

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
December 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, December 17, 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: Building Official Gil Griffith, Engineering Director Angel Moore, Utilities Director Stephen Smith, Finance Director Labrita King Copeland, 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 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 December 11, 2018 meeting.

Mayor and Council discussed the following:

1. Councilmember Bailey inquired about an email complaint from a citizen regarding recycling. Mayor Lowe explained that the company we were using is no longer taking plastic for recycling. City Engineer Angel Moore advised the City of Phenix City is looking into other companies to take over the recycling program for the city services. Engineering Angel Moore further advised that the city has found one company but they want the entire city's recycling which would cost more money.
2. Councilmember Bailey inquired about the installation of a second vent at Riverchase Drive. Utilities Director Stephen Smith advised they were still in the process of installing the second vent. Councilmember Bailey advised the area still has an odor but he would make contact with the homeowners and let them know that the project has not been finished at this time.

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

1. Reminded everyone she will be off December 19, 2018.
2. Reminded everyone of the Christmas luncheon at noon on December 20<sup>th</sup>.
3. Reminded everyone of the Council Agenda deadline on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00a.m.
4. Reminded everyone of Christmas Holidays on December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 25<sup>th</sup>. City offices will be closed.
5. Reminded everyone on December 26<sup>th</sup>, if the resolution passes, the City will open at 1:00 p.m.
6. Reminded everyone there will be no Work Session on New Year's Eve, December 31<sup>st</sup>.
7. Reminded everyone of New Year's Day holiday and the City offices will be closed.
8. 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.

9. Reminded everyone of the State of the City Address on January 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Martin-Idle Hour Park Community Center.

City Manager Wallace Hunter advised that after the work session there needs to be an executive session in reference to pending litigation for about 20 minutes.

Utilities Director Stephen Smith discussed the Departmental Review of the Utilities Department with Mayor and Council.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes advised Mayor and Council that the bench dedication was postponed until the first of the year.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham advised Mayor and Council there needs to be an Executive Session for thirty minutes to discuss Pending Litigation. Mayor Lowe called for a motion for an Executive Session for thirty minutes to discuss Pending Litigation for after which the Work Session would adjourn. Councilmember Johnson moved to go into Executive Session, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. All were in favor.

Council went into Executive Session at 4:03 p.m.

Council came out of Executive Session at 4:33 p.m.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 2, 2019.