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MEETING MINUTES
June 3, 2025

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at 1111 Broad Street, Phenix City, Alabama, 36867. Upon roll call, the following members of Council were present: Councilmember Arthur L. Day, Jr., Councilmember Vickey Green, Councilmember Steve Bailey, Councilmember R. Griff Gordy, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Also present were City Manager Wallace Hunter, City Attorney Jimmy Graham, and City Clerk Shannon Davis. Assistant City Manager Chan Gamble was not present.

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

Reverend Steve Pace of Summerville Baptist Church delivered the invocation as listed on the agenda.

Mayor Lowe led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

City Manager Wallace Hunter and Human Resources Director Stephanie Chastain presented employee service recognitions to John Young – 10 years, James Cook – 10 years, Jossalyn Thomas – 5 years, Ms. Chastain stated that Johnathan Grooms – 5 years, Kathy Jo Davis – 15 years were not present.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the May 19, 2025. Work Session Meeting and the May 20, 2025 Council Meeting. Councilmember Day moved to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Green. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Green, Bailey, Gordy and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a Resolution No. 2025-96 to be ratified in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement with Whitfield Contractors to perform emergency work on a portion of the old clay sanitary sewer line that runs along 6th Street in an amount not to exceed $18,172.44.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-96

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

Mayor Lowe presented a Resolution No. 2025-97 to be ratified in reference to the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) 2024 Annual Report.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-97

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

Mayor Lowe presented six resolutions in reference to awarding bids for the demolition and removal of structures on the following properties:

1. 1008 12th Avenue – J & J Land Development, Inc., - $3,200.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-98

2. 1010 12th Avenue – J & J Land Development, Inc., - $3,100.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-99

3. 531 6th Place – J & J Land Development, Inc., - $5,800.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-100

4. 2107 Summerville Road – J & J Land Development, Inc. - $9,000.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-101

5. 2107-A Summerville Road – J & J Land Development, Inc. - $5,500.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-102

6. 1220 8th Street – J & J Land Development, Inc., $4,800.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-103

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to rejecting bids received for the demolition of property located at 2116 6th Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-104

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to appointing City Clerk Shannon Davis, as the Elections Manager and Absentee Elections Manager for the August 26, 2025 Municipal Election, Board of Education Election and runoff election if necessary.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-105

Councilmember Day moved to approve the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Green. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded:

YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Green, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing Alabama Power to install (1) one 53 Watt LED Street Light (5,001 – 8,500 Lumens – Type II – Gray 4000K) near 1006 12th Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-106

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing Alabama Power to install (3) three 239 Watt Roadway Street Lights (27,001 – 34,000 Lumens – Type III – Gray 4000K) on US Hwy South near Knowles Road, 5th Street South and College Drive.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-107

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to accepting public easement dedication of property known as “Parcels 2, 3 & 5A of the Survey of the Division of Lands of Herring, Shepherd and Herring”, Tim Thomason Construction and Landscaping, Inc., owner.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-108

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, Green, 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 accept a proposal from Thompson Power Systems for the preventative maintenance services for the 19 emergency generator sites in an amount not to exceed $34,571.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-109

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, Green, 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 enter into an agreement with Robinson Paving Company to repair a portion

of the McIntosh Sanitary Sewer Lift Station on River Chase Drive in an amount not to exceed $45,564.69.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-110

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to accepting a proposal from MR Systems an Inframark Company for the calibration services for the Water Filtration Plant in an amount not to exceed $21,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-111

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, Green, 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 hire Southern Rewinding Industrial Sales and Services to repair and install a waste water pump at the Water Filtration Plant in an amount not to exceed $11,765.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-112

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

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an Ordinance to exempt certain covered items from the municipal sales and use tax during the third full weekend of July, 2025, referred to as the “Back-to-School” Sales Tax Holiday.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-07

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

Mayor Lowe presented for first reading an Ordinance setting Qualification Fees upon all candidates seeking the 2025 Municipal and Phenix City School Board Election. Councilmember Gordy moved to suspend the rules, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Day. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Green, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion thus passed. Councilmember Day moved to approve the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Green. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Green, Bailey, Gordy and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented for first reading an Ordinance establishing the use of Electronic Voice Counting Devices. Councilmember Day moved to place the ordinance 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, Green, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a Letter of Recommendation from the Planning Commission, Public Notice and Ordinance to annex into the City of Phenix City, Alabama, 0.30 +/- acres of land located on Opelika Road and Newsome Drive, EEH Holdings, LLC, owner.

LETTER

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE

Councilmember Day moved to accept the letter, approve the public notice, and place the ordinance 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, Green, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an Application for an Off-Premise Beer License and Off-Premise Wine License submitted by Nadipineni 1 Inc., dba Food Mart 1 located at 3814 Opelika Road, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Day moved to approved the applications, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Green, Bailey, Gordy and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an application for an Off-Premise Beer License and an Off-Premise Wine License submitted by Nadipineni 4, Inc., dba Food Mart 4 located at 128 Highway 165, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Gordy moved to approved the applications, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Green. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Green, Bailey, Gordy and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented for first reading an application for an Off-Premise Beer License and an Off-Premise Wine License submitted by Nadipineni 2, Inc., dba Food Mart 2 located at 3930 Highway 80 West, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Day moved to place the applications on first reading, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Green, Bailey, Gordy and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented for first reading an application for an Off-Premise Beer License and an Off-Premise Wine License submitted by Nadipineni 3, Inc., dba Food Mart 3 located at 3717 US Highway 431 South, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Gordy moved to place the applications on first reading, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Green. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Green, Bailey, Gordy and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a claim against the City of Phenix City, filed by Cordereyonna Mathews. Mr. Graham stated that Ms. Mathews is represented by Guardian Law

Group. Mr. Graham also stated that the claim involves a school bus accident where the school bus ran off the road and down an embankment and struck Ms. Mathews vehicle. Mr. Graham further stated that the City has no jurisdiction over the Russell County school buses. Mr. Graham stated that the City's Assistant City Manager Chan Gamble responded to the Guardian Law Group and provided this information that the School System and the City are separate entities. Mr. Graham's further stated that based on Mr. Gamble's recommendation as well as his own, the recommendation was to deny the claim. Councilmember Day moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to deny the claim, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy, which upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Green, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion passed.

Mayor Lowe thanked everyone for attending the Council Meeting and congratulated the employees that were recognized for their service awards. Mayor Lowe encouraged everyone to watch out for each other and continue to be the person they were meant to be. Mayor Lowe encouraged everyone to be a lifter and not a leaner. Mayor Lowe thanked the Citizens of Phenix City and CCTV Beam for bringing the meeting to the Citizens of Phenix City.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until June 17, 2025.