

**MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 2025**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the 5th Street Youth Center, 1601 5th Street South, Phenix City, Alabama, 36867. Upon roll call, the following members of Council were present: Councilmember Arthur L. Day, Jr., Councilmember Steve Bailey, Councilmember R. Griff Gordy, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Councilmember Green was not present. 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 Jacquelyn Bowie Hayter, Nichols Chapel AME Church to deliver the invocation as listed on the Agenda.

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

Mayor Lowe presented the meeting minutes of the July 16, 2025 Budget Work Session 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: Councilmember Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented the meeting minutes of the July 31, 2025 Budget Public Hearing Meeting for approval. Councilmember Day moved to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: Councilmember Gordy. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the September 2, 2025 Work Session Meeting and the September 3, 2025 Council Meeting for approval. Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, 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 a resolution in reference to budget transfers for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-212

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, 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. 3 with Ben Gordy Construction Company Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$9,182.00 for renovations to the Phenix City Information Technology Building located at 1211 7th Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-213

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to making application to Alabama Industrial Development Authority for the purpose of planning and conducting site assessments for potential future industrial development within the Phenix Industrial Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-214

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, 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 Sain Associates Inc., for the completion of site assessments on the 125-acre tract within the Phenix City industrial Park in an amount not to exceed \$103,951.00, contingent upon receipt to SEEDS grant funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-215

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, 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 and enter into an agreement with Terracon Consultants, Inc., to perform construction testing services at Lakewood Park for the Miracle League Field in amount not to exceed \$24,400.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-216

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to accept a proposal from KPS Group, Inc., to provide services to draft a Downtown Redevelopment Plan in an amount not to exceed \$11,500.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-217

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, 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 Sain Associates, Inc., to conduct a traffic study of Phenix Drive and at the intersection of Phenix Drive and Pierce Road in an amount not to exceed \$39,500.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-218

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to declaring personal property as surplus and disposing of for the consideration of the nominal sum of \$1.00 and other valuable considerations at Battalion Chief / Fire Marshal Bennie R. Dubberly in recognition of his 25 years of public service.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-219

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, 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 Floyd Service Co., to install the Musco Sports Lighting System at Idle Hour Park Sports Complex in an amount not to exceed One hundred eleven thousand, eight hundred fifty five dollars (\$111,855.00).

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-220

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, 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 Floyd Service Co., to install the Musco Sports Lighting System at Southside Softball Complex in an amount not to exceed One hundred seventy seven thousand, one hundred eighty five dollars (\$177,185.00).

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-221

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to declaring personal property as surplus and disposing of for the consideration of the nominal sum of \$1.00 and other valuable considerations to George Staudinger recognition of his 32 years of public service.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-222

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, 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 and enter into an agreement with 120Water for the annual customer notification letters and customer requested water tests in an amount not to exceed \$37,515.44.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-223

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference a bid to Univar Solutions for Aluminum Sulfate in the amount of \$0.1910 per dry lb.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-224

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to awarding a bid to Polytec, Inc., for Lime Slurry in the amount of \$0.08 per lb.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-225

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to awarding a bid to USALCO, for Poly-Aluminum Chloride the amount of \$0.229 per lb.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-226

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to awarding a bid to SNF Polydyne for Dry Polymer in the amount of \$1.90 per lb.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-227

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to awarding a bid to SNF Polydyne for Liquid Polymer in the amount of \$3.205 per lb.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-228

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to rejecting a bid received from Brenntag Mid-South, Inc., for Liquid Chlorine.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-229

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to rejecting a bid received from Univar Solutions for Hydrofluorosilicic Acid.

RESOLUTION NO 2025-230

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to rejecting bids received from Brenntag, Dubois and Univar Solutions for Granular Soda Ash.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-231

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to rejecting a bid received from Brenntag Mid-South for Sulfur Dioxide.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-232

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, 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 2.73 +/- acres of land lying in section 28, township 18 North, Range 30, Lee County, Alabama into a C-3 Zone (Neighborhood Commercial District located at 5409 Lee Road 248, Bruce Wade III, 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: Councilmember Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented an opening on the Phenix City Housing Authority Board. Councilmember Gordy moved to appoint Rudy Barraca, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmember Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented an opening on the Personnel Review Board. Councilmember Day moved to reappoint Johnny R. Rutledge, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmember Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented an opening on the Personnel Review Board. Mayor Lowe stated that current member; Jason Johnson is willing to serve another term. Mayor Lowe called for a motion. Councilmember Day moved to appoint Jason Johnson, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmember Day, 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 Anneque Milner. Mr. Graham stated that the claim alleges that the City of Phenix City is responsible for damages to the car door and rear tire of the passenger side of a 2023 Toyota Camry. Mr. Graham also stated that the claim states that the claimant was waiting to turn into a parking space when a City vehicle backed into her car. Mr. Graham recommended approving the claim in the lowest amount of \$4,211.45. Councilmember Gordy, moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to approve the claim in the estimate amount of \$4,211.45, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmember Day, 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 Victoria Boss. Mr. Graham stated that a Utilities Department employee who was driving a truck was involved in a traffic accident at the intersection of US Highway 80 and US Highway 280 on August 14, 2025. Mr. Graham stated there were several scratches and some damage on the rear of the car, which do not appear to have been cause by the City truck, the police report notes there were no injuries reported. Mr. Graham further stated that based on the current information, it is not clear that the traffic accident caused enough damage to the car to require replacement of the rear bumper. Mr. Graham recommended denying the claim. Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to deny the claim, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, 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 April Nicholson. Mr. Graham stated that the claim alleges that City of Phenix City is responsible for the damages to her driveway at her home that was damaged due to the water leak and water company and the garbage trucks driving over it. Mr. Graham also stated that the Utilities Department repaired leaks at this location on February 7, 2024 and August 7, 2025, the hydrant was also leaking and is currently out of service. Mr. Graham further stated that the driveway cracks at the road were present prior to the leak, and the cracks off of the road appear to have been damaged by a vehicle driving on the driveway. Mr. Graham stated based on the current information, the City is not responsible for repairing this driveway. Mr. Graham recommended denying the claim. Councilmember Day moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to deny the claim, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS Councilmember Day, 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 replace the sanitary sewer main crossing Mill Creek near 16th Place in an amount not to exceed \$111,506.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-233

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, 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 Change order No.1 with Advanced Athletic Surfaces, LLC for conversion of four (4) tennis courts to twelve (12) Pickleball courts at Idle Hour Park for an additional amount of \$7,200.00 and a total amount not to exceed \$65,180.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-234

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

Councilmember Day encouraged the Citizens of District three to please stand to recognize them for coming to the Council meeting. Councilmember Day also stated that he was excited for the project that is happening in Austin Summary Park.

Mayor Lowe encouraged everyone to go out in the community and cheer other people on and to be a part of the solution.

Councilmember Day stated that he liked how the City is doing something for each District.

Councilmember Bailey encouraged the Citizens to try to care about others as there is too much stuff going on in the world for everyone not to care about each other. Councilmember Bailey stated that if you see something make sure, you speak up and tell someone and to watch our young people and we need to watch out for everyone and love each other.

Mayor Lowe encouraged everyone to learn how not to be when we see all of the negative things and be the person we were created to be. Mayor Lowe stated that there is such a thing if you get angry its ok but make sure it's the righteous angry. Mayor Lowe also stated sometimes you have to get on the table and sometimes you have to turn it over, as Jesus did in. 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 October 7, 2025.