

MEETING MINUTES
July 15, 2025

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 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, Assistant City Manager Chan Gamble, City Attorney Jimmy Graham, and City Clerk Shannon Davis.

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

Pastor Karen Seifert of Summerville Methodist Church was not present to deliver the invocation as listed on the agenda. Pastor Steve Pace of Summerville Baptist Church deliver the invocation.

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

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the June 30, 2025 Work Session meeting for approval. 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: Councilmember Day, Green, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: Councilmember Bailey and Councilmember Gordy. The motion this passed.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the July 1, 2025 Council Meeting for approval. Councilmember Green 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: Councilmember Day, Green, Bailey, 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 issuing a certificate of election to Likitca Ligon for the office of School Board Member At Large for such term pursuant to the provisions of Section 11-46-25, as amended.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-138

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to compensating the City Clerk \$60.00 per day and City Clerk's Office Employees and City Manager's Office Employees in the amount of \$35.00 per day per person for the performance of his or her duties with respect to the absentee ballots on election day.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-139

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: Councilmember 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 sign a letter requesting assistance in regards to the Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWPP).

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-140

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the purchase of one (1) Kubota Tractor Model MX6000HST from Beshears Tractor and Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$38,400.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-141

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: Councilmember 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, City Manager and Chief of Police to sign and enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with City of Auburn, Alabama, for professional services utilizing both Police Departments.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-142

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: Councilmember 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 A.N. Smith Company Inc., for installing and programming flow meters for the Brandywine Booster Pump Station in an amount not to exceed \$14,196.75.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-143

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: Councilmember 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 approve payment to Brown and Son, LLC to replace Pump 1 at the Brandywine Pump Station in an amount not to exceed \$11,651.02.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-144

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 hire Eco-Tech to install u-joints on valve stems on Sediment Basins 3 and 4 at the Water Filtration Plant in an amount not to exceed \$7,631.55.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-145

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: Councilmember Day, Green, Bailey, 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 annex into the City of Phenix City, Alabama, 0.30 +/- acres of land located on Opelika Road and Newsome Drive, EEH Holdings, LLC, owner. Mayor Lowe stated anyone wishing to address Council concerning this ordinance should come forward and do so at this time. Neither hearing nor seeing anyone come forward, Mayor Lowe declared the hearing closed.

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-13

Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the ordinance, 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 for first reading an Application for an Off-Premise Beer License, submitted by ALMAV LLC dba Rainbow Food located at 418 Martin Luther King Jr., Parkway South, 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: Councilmember 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 On-Premise Beer License, On-Premise Wine License and On-Premise Whiskey/Wine License, submitted by Kalani's Hawaiian Style Café LLC, dba Kalani's Hawaiian Style Café LLC located at 711 13th Street, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Green 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: Councilmember 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 On-Premise Beer License, submitted by Crawford Market Inc., dba The Short Stop located at 5005 Summerville Road, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Gordy 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: Councilmember Day, Green, 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 sign a Memorandum of Understanding allowing Lee Russell Council of Governments to apply for a SPP Grant on behalf of the City for the purpose of updating the Cochalechee Creek Comprehensive Storm water Management Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-146

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution and public notice in reference to a public hearing for the proposed 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Proposed Budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-147

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Mayor Lowe stated that the tragic incident that happen in Texas, easily could have happened in Phenix City. Mayor Lowe also stated that we have to be grateful for what we have and continue to think of others first. Mayor Lowe further stated we're grateful and thankful for our community.

Councilmember Day stated that the firework show that the Parks and Recreation Department put together for our Citizens on July 4, 2025 was a great success.

Mayor Lowe encouraged everyone to look out for each other and continue to be the person they were meant to be. Mayor Lowe thanked the Citizens of Phenix City and CTV Beam for bringing the meeting to the Citizens of Phenix City.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until August 5, 2025.