

MEETING MINUTES
September 3, 2025

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the 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 Jr., and City Clerk Shannon Davis.

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

Mayor Lowe called upon Reverend Bo Barber II, Prospect AME Church to deliver the invocation as listed on the Agenda.

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

City Manager Wallace Hunter and Human Recruiting Specialist Eliza Phillips presented employee service recognitions to Randy Dubberly – 25 years and Stephanie Chastain – 25 years.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes to the August 18, 2025 Work Session Meeting and the August 19, 2025 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, 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 No. 2025-187 to be ratified 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. 2025-187

Councilmember Green 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 Resolution No. 2025-188 to be ratified in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to hire Denali to clean three (3) digesters at the Waste Water Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$818,725.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-188

Councilmember Day moved to ratify 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 Resolution No. 2025-189 to be ratified in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to hire Davis Concrete to clean the drying bed at the Waste Water Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$60,874.78.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-189

Councilmember Gordy moved to ratify 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 Resolution No. 2025-190 to be ratified in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to accept a proposal from Southern Rewinding for the repair of the Raw Water Pump One at the Water Filtration Plant in an amount not to exceed \$16,424.96.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-190

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 Resolution No. 2025-191 to be ratified in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to hire Blackwell's Inc., to clean the Holland Creek Lift Station and bar screen in an amount not to exceed \$21,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-191

Councilmember Green moved to ratify 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 the fixing of costs incurred by the City of Phenix City for removal of substandard structures and the establishment of special assessments upon the following properties: 1008 12th Avenue, 1010 12th Avenue, 531 6th Place and 1220 8th Street. Mayor Lowe stated anyone wishing to address council on any of the properties 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 four (4) resolutions in reference to the fixing of costs incurred by the City of Phenix City for removal of substandard structures and the establishment of special assessments upon properties located at:

1. 1008 12th Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-193

2. 1010 12th Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-194

3. 531 6th Place

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-195

4. 1220 8th Street

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-196

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: 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 Polkawagen for musical performance at the Phenix City Oktoberfest on October 4, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$2,750.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-197

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 and directing the Mayor and City Manager to sign the ADEM Recycling Grant Agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-198

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 purchasing one (1) Model 600 TYMCO Street Sweeper under State Contract #111522-TYM from Ingram Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$334,585.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-199

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 purchasing one (1) 2025 Ford F150 Super Cab 4x4 Pickup under State Contract T191 from Stivers Ford Lincoln in an amount not to exceed \$46,738.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-200

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 Alabama Power to remove five (5) APCO Leased (HID) fixtures and install eight (8) APCO Leased (LED) fixtures, five (5) 54 Watt Roadway, Two (2) 122 Watt Roadway and One (1) 124 Watt Flood Lights near 1111 Broad Street, Building B.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-201

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 Alabama Power to remove two (2) APCO Leased (HID) fixtures and install two (2) APCO Leased (LED) fixtures, near 1111 Broad Street South Parking Lot.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-202

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 Alabama Power to remove one (1) APCO Leased (HID) fixture and install one (1) APCO Leased (LED) fixture, near 1119 Broad Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-203

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 the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement with Warr Grading Contractor, Inc. to replace a section of sanitary sewer main along 4th Avenue between North Railroad Street and 19th Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-204

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 Fire Chief to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Alabama Fire College for administration of written promotional exams.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-205

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 the proposal from SiteMed Fire for the on-site annual firefighter physicals for the Fire Department personnel in an amount not to exceed \$22,555.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-206

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 declaring various Fire and Rescue items surplus to be sold as scrap or destroyed at the City Landfill.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-207

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 declaring various personal items as listed on "Exhibit A" as surplus to be sold as scrap or destroyed at the City Landfill.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-208

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 sign a contract with Warr Grading Contractor, LLC to make site improvements to Moon Lake at Idle Hour Park in an amount not to exceed Two million, one hundred eighteen thousand, one hundred forty-four dollars (\$2,118,144.00).

RESOLUTION NO 2025-209

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 approving a Contract from Mitchum Lawn for the Water Filtration Plant annual lawn care services at the cost of \$725.00 per visit for an annual cost of \$14,500.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-210

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. ABSTAIN: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to approving a contract with Mitchum Lawn for the Waste Water Treatment Plant annual lawn care services at a cost of \$1,211.00 per visit for an annual cost of \$24,220.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-211

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. ABSTAIN: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented an opening on the Planning Commission. Mayor Lowe stated that current member Sierra McKissic is willing to serve another term. Councilmember Day moved to reappoint Sierra McKissic, 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.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a claim against the City of Phenix City, filed by Jossalyn R. Thomas. City Attorney Graham stated that the claim states that on July 23, 2025 Ms. Thomas was at the Parks and Recreation Sports Complex Pool on 5th Street, when a city employee backed up into her vehicle. City Attorney Graham recommended approving the claim for \$2,245.17. Councilmember Gordy, moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to approve the claim in the amount of \$2,245.17, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Day. 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.

Councilmember Green stated that she wanted to congratulate the Phenix City employees that were recognized for their service awards. Councilmember Green also stated that she wanted to congratulate Mayor Lowe and Councilmember Bailey for another four years on Council. Councilmember Green further stated that she wanted to congratulate Councilmember Day for outstanding service and for his reappointment to the Council. Councilmember Green stated to Councilmember Gordy, it was nice working with him, he will be missed, and she hopes he continues to do great things.

Mayor Lowe stated that he believes that because more than 80% of the Council are going to service four more years that it will be very beneficial with moving the City forward.

Councilmember Day stated that he wanted to thank the Citizens that voted for him and allowing him to serve four more years. Councilmember Day also stated that Phenix City is growing even for a City, which does not have an interstate going through it.

City Manager Wallace Hunter encouraged Citizens to research more about our government system. Mr. Hunter stated that it's beginning to be fall and wants to schedule a waste water treatment trip for Council so they will be able to understand how it works so everyone could see the types of issues that our personnel have to deal with at the treatment plants.

Mayor Lowe stated that every Councilmember should lead with value and ethics and this Council never deters anyone on how to vote. Mayor Lowe also stated that he wanted to thank all the employees for serving the City of Phenix City. 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 16, 2025.