

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
December 14, 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, December 14, 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 Attorney Jimmy Graham, and City Clerk Melony Lee. Department Heads in attendance by Zoom Video Conferencing were: Building Official Gil Griffith, City Engineer Angel Moore, Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, Acting Utilities Director Charles Woody, Finance Director Labrita King Copeland, IT Manager Mike Bauer, Fire Chief Kris Kennedy, Golf Manager Mike Barber, Library Assistant Director Lauren Tice, Municipal Court Clerk Ruby White, 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.

Councilmember Johnson led the invocation.

Mayor Lowe called upon Brian Rutledge of Robinson, Grimes and Company to address Council, as listed on the agenda. Mr. Rutledge came forward by the way of Zoom Video Conferencing to address Council. Mr. Rutledge reviewed the Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year that ended on 09/30/2019. Mayor Lowe thanked Mr. Rutledge for coming to speak with Council.

Mayor Lowe called upon Angel Moore, City Engineer, to discuss the actions taken by the Planning Commission at their December 8, 2020 meeting.

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

1. Reminded Council of a regular scheduled City Council Meeting on December 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. over the platform ZOOM.
2. Advised Council that the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for December 22, 2020 has been canceled due to the Christmas Holiday.
3. Reminded Council that City offices will be closed on December 24, 2020 and December 25, 2020 in observance of the Christmas Holiday.
4. Informed Council that City offices will be closed on December 30, 2020 in observance of New Year's Eve if approved at the December 15, 2020 Council Meeting.
5. Reminded Council that City offices will be closed January 1, 2021 in observance of New Year's Day Holiday.
6. Informed Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on January 4, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. over the platform ZOOM.
7. Informed Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on January 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. over the platform ZOOM.
8. Informed Council that the State of the City Address has been rescheduled from January 14, 2021 to January 28, 2021.
9. Advised Council that City offices will be closed January 18, 2021 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

10. Reminded Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on January 19, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. over the platform ZOOM. This meeting will be held on a Tuesday afternoon due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.
11. Reminded Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on January 20, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. over the platform ZOOM. This meeting will be held on a Wednesday morning due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

City Clerk Melony Lee reviewed the 2020 Annual Report for the Phenix City Historical Preservation Commission with Mayor and Council. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that the report is misleading. Mr. Hunter also stated that the City has no plans of purchasing the old Phenix City Elementary School building or changing the Library's location. Chief of Police Ray Smith stated that the current report would be updated with accurate information and then submitted to the state for processing.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham stated that there were no agenda claims to review with Council.

Councilmember Bailey encouraged citizens to contact the City if there is an issue or concern going on in their neighborhood. Councilmember Bailey stated that an email was received from a citizen concerning the treatment of their neighbor's dog. Councilmember Bailey also stated the Police Department is looking into the situation. Councilmember Bailey further stated that the City can't fix a problem they are unaware of.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Monday, January 4, 2021.