

**MEETING MINUTES  
October 7, 2025**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 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 C. 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 Chris Herbert of Epworth Global Methodist Church delivered the invocation.

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

City Manager Wallace Hunter and Human Resources Director Stephanie Chastain presented employee service recognitions to Donald Edgar – 5 years. Ms. Chastain stated Kenner Butler – 5 years was not able to attend.

Mayor Lowe presented a proclamation recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

**PROCLAMATION**

Cheryl A. Johnson from West Central Georgia Cancer Coalition, Wanda Rutledge and Keisha Adams came forward to accept the proclamation.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the September 15, 2025 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: Councilmembers Day, Green, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: Councilmember Bailey. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled Council meeting minutes of the September 16, 2025 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: Councilmember Green. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe stated there was no unfinished business to address at this time.

Mayor Lowe presented Resolution No. 2025-235 to be ratified in reference to declaring surplus to be disposed of for the consideration of the nominal sum of \$1.00 and other valuable considerations to the family of Officer Lucas Bailey in recognition of his public service and dedication to the Phenix City Police Department and citizens of the City of Phenix City.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-235**

Councilmember Day moved to ratify 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 granting a tax abatement to Cima Colors Solution, Inc.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-236**

Councilmember Green 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 granting a tax abatement to NVH Georgia, LLC.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-237**

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, 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 a contract agreement with the East Alabama Chamber of Commerce in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-238**

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: Councilmember Green. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to rescinding Resolution No. 2024-226 in reference to awarding a bid to All Season Lawn Care for the demolition and removal of structure located at 1700 21st Court (formerly Medical Park Building) in the amount of \$99,995.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-239**

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 authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to accept and sign a quote from Ben B. Gordy Construction Company, Inc. for the asbestos abatement and demolition of the structure located at 1700 21st Court in an amount not to exceed \$224,625.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-240**

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. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented Two 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. 2107 Summerville Road

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-241**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

2. 2107-A Summerville Road

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-242**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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 authorizing the Mayor to virtually sign the renewal paperwork for the Transporter Permit.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-243**

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 a resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to sign and enter into an agreement with Gordy Construction Company being the lowest responsible bidder to perform water and sanitary work for the Miracle League Field at Lakewood Park in an amount not to exceed \$65,625.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-244**

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 authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to sign and enter into an agreement with Sain & Associates to perform boundary and topographic surveying services as per the terms of the contract.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-245**

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 accept a proposal with Advanced Athletic Surfaces, LLC to resurface (2) two tennis courts and add pickleball lines at Southside Park in an amount not to exceed \$24,980.00.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-246**

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 the Mayor, City Manager and Interim Chief of Police Joey Weierick to sign and enter into an agreement for the administration of grant funds through SEARHSO-ESCC-Community Traffic Safety Program from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-247**

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: 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 a proposal with Brown & Son, LLC for the emergency repair of the Holland Creek Lift Station Bar Screen in an amount not to exceed \$10,679.79.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-248**

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 a resolution in reference to the Provision of City Services Beyond the City Limits.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-249**

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 for rereading 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 Gordy moved to accept the rereading of the letter, public notice, and 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. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented an opening on the Phenix City Housing Authority Board. Councilmember Day moved to appoint Patty Daniel, 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 two openings on the Housing Code Abatement Board. Councilmember Gordy moved to reappoint Kimberly Hinton-Poole and Ira Kendrick, 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 an openings on the Improvement District – Brickyard Project. Councilmember Day moved to reappoint Joel Carter, 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, On-Premise Wine License, On-Premise Whiskey/Wine License submitted by Kramers Sports Bar, LLC, dba On Cue Billiards Room located at 3211 Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway South, Unit B and C , Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Day moved to place the application on first reading, 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 first reading an Application for an Off-Premise Beer License, Off-Premise Wine License and Off-Premise Whiskey/Wine License submitted by Om Mojila 2022, Inc. dba Happy Hour Wine and Spirits located at 3462 Crosswind Drive Suite B, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Gordy moved to place the application on first reading,, 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 for first reading an Application for an On-Premise Beer License, On-Premise Wine License and On Premise Whiskey/Wine License submitted by Varsity Sports Bar Grill dba Varsity Sports Bar Grill, LLC located at 3745 Highway 80 West, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Day moved to approved 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.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a claim filed against the City of Phenix City by The Mark Casto Law Firm, PC for Amelia Johnson. Mr. Graham stated that Ms. Johnson claims that the City's trash truck backed into her vehicle on November 7, 2024 causing damage. Mr. Graham also stated that Alabama Law requires that claims are submitted within six months of the incident and Ms. Johnson is late in submitting the claim. 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, 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 thus passed.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a claim filed against the City of Phenix City by Jeremy Shirah . Mr. Graham stated that Mr. Shirah alleges that the City is responsible for damage to his property due to a tree that fell on his gate. Mr. Graham also stated that Alabama Law requires that the City is notified of any damaged tree and that the City was not aware that the tree was damaged. Mr. Graham recommended denying the claim. Councilmember Green moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to deny the claim, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Day, 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 thus passed.

Mayor Lowe thanked the Council for all that they do and stated that he appreciated all of their hard work and dedication. Mayor Lowe thanked the Department Heads and the City Employees.

Councilmember Green thanked the ladies from the West Central Georgia Cancer Coalition for attending and bringing awareness to the issue of breast cancer and for the great work they are doing in the tri-city area. Councilmember Green thanked the board members that were reappointed for serving the community. Councilmember Green stated that volunteer work is not easy and that their dedication to the community does not go unnoticed.

City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that the Police Department has had several tragedies with losing one of their officers and another officer losing his wife and it has been hard on the families. Mr. Hunter stated that Chief Weierick has been appointed as the acting Chief of Police and he is taking over during a critical time and has to put together a strong team to be able to handle the challenges. Mr. Hunter further stated that he wants all of the department heads to understand that they are in place to support one another. Mr. Hunter stated that Councilmember Gordy has been on Council for nine years but will not be returning for another term and that he has enjoyed the time they have spent together on Council and thanked him for serving the City. Mr. Hunter encouraged the Citizens and employees to be mindful of negative social media information about employees and to always do their due diligence and finding out the truth. Mr. Hunter encouraged the employees of the City to continue to move forward in a positive way with the work that God has chosen them to do and not be negative and to not let themselves be influenced by lies.

Mayor Lowe encouraged everyone to learn how not to be affected by negative comments and if they have a problem, not to post it but speak to the people face to face to work out their issues. Mayor Lowe stated that we may not always agree but should have the decency to communicate with each other and not say harmful comments about one another. Mayor Lowe also stated that we should learn how not to be as that it is the way they want the City to be and whoever wants to be part of the City it is great because there are a lot of great things taking place in the City simply because of the ethics and values of this Council. Mayor Lowe further stated that he will truly miss Councilmember Gordy. Mayor Lowe encouraged everyone to love one another and continue to do the right thing. Mayor Lowe thanked the Citizens and CCTV Beam for bringing the meeting to the Citizens.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until October 21, 2025.