

MEETING MINUTES
August 5, 2025

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, August 5, 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 Carter 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.

Reverend Adrian Chester, Greater Bealwood Baptist Church delivered the invocation as it was listed on the agenda.

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

City Manager Wallace Hunter and Human Resources Director Stephaine Chastain presented employee service recognitions to Jennifer Lowman –15 years, Ms. Chastain stated that Diana Lynch - 5 years, Matt Johnston – 10 years were not able to attend.

Mayor Lowe presented a proclamation recognizing the Phenix City All Stars 8U Baseball Team World Series Champions.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Lowe called upon Head Coach Cory Rasmus, Assistant Coaches Brad Wright, John Medley and Luke Papenmeier and members of the Phenix City All Star 8U Baseball Team to come forward to accept the Proclamation.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the July 14, 2025 Work Session Meeting and the July 15, 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: Councilmembers Day, Green, 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 2025-148 to be ratified in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to sign and submit a Local Road Safety Initiative (LRSI) application to ALDOT for adding and improving signage and guardrail on Knowles Road from U.S. Highway 431.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-148

Councilmember Gordy 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 in reference to approving and adopting the proposed budget for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-149

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 appointing election officers or poll workers for the regular Municipal Election and the Phenix City Board of Education Election for Phenix City to be held August 26, 2025 and run-off, if necessary, September 23, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-150

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 establishing the pay for election officers or poll workers for the Municipal Election and the Phenix City Board of Education Election for Phenix City to be held on Tuesday, August 26, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-151

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 approving the final settlement in the matter of Majee Raines verses the City of Phenix City, City, Civil Action No. CV-2022-900230, in the amount of \$60,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-152

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 declared that now was the time and place for a public hearing in reference to the fixing of costs incurred by the City of Phenix City for the removal of substandard structure and establishment of special assessments upon the property located at 1004 North Railroad Street. Mayor Lowe stated anyone wishing to address Council concerning this public hearing 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 a resolution in reference to the fixing of costs incurred by the City of Phenix City for the removal of substandard structure and establishment of special assessments upon the property located at 1004 North Railroad Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-153

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 four (4) resolutions and public notices in reference to setting public hearing dates and fixing demolitions costs associated with the following properties located in Phenix City:

1. 1008 12th Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-154
PUBLIC NOTICE

2. 1010 12th Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-155
PUBLIC NOTICE

3. 531 6th Place

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-156
PUBLIC NOTICE

4. 1220 8th Street

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-157
PUBLIC NOTICE

Councilmember Day moved to approve the Resolutions and Public Notice 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 Change Order No. 2 with Ben Gordy Construction Company Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$137,880.00 for renovations to the Phenix City Information Technology Building located at 1211 7th Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-158

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: 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 Company to remove three (3) Watts HID fixtures and install three (3) 60 Watt LED Street Lights inside Hickory Subdivision.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-159

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 declaring various items of personal property as surplus to be disposed of in the City Landfill.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-160

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 the Mayor and City Manager to accept a proposal from Advanced Athletic Surfaces, LLC, to resurface eight (8) tennis courts at the Cliff Farrar Tennis Center in Idle Hour Park in an amount not to exceed fifty-nine thousand nine hundred eighty dollars (\$59,980.00).

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-161

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: ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to accept a proposal from Advanced Athletic Surfaces, LLC, to convert four (4) tennis courts at Idle Hour Park to twelve (12) pickleball courts in an amount not to exceed fifty-seven thousand nine hundred eighty dollars (\$57,980.00).

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-162

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 authorizing the Mayor, City Manager and Chief of Police to enter into an agreement with Motorola Solutions for Radio Network Maintenance for a three year contract in an amount not to exceed \$594,790.77.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-163

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: 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 enter into and sign an Access and Confidentiality Agreement with Hazen and Sawyer to protect the City's critical infrastructure.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-164

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 enter into and sign an Access and Confidentiality Agreement with CITI, Inc., to protect the City's critical infrastructure.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-165

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 Davis Concrete Products, Inc., to install pumps and piping at the Water Filtration Plant in an amount not to exceed \$16,314.34.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-166

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 authorizing and directing the Mayor, City Manager and Utilities Director to sign an agreement with ZETA SOLUTIONS to extend the current contract for Zinc-Orthophosphate thru September 30, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-167

Councilmember Day moved to approve the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, 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, 0.431 +/- acres of land located at 3794 US Hwy 280/431, Stone Homes, LLC (Bryan Stone) 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, 0.431 +/- acres of land located at 3794 US HWY 280/431, BC Stone Homes, LLC (Bryan Stone) Owner.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-14

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

Mayor Lowe presented for first reading an Ordinance to amend section 4.16-C of the Merit System Rules and Regulations of the City of Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Day moved to place the ordinance on first reading, 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 an opening on the Public Building Authority Board. Mayor Lowe stated that current member Judy Senn is willing to serve another term. Councilmember Day moved to reappoint Judy Senn, 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 second 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 Gordy moved to approve the application, 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 an second 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 located at 711 13th Street, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Green moved to approve the application, 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 Love. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented for an second reading an Application for an Off-Premise Beer License, submitted by Crawford Market Inc., dba The Short Stop located at 5005 Summerville Road, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Gordy moved to deny the application, 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 for first reading an application for an On-Premise Beer License, On-Premise Wine License, Off-Premise Beer License and Off-Premise Wine License submitted by Ram Hospitality, LLC dba Hampton Inn Phenix City located at 620 Martin Luther King Jr., Parkway, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Gordy moved to place the applications 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, 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 Off-Premise Wine License, submitted by Jaybajrang7 Inc., dba 7 Milestone located at 3881 US Highway 431 South, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Green moved to place the applications 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, 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 Chuck Walton. Mr. Graham stated that on May 13, 2025 Mr. Walton's residence was damaged as a result of a failed sanitary sewer lift station located behind his home. Mr. Graham recommended approving the claim in the amount of \$8,918.75. Councilmember Day, moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to approve the claim in the amount of \$8,918.75, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Which 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 passed.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a claim against the City of Phenix City, filed by Carter Manderson. Mr. Graham stated that on July 5, 2025 Mr. Manderson was riding his motorcycle when he hit a pothole in the roadway. Mr. Graham also stated that Mr. Manderson received property damage to the fork of his motorcycle. Mr. Graham further stated that under Alabama Law, the City has to have notice of the pothole to be held liable for the damage. Mr. Graham recommended denying the claim. Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the City Attorneys 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, Green, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe, NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion passed.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a claim against the City of Phenix City, filed by Michael Brown. Mr. Graham stated that this claim filed with the City of Phenix City, was referred to the Alabama Municipal Insurance Company for processing.

Mayor Lowe thanked the City Council and the City employees for all they do.

Councilmember Day encouraged all the Citizens to be mindful that School begins on Thursday, August 7, 2025 and to be watchful for all of our children at the bus stops.

Councilmember Green stated that she wanted to congratulate the Phenix City All State 8U Baseball Team World Series Champions. Councilmember Green also stated to be mindful of our school zone when school starts back. Councilmember Green thanked the Citizens of District Two for allowing her to be their Councilmember.

City Manager Wallace Hunter encouraged Council and the Citizens to watch the news for the changes happening within the Phenix City School System with their new Principal at the High School. Mr. Hunter stated that they have also made changes to the phone policy for the students. Mr. Hunter also stated that these changes are being made to try to keep the focus in the classroom.

Director of Engineering/Public Works Angel Moore stated that South Railroad Street will not be open before the start of school due to unfortunate weather conditions and that the date has been pushed back for the project. Ms. Moore also stated that they are trying to get all the areas of the grass cut in the City and asked for the citizens to be patient.

Councilmember Bailey stated that the City Workers is doing their best to keep the City clean and grass cut.

Director of Engineering/Public Works Angel Moore provided an update on Crowell Parks Subdivision. Ms. Moore stated that after the heavy rain, the drains remained clear.

Mayor Lowe stated that the City of Phenix City's workforce are doing the best they can to keep our City clean. Mayor Lowe also stated that the Council will continue to do the right thing and if a mistake is made, they will admit it, learn from it and try not to make the same mistake again.

Mayor Lowe thanked CCTV Beam for bringing the meeting to the Citizens of Phenix City.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until August 19, 2025.