

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 19, 2025**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the 111 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 James R. Mckoon Jr., and City Clerk Shannon Davis.

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

Mayor Lowe called upon Reverend Karen Seifert of Summerville United Methodist Church to deliver the invocation.

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

City Manager Wallace Hunter and Human Resources Director Stephanie Chastain presented a letter of commendation recognizing Stanley Williams for an incident that occurred on June 5, 2025.

Mayor Lowe called for a point of privilege and called upon City Attorney James R Mckoon, Jr., to present a claim against the City of Phenix City, filed by Morgan and Morgan on behalf of Kelly Sanford. Mr. Mckoon stated that on March 18, 2025, Ms. Sanford was operating her vehicle when a police vehicle struck it. Mr. Mckoon also stated that the required three quotes was not submitted with this claim. Mr. Mckoon recommended denying the claim. Councilmember Day moved to approve the City Attorneys 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: Councilmember Day, Green, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe, NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion passed.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes to the August 4, 2025 Work Session Meeting and the August 5, 2025 Council Meeting for approval. Councilmember Gordy 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 Resolution No. 2025-168 to be ratified in reference of accepting a proposal from McCain Engineering Company Inc., for the repairing of boiler number one's sludge bend casting at the Waste Water Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$6,063.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-168**

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to adopting an Annual Transportation Plan.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-169**

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to the satisfaction of a special assessment on property located at 1806 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, property owner Jackie F. Harris.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-170**

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 rescinding Resolution No. 2025-150 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. 2025-171**

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 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. 2025-172**

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 enter into and sign a contract between Michael S. Bowden for the purchase of property located at the northeast corner of the intersection of 11<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the amount of \$250,000.00 plus applicable closing costs.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-173**

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to renew the contract with Ozark Striping Company, Inc., for bid E24-02 Traffic Striping & Markings at the 2024 contract unit prices until August 21, 2026.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-174**

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 agreement with Emergency Networking for cloud-based Fire and EMS Reporting Incident Software.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-175**

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: 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 contract with Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc., for a fireworks display at the Phenix City Amphitheatre on December 11, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-176**

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 accepting a proposal from Inframark to install level sensors at the Water Filtration Plant in an amount not to exceed \$11,441.60.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-177**

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 and City Manager to purchase chemical feed system skids and pumps from USA Bluebook in an amount not to exceed \$27,614.20.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-178**

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 the Mayor and City Manager to hire A.N. Smith Co., Inc., to install and program new SCADA equipment and Adele Electric Inc., to install the power supply for the Raw Water Pump Station.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-179**

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 purchase copper sulfate for this trial from Thornton, Mussco & Bellemin at a cost of \$1.14/lb. for an estimated amount of \$28,000.00.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-180**

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 hire East Alabama Glass to replace the doors of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Screw Pump Building in an amount not to exceed \$6,900.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-181**

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 and City Manager to hire Warr Grading Contractor, Inc., to perform emergency work to a sanitary sewer main along 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 40<sup>th</sup> Street in an amount not to exceed \$18,618.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-182**

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: 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 hire Warr Grading Contractor Inc., to repair the sanitary sewer main along Mill Creek west of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$46,893.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-183**

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 hire Warr Grading Contractor Inc., to permanently plug the sanitary sewer main along Mill Creek at 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$2,975.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-184**

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 hire Warr Grading Contractor Inc., to repair a sanitary sewer main along Mill Creek near 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$5,786.00.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-185**

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: 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 hire Warr Grading Contractor Inc., to repair a sanitary sewer main slope in Mill Creek near 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$27,383.00.

#### **RESOLUTION NO 2025-186**

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 for second reading an Ordinance to amend sections 4.16-C of the Merit System Rules and Regulation of the City of Phenix City, Alabama.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2025-15**

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. ABSTAIN: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented for second 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 Green moved to approve the applications, 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, and Off-Premise Wine License, submitted by Jaybajrang7 Inc., dba 7 Milestone located at 3881 US Highway 431 South, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Day moved to approve the applications, 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.

Engineering/Public Works Director Angel Moore stated that there are areas in the City that the citizens are using for dumping household furniture and trash. Ms. Moore stated that even if the City put up no dumping signs, the Citizens would still dump their trash. Ms. Moore passed out pictures of the dumpsites to Mayor and Council. Ms. Moore stated that it is costly to the City because the Public Works Department crew have to sort through the household trash and furniture to take to the landfill. Ms. Moore also stated that citizens are dumping trash and household goods at the Recycle Bins as well.

Councilmember Day thanked Custodian Stanley Williams for being so brave when he helped the Citizen get out of danger in the incident that occurred in the Utilities Department on June 5, 2025.

Councilmember Bailey stated that he abstained on the vote on Resolution 2025-173 because his property is next to the Bowden's property and he has no influence on the property. Councilmember Bailey also stated that his family has owned the property since 1972.

City Manager Wallace Hunter thanked Shaun Culligan, Economic Development Manager for working on purchasing of the property 11<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Hunter stated that Mr. Bowden has been a realtor in the City for a long time. Mr. Hunter further stated that Mr. Bowden does not always agree with the decisions made by Council but City subdivision regulations changes with time and differences may arise. Mr. Hunter also stated that he would support enhancements for the betterment of the City. Mr. Hunter stated that candidates that are running in the election should attend Council meetings and that they should do their research before making promises to the citizens.

Mayor Lowe stated that Custodian Stanley Williams showed sacrificial leadership in the way that he handled the urgent situation on June 5, 2025 and that it proved that he was willing to go above and beyond for the team. Mayor Lowe also stated that if someone is not willing to give one hundred percent than being part of the City Council is not where they should be because they need to do it for the community.

Councilmember Day encouraged the Citizens of Phenix City to exercise their right to vote on Tuesday, August 26, 2025.

Mayor Lowe thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Mayor Lowe stated that Council is very blessed to be part of Phenix City and encouraged everyone to think of others before themselves. Mayor Lowe thanked CTV Beam for bringing the meeting to the Citizens of Phenix City.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until September 3, 2025.