

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 20, 2020**

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 20, 2020, by the way of Zoom Video Conferencing. Upon roll call, the following members were present by the way of Zoom Video Conferencing: Councilmember Arthur L. Day, Jr., Councilmember Vickey Carter Johnson, Councilmember Steve Bailey, Councilmember R. Griff Gordy, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Also present by the way of Zoom Video Conferencing were City Manager Wallace Hunter, City Clerk Melony Lee, and City Attorney Jimmy Graham. Department Heads in attendance by Zoom Video Conferencing were: Building Official Gil Griffith, Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, City Engineer Angel Moore, Utilities Director Steve Smith, Finance Director Labrita King Copeland, IT Manager Mike Bauer, Fire Chief Kris Kennedy, Library Director Michele Kilday, Parks & Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Director of Human Resources Stephanie Chastain, Chief of Police Ray Smith, and Graduate Engineer John Spraggins.

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

The invocation was led by Councilmember Johnson.

Mayor Lowe advised there were no Requests to Address Council.

Mayor Lowe called upon Angel Moore, City Engineer, to discuss the actions taken by the Planning Commission at their July 14, 2020 meeting which was held by Zoom Video Conferencing.

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

1. Reminded Council that the last day to qualify for the Municipal Election and the Phenix City Board of Education Election will be on July 21, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. EDT.
2. Advised Council that the Budget Public Hearing will be held on August 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Martin Idle Hour Community Center
3. Reminded Council that the Municipal Election and the Phenix City Board of Education Election will be held on August 25, 2020.
4. Advised Council that there were no upcoming board appointments for August.

Councilmember Day asked when poll watchers will be sworn in for the upcoming Municipal and Phenix City Board of Education Election. Melony Lee, City Clerk, stated that poll watchers and poll workers will be sworn in on the day of Election at 6:00 A. M. Ms. Lee also stated that the swearing in process will take place at each individual district's polling place.

Mayor Lowe reminded Council that the Mayor's Ball Scholarship Award Ceremony will be held on August 6, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. at the Amphitheater immediately following the Budget Public Hearing meeting. Mayor Lowe stated that the program should last no longer than an hour. Mayor Lowe also stated that the Dual Enrollment Scholarships will be awarded that evening as well. Mayor Lowe further stated that Dual Enrollment Scholarships are usually awarded in January of each year following the Mayor's Scholarship and Charity Ball, however, because of the Pandemic they will be awarded for fall semester instead of spring semester. Mayor Lowe stated that the funding for the Dual Enrollment Scholarships are proceeds of the 2019 Mayor's Scholarship and Charity Ball.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham reviewed agenda claims with Council.

City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that it is very important for all of our citizens to be counted in the 2020 Census for the betterment of Phenix City. Mr. Hunter also stated that he is in the process of researching current and past percentages and asking everyone to complete the Census. Mr. Hunter further stated that we are in difficult times and everyone needs to be counted.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Monday, August 3, 2020.