council:

1. Whitewater Classic – 09/08/18
2. Homeage Park Meeting – 09/13/18
3. Council Meeting 09/18/18 at 6:00p.m. at the Phenix City Library. Councilmember Johnson's meeting before Council Meeting from 4:00p.m. until 5:30p.m.
4. October Board Appointments –
 - a. Brickyard Project
 - b. Grand Reserve
 - c. Tree Commission
5. Board of Education Interviews on 09/17/18 Work Session. Richard Day had been turned in as a nomination by a councilmember but his address was outside the city limits. City Clerk Melony Lee verified his address, 10 Lee Road 554, Phenix City, AL 36867, with Phenix City Engineering Department. Mayor and Council advised to cancel interview as he is ineligible to serve on the board.
6. City Clerk Melony Lee advised that she would be late on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 due to a doctors appointment at 9:00a.m.
7. Discussed the Franchise Agreement with Southern Light, LLC.

Utilities Director Stephen Smith discussed the revisions of the Amendment to Franchise Agreement with Southern Light.

Mayor and Council discussed the following:

1. Councilmember Bailey inquired about the increase in Building Permits. Mayor and Council discussed the growth of the city due to developers.
2. Councilmember Day inquired about the 5th Street South Right of Way. City Engineer Angel Moore discussed that the city is waiting on ALDOT and hope to bid out in September.

3. Councilmember Day inquired about the Spencer Recreation Park Splash Pad. City Manager Wallace Hunter advised that changes are being made.
4. Councilmember Day inquired about the trees at Sumbry Park. City Engineer Angel Moore advised the trees are too big to be removed by the city and will require a professional to remove trees.
5. Councilmember Gordy inquired about the 5th Street odor. Utilities Director Stephen Smith advised due to an enlarging release in the air valve it will require the city to put a larger carbon filter on the manhole cover. Ms. Smith also advised the City ordered the part this week and will install as soon as the order comes in.
6. Utilities Director Stephen Smith discussed the mandate from the State of Alabama in regards to rainwater infiltrating the sewage lines. Mr. Smith discussed the letter that will be sent to the citizens advising of the correction of the rainwater getting into the service lines. Mr. Smith stated the letter will go out in a couple of weeks and the property owner will have 90 days to fix the problem.
7. Councilmember Johnson inquired about District Two and it seems that the closer to the River/Entertainment District the more work needs to be done. Councilmember Johnson also discussed the 2nd Avenue Faithful Missionary Baptist Church. Councilmember Johnson stated Pastor Sneed will talk with the citizens about cleaning up properties around the area.
8. Councilmember Johnson inquired about the dumping fees at the landfill being waived. City Manager Wallace Hunter advised Mayor and Council that he was unaware of any waivers the City could give and fees depend on the loads. City Manager informed Councilmember Johnson that the fee schedules are posted at the landfills.
9. Councilmember Johnson inquired on an update from the Central Activities Center. Gil Griffith gave an update and advised that the project is on schedule.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

Under other business, City Attorney Jimmy Graham advised Mayor and Council there needs to be an Executive Session for possible Litigation for 45 minutes.

City Manager Wallace Hunter discussed the Brickyard Road project. Mr. Hunter advised that the city needs to take care of the infrastructure of the project before resurfacing the roadway part.

City Manager Wallace Hunter discussed complaints of the Industrial Park and Downing Drive. Mr. Hunter stated that the problem is the traffic of the heavy trucks coming from Alatrade and the project will be about \$800,000.

Mayor Lowe called for a motion for an Executive Session for Litigation and Economic Development for 45 minutes. Councilmember Gordy moved to go into Executive Session, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Johnson. All were in favor.

Council took a 5 minute break.

Council went into Executive Session at 4:55 p.m.

Council came out of Executive Session at 5:36 p.m.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Monday, September 17, 2018.