

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 15, 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 Monday, July 15, 2019, 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, Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, City Engineer Angel Moore, Utilities Director Stephen Smith, Finance Director Labrita King Copeland, IT Manager Mike Bauer, Assistant Fire Chief Bill Czukor, Golf Course Director Mike Barber, Library Director Assistant Lauren Tice, Municipal Court Clerk Ruby White, Parks & Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Human Resources Director Stephanie Chastain, Police Chief Ray Smith, and Graduate Engineer John Spraggins.

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

The invocation was led by Mayor Lowe.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Engineer Angel Moore to discuss the actions taken by the Planning Commission at their July 9, 2019 meeting. Ms. Moore advised the meeting was cancelled due to no agenda items.

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

1. Advised Council that Jack's Restaurant Grand Opening and Ribbon cutting was canceled for today and rescheduled to Monday July 29, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.
2. Informed Council that the DRA will have a meeting on July 18, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.
3. Informed Council that the BOZA will also have a meeting on July 18, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
4. Reminded Council that a retirement Reception will be held for Assistant Chief Czukor on 7/19/19 at 10:00 a.m.
5. Reminded Council that the Mayor's Scholarship Reception will be held on July 25, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
6. Advised Council of the Public Meeting for the Summerville Road Extension to be held on July 26, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the Central Activities Center.
7. Advised Council that the Budget Public Hearing will be held on August 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
8. Reviewed upcoming board appointments.
9. Informed Council that Utilities Director Steve Smith suggested coming up with a complaint form that could be placed on the City's website for citizens to download and complete.

Mayor Lowe called upon Shaun Culligan, to give the Departmental Review. Mr. Culligan reviewed the Economic Development Department's make up, direction, and services.

Councilmember Gordy informed Mayor and Council that Phenix City's own 16 year old Mason Hargrove won a Gold Medal in the Canoe Freestyle Junior World Kayaking

Championship in Spain. Councilmember Gordy suggested that the City of Phenix City should honor Mr. Mason Hargrove with a proclamation and or a public street sign stating that Phenix City is the home of a World Champion Kayaker. Councilmember Gordy also stated that Mr. Hargrove trains on the Whitewater Rapids course on the Chattahoochee River.

Councilmember Gordy stated that the City of Phenix City should also congratulate Phenix City's 10 year old Little League Baseball team with a World Series Plaque to be displayed at the ball field. Councilmember Gordy also stated that it would be a great gesture for the City to donate towards the plaque.

Councilmember Gordy inquired about the 334 Party that was planned for Meadowlane Park last weekend. Chief of Police, Ray Smith stated that the event had the potential to get out of control which would be a safety hazard to citizens which would include children attending the event. Chief Smith also stated that participants of the event in previous years would leave trash in the park; sale alcohol at the event, which is illegal in the City's parks; and sometimes gun shots would be fired. Chief Smith further stated that the host Montez Smith, also known as DJ Remy is known for hosting parties that have gotten out of control. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that the event may have hundreds of participates which would not be safe without Police in place for crowd control. City Manager Wallace Hunter also stated that he spoke with Mr. Montez Smith and suggested that the event be held at the Amphitheater which is a more controlled environment. Mr. Hunter further stated that the event was not held at Meadowlane Park or the Amphitheater.

Councilmember Bailey stated they he received a couple of calls from concerned citizens requesting a street light off Summerville Road at the north end of 40<sup>th</sup> Street. Councilmember Bailey also stated that he visited the area and noticed that the current street light did not illuminate the north end of 40<sup>th</sup> Street. Angel Moore, City Engineer, stated that the Engineering Department is aware of the issue and has contacted Alabama Power. Ms. Moore also stated that reflector lights can be added if the issue is not resolved after Alabama Power repairs the lights.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham asked for an Executive Session to discuss Good Name and Character and Economic Development for 30 minutes, from which the meeting would adjourn.

Councilmember Gordy moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Good Name and Character and Economic Development for 30 minutes, from which the meeting would adjourn. Councilmember Johnson seconded said motion. All were in favor.

Council went into Executive Session at 4:42 p.m.

Council came out of Executive Session at 5:05 p.m.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Monday, August 5, 2019.