

**MEETING MINUTES
October 1, 2019**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers within the Public Safety Building located at 1111 Broad Street, Phenix City, Alabama. Upon roll call, the following members of Council 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 Clerk Melony Lee, and City Attorney Jimmy Graham.

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

Reverend Robert Goodman of Summerville Baptist Church was not present to deliver the invocation. Mayor Lowe delivered the invocation.

Mayor Lowe led the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Manager Wallace Hunter to reflect on the life and service of Retired Former City Clerk Neal Kindred who recently passed away. City Manager Wallace Hunter asked everyone to pray for the family of the Late Neal Kindred. City Manager Hunter stated that Mr. Kindred was hardworking and dedicated to the citizens of Phenix City. City Manager Hunter also stated that Mr. Kindred served as City Clerk from 1979 until he retired in 1996.

City Manager Wallace Hunter and Human Resources Director Stephanie Chastain presented employee service recognitions to Jeffrey McManious - 5 years, Quinton Johnson - 5 years, Benjamin "Cody" Gray – 5 years, and Keaira Lipscomb - 10 years.

Mayor Lowe presented a proclamation recognizing Head Start Awareness Month.

PROCLAMATION

Mr. Richard Wales, Jr., Ms. Belva Dorsey and Ms. Tracy Belt came forward to accept the proclamation.

Mayor Lowe presented a proclamation recognizing Paint the Town Pink – Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

PROCLAMATION

Cheryl Johnson, President and CEO, Ms. Tenetta Holt and Ms. LaJuanda Waites-Arrington came forward to accept the proclamation.

Mayor Lowe presented a proclamation recognizing the Tuskegee – Morehouse Classic.

PROCLAMATION

Chairwoman Lisa Goodwin, Judge Bellamy and Likitca Ligon came forward to accept the proclamation.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the September 16, 2019 work session and the September 17, 2019 council meeting minutes for approval. Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Day. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Johnson, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe stated there was no unfinished business to address at this time.

Mayor Lowe presented Resolution No. 2019-246 to be ratified in reference to granting an easement to AT&T for installation of fiber optic line within an existing City maintained water main easement located on Bailey Hill.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-246

Councilmember Day moved to ratify the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Johnson, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a Public Notice and Resolution in reference to a Public Hearing set for November 19, 2019 to consider an Application by the Phenix City Engineering Department for the expansion of the existing C/D Landfill located within the City's Industrial Park.

PUBLIC NOTICE
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-247

Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the public notice and resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Johnson, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to approving the updated Metro Narcotics Task Force by-laws and authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, and Chief of Police to sign said by-laws.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-248

Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Day. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Johnson, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement with Building & Earth Sciences, Inc. to perform a Geotechnical Investigation at the site of the proposed Addition to the Public Safety Building in an amount not to exceed \$5,700.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-249

Councilmember Day moved to approve the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Johnson, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented five (5) resolutions in reference to declaring properties a public nuisance and authorizing and directing the Housing Abatement Board to take necessary action to demolish, remove and clear all building materials, trash, and debris from the following properties:

1. 932 13th Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-250

2. 711 24th Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-251

3. 1304 17th Court

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-252

4. 221 Seale Road

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-253

5. 1009 4th Street South

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-254

Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the resolutions, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Johnson, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to rescinding Resolution No. 2019-206 in reference to awarding a bid for demolition of a structure located at 227 Seale Road to C & C Transport & Demolition in the amount of \$3,100.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-255

Councilmember Day moved to approve the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Johnson, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to awarding a bid for demolition of a structure located at 227 Seale Road to the second lowest bidder, Stewart Contracting, in the amount of \$4,480.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-256

Councilmember Day moved to approve the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Johnson, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to declaring one 2005 White Chevrolet Tahoe as surplus to be sold to the highest bidder at a public auction or sold as scrap if no one purchases it.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-257

Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Johnson, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to declaring one Peerless Pump and two Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Tanks as surplus to be sold to the highest bidder at a public auction or sold as scrap if no one purchases it.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-258

Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Johnson, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an ordinance authorizing the Issuance of DHR Bonds, Series 2019A.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-13

Councilmember Day moved to approve the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Johnson, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented an Ordinance for first reading to amend Section 16.11 of the Merit System Rules and Regulations of the City of Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Gordy moved to place the ordinance on first reading, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Day. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Johnson, Bailey, Gordy and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented one opening on the Improvement District of the City of Phenix City, Alabama/ The Brickyard Project. Councilmember Day moved to table the appointment, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Johnson, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented one opening on the Tree Commission. Councilmember Johnson moved to table the appointment, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Johnson, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented an application for an Off Premise Beer License and an Off Premise Wine License submitted by Jimmy Tucker for Mr. Jimmy's Convenience Store and Café, LLC d/b/a Mr. Jimmy's Convenience Store and Café located at 3984 Sandfort Road, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Day moved to place applications on first reading, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Johnson, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented an Itemized Statement of Expense from Ben Cochran (Fire Department) in the amount of \$16.19. Mayor Lowe called for a vote approving the Itemized Statement of Expense. Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the Itemized Statement of Expense, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Johnson, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Councilmember Day thanked the Department Heads, City Manager Wallace Hunter and staff for doing a great job for the City.

Mayor Lowe thanked the Citizens and the Department Heads for providing services for the citizens of Phenix City, Alabama.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until October 16, 2019.