

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 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, September 17, 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, Finance Director Labrita King Copeland, Assistant Fire Chief Bill Czukor, Golf Manager Julie Taylor, IT Director Mike Bauer, Assistant to Director, Circulations Supervisor Lauren Tice, Municipal Court Clerk Ruby White, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, and Chief of Police R. J. Smith.

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

The invocation was led by Councilmember Bailey.

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 September 11, 2018 meeting.

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

1. Council Meeting 09/18/18 at 6:00p.m. at the Phenix City Library and Councilmember Johnson's meeting for District Two before the Council Meeting from 4:00p.m. until 5:30p.m.
2. Tuskegee – Morehouse Football Game on Saturday, October 6, 2018 with a Football Dinner on Friday and a parade before the ballgame on Saturday.
3. October 8th is a City Holiday for Columbus Day.
4. Request for Council Chambers use for Mallory Hagan who is running for Alabama Congress House District 3. Police Chief Smith and City Attorney Jimmy Graham advised that a Candidate should rent another city building for such an event through the Parks and Recreation Department of the City. The city does not want to appear like it is endorsing a particular candidate.
5. Board Interviews for the Phenix City Board of Education will be conducted after the work session today. City Clerk Melony Lee advised there were four citizens whose names were turned in for the Phenix City Board of Education. Two did not live within the city limits; one was out of town until a later date; and one has a job which requires travelling out of town to work.
6. Upcoming Board Appointment for the Downtown Redevelopment Authority Board resignation of Robert Lane effective September 28th.

Police Chief R.J. Smith discussed the Departmental Review with Mayor and Council.

Gil Griffith discussed the Condemnation Appeal Request at 1309 8th Street, Mr. Albert Scott, owner. Mayor and Council advised that the public hearing needs to be set for October 16, 2018.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham advised Mayor and Council there needs to be an Executive Session for possible Litigation for 25 minutes.

Mayor and Council took a 10 minute break.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

Mayor Lowe called for a motion for an Executive Session for Litigation for 25 minutes. Councilmember Day moved to go into Executive Session, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. All were in favor.

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

Council came out of Executive Session at 5:15 p.m.

Mayor and Council then reconvened for board interviews for the Phenix City Board of Education.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Monday, October 1, 2018.