

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 18, 2022**

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, January 18, 2022, at the Martin Idle Hour Park Community Center located at 3743 Moon Lake Drive, Phenix City, Alabama 36867. 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 Hunter, City Attorney Jimmy Graham, and Acting City Clerk Shannon Davis. City Clerk Melony Lee was not present. Department Heads in attendance: Building Official Gil Griffith, Deputy Building Official Ray Rogers, Assistant Director of Engineering Mike Pattillo, Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, Economic Development Planning Director Tracie Hadaway, Finance Director Labrita King Copeland, Fire Chief Kris Kennedy, Library Director Michele Kilday, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Police Captain Joey Weierick, Graduate Engineer John Spraggins, and Utilities Director Charles Woody.

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

Councilmember Johnson led the invocation.

Mayor Lowe stated that City Clerk Melony Lee is not present for the Work Session Meeting and it is a possibility that she will not be present for the City Council Meeting on January 19, 2022. Mayor Lowe asked for a motion to appoint Shannon Davis as Acting City Clerk upon the return of City Clerk Melony Lee. Councilmember Day moved to appoint Shannon Davis as Acting City Clerk upon the return of City Clerk Melony Lee, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Johnson. All were in favor.

Mayor Lowe called upon Dr. Dionne Rosser-Mims to address Council, as listed on the agenda. Mayor Lowe stated that Emi Brooks, and Pam Romero were not present. Dr. Rosser-Mims came forward to address Council. Dr. Rosser-Mims stated that she is a part of the 2021 East Alabama Chamber Leadership Class and this year's focus is on promoting literacy. Dr. Rosser-Mims asked Mayor and Council for their support in constructing a small little neighborhood library that will allow individuals to donate or take a book to read. Dr. Rosser-Mims stated that the libraries would provide access to books at all times. Dr. Rosser-Mims also stated that the library houses were small in size, just a little bigger than a bird house, but will have a big impact on the Community. Councilmember Johnson stated that there is a small library house located near the Phenix City Housing Authority Office. Councilmember Johnson asked if the new library house would replace or be in addition to the existing one. Dr. Rosser Mims stated that the new library houses would be an addition to the Phenix City Youth Sports Complex Community and the Ladonia School Community. Councilmember Day asked if the library houses were rainproof. Dr. Rosser-Mims stated that the books would remain dry in the rain. Councilmember Bailey asked if the leadership class would be responsible for replenishing the books at the library houses. Dr. Rosser-Mims stated that the idea is for the neighborhood to fill the library houses with books as well as reading the books. Dr. Rosser-Mims also stated that each member of the leadership class was assigned to a team and each team was assigned to a library house. Dr. Rosser-Mims further stated that each team is responsible for the construction of the library house in the assigned community. Councilmember Day stated that he has books that he would like to donate. Councilmember Day asked if the group was requesting a specific type of books. Dr. Rosser-Mims stated that the goal is to provide books for school age children to promote literacy. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that Parks and Recreation Director, Todd Hughes, would be the point of

contact for the neighborhood library house at the Phenix City Youth Sports Complex. Mr. Hughes stated that there are currently neighborhood library houses located at Idle Hour Park and the Riverwalk plus the one at the Phenix City Housing Authority. Mr. Hughes also stated that Meadowlane Park would also be a good location to place a library house as well as the Phenix City Youth Sports Complex on 5<sup>th</sup> Street South. Councilmember Gordy asked if it was possible to have the library houses in different areas. Dr. Rosser-Mims stated that the group is open to ideas for future locations. Mayor Lowe thanked Dr. Rosser-Mims for coming to speak with Council.

Mayor Lowe called upon Mike Pattillo, Assistant Director of Engineering, to discuss the actions taken by the Planning Commission at their January 11, 2022 meeting.

Mayor Lowe called upon Acting City Clerk Shannon Davis who discussed the following with Mayor and Council:

1. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on January 19, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Martin Idle Hour Park Community Center.
2. Informed Council that the Alabama League of Municipalities will hold its 2022 Municipal Advocacy Day in Montgomery, Alabama, on January 19, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:15 p.m. Central Standard Time.
3. Informed Council that the Downtown Redevelopment Authority's January 20, 2022 meeting has been canceled due to no agenda items.
4. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet January 25, 2022 at 5:15 p.m.
5. Advised Council that the State of the City Address will be held on January 27, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Martin Idle Hour Park Community Center.
6. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on January 31, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at the Martin Idle Hour Park Community Center.
7. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on February 1, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Martin Idle Hour Park Community Center.
8. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet February 8, 2022 at 5:15 p.m.
9. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on February 14, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at the Martin Idle Hour Park Community Center.
10. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on February 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Martin Idle Hour Park Community Center.
11. Informed Council that City Offices will be closed on February 21, 2022 in observance of Presidents Day Holiday.
12. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet February 22, 2022 at 5:15 p.m.
13. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on February 28, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at the Martin Idle Hour Park Community Center.
14. Reviewed upcoming board appointments.

Councilmember Day stated that the number of positive Covid-19 cases are rising. Councilmember Day asked if the State of the City Address would still be held in person. Mayor Lowe stated that, as of right now, the State of the City Address would be held in person on January 27, 2022 at the Martin Idle Hour Park Community Center. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that the State of the City Address would be broadcasted for the Community to view. Mr. Hunter also stated that it is an alternative to in person viewing.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

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

Mayor Lowe thanked City Manager, Council, Department Heads and all City Employees for their dedication to the City.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Monday, January 31, 2022.