

**MEETING MINUTES
September 4, 2024**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers located within the Public Safety Building at 1111 Broad Street, Phenix City, Alabama 36867. Upon roll call, the following members of Council were present: Councilmember Arthur L. Day, Jr., Councilmember Steve Bailey, Councilmember R. Griff Gordy, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Councilmember Vickey Carter was not present. Also present were City Manager Wallace Hunter, Assistant City Manager Chan Gamble, City Attorney Jim McKoon, and City Clerk Shannon Davis.

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

Pastor Jeremy Johnson of Golden Acres Baptist Church was not present to deliver the invocation as listed on the agenda. Councilmember Bailey delivered the invocation.

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

Human Resource Director Stephanie Chastain and City Manager Wallace Hunter presented employee service recognitions to Quinton Johnson – 10 years, Jeffery McManious – 10 years and Cody Gray – 10 years.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the August 19, 2024 Work Session Meeting and August 20, 2024 Council Meeting for approval. Councilmember Day moved to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, 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 a resolution in reference to authorizing Alabama Power Company to install (1) one LED Cobra Head Street Light, 5,001-8,500 Lumens Type II Gray on Jefferson Road on pole #6-003669.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-165

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to awarding a bid to Ozark Striping Company, Inc., for bid E24-02 Traffic Striping & Markings.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-166

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, Bailey, 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, City Manager and Chief of Police to sign a Police Security "Police Reimbursement" agreement for Professional Services with the Phenix City Board of Education.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-167

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, Bailey, 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, City Manager and Chief of Police to sign a SRO "School Resource Officers" agreement with the Phenix City Board of Education.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-168

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, Bailey, 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, City Manager and Chief of Police to enter into and sign a Memorandum of Understanding Agreement with the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office of Firearms and Tactical Programs (OFTP) and Fort Moore, Georgia for the purpose of the storage of off- site explosive materials.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-169

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to the purchase of Two (2) 2024 Ford F150 Responder Supercrew 4x4 vehicles purchased under State Contract T191L from Stivers Ford Lincoln, Montgomery, Alabama in the total amount of \$94,574.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-170

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, Bailey, 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 sign and enter into an agreement with 120Water for assistance

with creating the Resident Notification Program with survey and the Customer Request Sampling Program in an amount not to exceed \$56,464.04 for the first year.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-171

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

Mayor Lowe presented an Itemized Statement of Expense for John Downs of the Building Department in the total amount of \$357.63. Councilmember Day moved to approve the Itemized Statement of Expense in the total amount of \$357.63, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion passed.

Mayor Lowe presented an Itemized Statement of Expense for Ryan Smith of the Fire Department in the total amount of \$51.48. Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the Itemized Statement of Expense in the total amount of \$51.48, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion passed.

Mayor Lowe presented for first reading an application for an On-Premise Beer License, On-Premise Wine License and On Premise Whiskey/Wine License submitted by TKJ & Companies dba Intuition Lounge located at 2061 US Highway 431, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Day moved to place the 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, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion passed.

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an application for an Off-Premise Beer License and Off-Premise Wine License submitted by Kapiraj Inc., dba Corner Store 105 located at 2100 Crawford Road, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the applications, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey, which upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion passed.

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an application for an Off-Premise Beer License and Off-Premise Wine License submitted by Manisha Inc., dba Store 107, located at 1701 Crawford Road, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Day moved to approve the applications, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy, which upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion passed.

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an application for an Off-Premise Beer License and Off-Premise Wine License submitted by Manisha Inc. dba Store 111, located at 100 Stagecoach Drive, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Day moved to approve the applications, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey, which upon said

motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion passed.

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an application for an Off-Premise Beer License and Off-Premise Wine License submitted by Pranjali Inc. dba Store 103 located at 3829 US Highway 80 West, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the applications, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey, which upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion passed.

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an application for an Off-Premise Beer License and Off-Premise Wine License submitted by Pranjali Inc. dba Store 103 Package located at 3829 US Highway 80 West, Suite B, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Day moved to approve the applications, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy, which upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion passed.

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an application for an Off-Premise Beer License and Off-Premise Wine License submitted by Varahi 1, Inc. dba Store 101, located at 2808 US Highway 80, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the applications, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey, which upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion passed.

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an application for an Off-Premise Beer License and Off-Premise Wine License submitted by Varahi 1, Inc. dba Store 108 located at 2220 4th Avenue, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Day moved to approve the applications, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey, which upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion passed.

City Attorney Jim McKoon presented a claim against the City of Phenix City, filed by Debbie Bowden. Mr. McKoon stated that the claim alleges in June, 2024 a contractor for the City was milling asphalt near Ms. Bowden's home and caused damage to her driveway. Mr. McKoon stated that his recommendation would be to give the City Attorney some extra time to try and negotiate on this claim with Ms. Bowden. Councilmember Day moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to give the extra time for negotiations with Ms. Bowden, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion passed.

City Attorney Jim McKoon presented a claim against the City of Phenix City, filed by Priscilla Williams. Mr. McKoon stated that the claim alleges that an employee for Phenix City backed into Ms. Williams' vehicle as she pulled into a parking lot space at Roy Martin Center. Mr. McKoon recommended approving the claim in the lowest estimate of \$3,276.53. Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to pay the claim in the lowest estimate of \$3,276.53, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Day. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion passed.

City Attorney Jim McKoon presented a claim against the City of Phenix City, filed by Ernest Trotman. Mr. McKoon stated that on August 7, 2024 while turning onto 13th Place and 16th Ave. Mr. Trotman ran over a pothole that caused damage to his vehicle. Mr. McKoon also stated that his recommendation is to deny the claim due to their being plenty of safety cones around said pothole and because there were not any other claims or reports that had been brought forth to concur that the pothole was not clearly marked. Councilmember Day moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to deny the claim, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey, which upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to accepting a proposal for professional services from Gullatte Associates Inc. to assist in the design and construction process for the renovations at Idle Hour Park / Moon Lake in an amount not to exceed \$83,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-172

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: Councilmember Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe thanked Council, the Department Heads and the community for their continued support. Mayor Lowe stated that the City's staff works together very well as a team and he also thanked CTV-Beam for bringing the council meeting to the citizens and for allowing them to show the citizens how wholesome and transparent the Council is.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until September 17, 2024.