

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
December 3, 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, December 3, 2018, in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building located at 601 12<sup>th</sup> 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: Deputy Building Official Ray Rogers, Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, Engineering Director Angel Moore, Fire Chief Kris Kennedy, IT Director Mike Bauer, Library Director Michele Kilday, Municipal Court Clerk Ruby White, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Human Resources 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.

The invocation was led by Councilmember Gordy.

Mayor Lowe called upon Era Bowden and David Quinney to address council as listed on the agenda. Ms. Bowden presented a request for a street light to be installed at 2722 Summerville Place, Phenix City, Alabama. Mr. Quinney requested the street light to discourage criminal activity and he asked that the City pay for it monthly. Mayor Lowe advised that the city ordinance in place does not allow a street light to be placed less than 300 feet apart. The placement of street light does not meet the minimum requirement of the ordinance. The City has to be consistent with their decisions in such matters. City Manager Wallace Hunter advised that the homeowner's association would be the ones to pay for the street light. Mayor Lowe thanked Era Bowden and David Quinney 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 27, 2018 meeting.

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

1. Reminded everyone that she will be leaving at noon on December 6, 2018 and will be off on December 7, 2018 for a procedure.
2. Reminded everyone of Christmas at Moon Lake on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.
3. Reminded everyone of the Homage Park Meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30p.m.
4. Reminded everyone of Breakfast with Santa on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at the Martin Idle Hour Community Center.
5. Reminded everyone of the Christmas luncheon at noon on December 20<sup>th</sup>.
6. Reminded everyone of Christmas Holidays on December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 25<sup>th</sup>. City offices will be closed.
7. Reminded everyone there will be no Work Session on New Year's Eve, December 31<sup>st</sup>.
8. Reminded everyone of New Year's Day holiday and the City offices will be closed.
9. 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.
10. Reminded everyone of the Council Agenda deadline on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00a.m.
11. Advised Mayor and Council that there were no Board Appointments for January 2019.

Mayor and Council discussed the following:

1. Councilmember Johnson extended her thanks and appreciation to the Public Works Department for the work on tree removal and beautification around the City.
2. Councilmember Johnson requested an update on the Central Activities Center. Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes advised the A/C repair was complete and hoping to reopen around the first of the year.
3. Councilmember Day thanked the Public Works Department for the work around the Industrial Park and state that the resurfacing of the road project and area around the Southside looks good.
4. Councilmember Bailey spoke on how nice the Christmas decorations and lights around the downtown area look. Councilmember Bailey also spoke on the Municipal Building lights looking very nice. Councilmember Bailey stated the Christmas parade had a very good turnout and was enjoyed by everyone. City Manager Wallace Hunter also thanked the participants of the Christmas parade and the citizens for coming out to make it a success.
5. Councilmember Bailey advised the two water fountains at Moon Lake were not working.

Mayor Lowe discussed a resolution regarding a donation to the Central High School Football Team. Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes discussed the request from the School Superintendent Randy Wilkes.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

City Manager Wallace Hunter and Economic Director Shaun Culligan discussed the Press Release for the Moe's Restaurant that will be opening Mid-March of 2019.

Graduate Engineer John Spraggins discussed Constantine Engineering Services Resolution with Mayor and Council.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham discussed the Mediation Update on the Russell County Water Authority Lawsuit with Mayor and Council. City Attorney Jimmy Graham stated nothing has been resolved at this time. City Attorney Jimmy Graham also advised he would be out of his office on Thursday and Friday.

Chief of Police Ray Smith advised that the Central High School Football Team will be released at 1:15 p.m. tomorrow for the State Championship Playoffs. Chief Smith further stated the City will be closing Dobbs Drive around 2300 Block to the Concrete Company.

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