

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
November 19, 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, November 19, 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, Assistant Director of Engineering Mike Pattillo, Finance Director Labrita King Copeland, Fire Chief Kris Kennedy, IT Director Mike Bauer, 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 Councilmember Day.

Mayor Lowe called upon Russell County Judge of Probate Alford Harden to address council as listed on the agenda. Judge Harden requested the voting location change from the Roy Martin Center to Max Wilkes Fellowship Hall for the Idle Hour Community Center Voting Precinct. Judge Harden further requested that the City consider making the voting times the same as the county on Central Standard Time. Mayor Lowe, Council and City Manager Wallace Hunter discussed the request and had no issues with the relocation of the voting location. Mayor Lowe thanked Judge Alfred Harden for coming to speak with Council.

Mayor Lowe called upon Brian D. Woolworth to address council as listed on the agenda. Mr. Woolworth requested permission from Mayor and Council to conduct a Hornaday Boy Scout Conservation Project to eradicate invasive species, non-native plants, along the Moon Lake/Idle Hour Park Native Trail. Mayor Lowe, Council and City Manager Wallace Hunter discussed the request and had no issues with the project and approved the request. Mayor Lowe thanked Brian D. Woolworth for coming to speak with Council.

Mayor Lowe called upon Engineering Director Angel Moore to discuss the actions taken by the Planning Commission at their November 13, 2018 meeting. Ms. Moore advised the meeting was cancelled due to no items on the agenda.

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

1. Reminded Mayor and Council that the 2019 calendars are in their baskets.
2. Reminded everyone of the Thanksgiving Holidays on November 22nd and 23rd. City offices will be closed.
3. Reminded everyone of Melony Lee's vacation on November 26th.
4. Reminded everyone of the Planning Commission meeting on November 27th.
5. Reminded everyone of the Police Department Promotional Ceremony at 9:00a.m. and Retirement Reception at 2:00p.m. on November 29, 2018.
6. Reminded everyone of the Christmas Parade on December 1, 2018.

7. Reminded everyone Melony Lee will be leaving at noon on December 6, 2018 and will be off on December 7, 2018 for a procedure.
8. Reminded everyone of Christmas at Moon Lake on December 8th at 3:00 p.m.
9. Reminded everyone of Breakfast with Santa on December 15th at 8:30 a.m. at the Martin Idle Hour Community Center.
10. Reminded everyone of Christmas Holidays on December 24th and December 25th. City offices will be closed.
11. Reminded everyone there will be no Work Session on New Year's Eve, December 31st.
12. Reminded everyone of New Year's Day holiday and the City offices will be closed.
13. Reminded everyone that on January 2, 2019, the Work Session will be at 9:00a.m. and the Council Meeting will be at 3:00p.m.

City Clerk Melony Lee reviewed the upcoming Board Appointments for the Phenix City Library Board.

Michele Kilday with the Phenix City Russell County Library discussed the Departmental Review with Mayor and Council.

Economics Director Shaun Culligan presented to Mayor and Council the Retail Strategies Market Guide for future projects in and around Phenix City.

City Manager Wallace Hunter will be out tomorrow due to a meeting with the State of Alabama. Police Chief Ray Smith will fill in for Mr. Hunter at the Council Meeting. Utilities Director Stephen Smith will also be out and Finance Director Labrita King Copeland will be filling in for Mr. Smith.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

City Attorney Graham reviewed the claims with Mayor and Council. City Attorney Graham also advised Mayor and Council of the November 30, 2018 Mediation with Russell County Lawsuit. City Attorney Graham further stated that the 21st Place variance was denied and will be appealed in Circuit Court.

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