

MEETING MINUTES
April 4, 2023

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Martin Idle Hour Park Community Center located at 3743 Moon Lake Drive, Phenix City, Alabama 36867. Upon roll call, the following members of Council were present: Councilmember Arthur L. Day, Jr., Councilmember Vickey F. Carter, Councilmember R. Griff Gordy and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Councilmember Steve Bailey was not present. Also present were City Manager Wallace Hunter, City Attorney Jimmy Graham, and City Clerk Melony Lee.

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

Pastor Karen Seifert of Summerville United Methodist Church was present to deliver the invocation as listed on the agenda.

Councilmember Gordy led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Mayor Lowe called upon Assistant Chief of Police George Staudinger to recognize Sergeant Edwin Reece of the Police Department being selected as Central Alabama Crime Stoppers' Officer of the Year. Ray Wagner, Director of Central Alabama Crime Stoppers and Executive Director Tony Garrett came forward to present an award to Sergeant Reece. Sergeant Reece stated that he is honored to receive the award. Sergeant Reece stated that he is exceedingly grateful and humble and that he speaks for most that you can go an entire career without possibly receiving any recognition. Sergeant Reece further stated that the true reward comes from the light they are able to shine in the darkest hours of the Citizens during their time of trouble. Sergeant Reece gave recognition to his counterparts and stated that enjoys working with them as a team.

City Manager Wallace Hunter and Human Resources Director Stephanie Chastain presented employee service recognitions to Dru Daniel - 5 years, Ethan Amon - 10 years, and Tramella Brown - 10 years.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the March 20, 2023 Work Session for approval. Councilmember Day moved to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Carter. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Carter, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: Councilmember Gordy. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the March 21, 2023 Council Meeting for approval. Councilmember Carter 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, Carter, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: Councilmember Gordy. The motion thus passed.

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement with CivicPlus to continue hosting the city's Online Code of Ordinances for the Annual Recurring Supplement Services.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-64

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, Carter, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement for services with B&B Beverage Management allowing them to obtain a 140-Special Retail License at the Phenix City River Park on April 29, 2023 and June 3, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-65

Councilmember Carter 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, Carter, 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 sign accepting a permanent water easement at 2506 Crawford Road, Phenix City, Alabama.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-66

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, Carter, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe declared that now was the time and place for a public hearing in reference to an Ordinance to consider Zoning Ordinance fees and Annexation fees. Mayor Lowe stated anyone wishing to address Council concerning the ordinance should come forward and do so at this time. Neither hearing nor seeing anyone come forward, Mayor Lowe declared the public hearing closed.

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an Ordinance to consider Zoning Ordinance fees and Annexation fees.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-06

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

Mayor Lowe presented one Itemized Statement of Expense for Todd Ledbetter of the Police Department in the amount of \$148.24. Councilmember Day moved to approve the Itemized Statement of Expense for Todd Ledbetter of the Police Department in the amount of \$148.24, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the

following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmember Day, Carter, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion passed.

Councilmember Day thanked Mr. Dixon for the work that he and his group has done at Meadow Lane Park on Saturday and for the work they do for the community. Councilmember Day stated that his hat is off to the city employees for their years of service to the City.

Mayor Lowe stated that he wanted to remind the citizens that there will be a Vision Plan Meeting tonight at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Lowe further stated that he would like to invite everyone to come out to see what the vision is for our community that we live in together. Mayor Lowe also stated as a reminder to the citizens that the City's Utilities Department will be closed on Monday, April 10th and Tuesday, April 11th for necessary updates and the Utilities Department will be open on Saturday, April 8th and Sunday, April 9th. Mayor Lowe further stated that even though it is Easter, we want to be able to provide the citizens an opportunity to visit the Utilities Department to pay their bills. Mayor Lowe stated that the updates being made are all designed to make things better for our community and the citizens and we take great pride in trying to make sure that this is a more user-friendly process.

Mayor Lowe thanked CTV-Beam for bringing the council meeting to the Citizens of Phenix City, Alabama. Mayor Lowe encouraged everyone to be a lifter and not a leaner.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until April 18, 2023.