

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
February 19, 2019

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, February 19, 2019, 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 James McKoon. City Attorney Jimmy Graham was not present. Department Heads in attendance were: Building Official Gil Griffith, Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, City Engineer Angel Moore, Utilities Director Stephen Smith, Finance Director Labrita King Copeland, Fire Chief Kris Kennedy, Library Director Michele Kilday, Municipal Court Clerk Ruby White, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Human Resources Director Stephanie Chastain, Assistant Police Chief Gail Green, 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 that Greg Griggs is not present to address council, as listed on the agenda.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Engineer Angel Moore to discuss the actions taken by the Planning Commission at their February 12, 2019 meeting.

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

1. Advised council that the Chamber Leadership Government Day Luncheon will be Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 12:00 Noon in the 3rd Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Building.
2. Advised council of the 2018 Campaign Celebration – Thank You – at the Courtyard Marriott on February 26, 2019 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.
3. Advised council that the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7:00 am.
4. Reminded Council that the March 19, 2019 Council Meeting will be at 6:00 pm at the Martin Idle Hour Community Center.
5. Advised Council of the CMO61 Municipal Legislative Advocacy Day on March 19, 2019 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm CST. Asked Council to advise if they would be attending. Councilmembers Day, Bailey, and Johnson advised they will be attending.
6. Reviewed upcoming board appointments.
7. Reminded council of board interview after today's work session.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Manager Wallace Hunter for the Items for Discussion.

City Manager Wallace Hunter called upon Assistant City Manager/Utilities Director Steve Smith to discuss the Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances relating to the establishment

of Water Rates Schedule, Sewer Rates Schedule, and Payment of Bills. Mr. Smith advised the proposed Ordinance will amend the rates that will go into effect on April 1, 2019. He advised the items in red will be deleted from the current schedule, and the items in blue will be added to the current schedule. Mr. Smith went on to explain that the proposed Ordinance changes will not affect those customers who use less than 15,000 gallons a month of water; but may increase other households by 5.8%. He further explained that large apartment complexes will be affected most. He advised that an Industrial Rate Section will be added. Council asked that an explanation be placed on the city's website and an explanation be sent out with the water bills.

Assistant City Manager/Utilities Director Steve Smith advised council that he is preparing a resolution for repairs to the pump at the Lift Station in an amount in excess of \$100,000.00.

Councilmember Day asked for an update on the water meter replacement. Assistant City Manager/Utilities Director Steve Smith updated council.

Councilmember Day asked for an update on the handicap accessibility updates. City Engineer Angel Moore advised the ramps will be updated first and then sidewalks.

Councilmember Gordy advised a citizen needs to tap into the sewer system. Assistant City Manager/Utilities Director Steve Smith asked that the citizen contact him directly.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

City Attorney James McKoon reviewed agenda claims with Council.

City Attorney James McKoon asked for an Executive Session to discuss Economic Development for 25 to 30 minutes.

Councilmember Day moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Economic Development for 25 to 30 minutes after which the meeting would reconvene for the Board Interviews. Councilmember Gordy seconded said motion. All were in favor.

Council went into Executive Session at 4:28 pm.

Council came out of Executive Session at 4:59 pm.

The work session reconvened for the Board Interview.

Mayor and Council interviewed candidates for the Personnel Review Board.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, 2019.