

MEETING MINUTES
January 6, 2026

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 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 Jasponica Florence, 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.

Councilmember Green delivered the invocation.

Councilmember Green 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 Andrew Patterson – 5 years, Joshua Carter – 20 years, Daniel Maddox – 10 years and James A. Langley – 30 years. Ms. Chastain stated that Xavier De Alba-Llamas – 5 years, was not in attendance.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Manager Wallace Hunter and Chief of Police Joseph Weierick for the swearing in of the new Assistant Chief of Police Donnie Thomas.

Mayor Lowe called upon Director of Utilities John Spraggins and Utilities Office Manager Elizabeth Lane to speak to Council on the Utility Bill Process from the recent software system migration. Mr. Spraggins provided an overview of the timeline for the Utilities systems migration that occurred in August 18, 2025 through September 3, 2025. Ms. Lane stated that the department was unable to read meters or send out bills on the normal schedule which delayed the billing for almost three weeks. Ms. Lane also stated that this delay resulted in customers next bill after the software upgrade having a longer than normal cycle (Normal Cycle approximately 30 days), and therefore, many customers would not have received a bill in August or September. Ms. Lane further stated that the Utilities Department still had to send 12 bills for the year. Ms. Lane stated that in order to get caught up on billing schedule, the Utilities Department had send out bills with shorter billing cycles for a few months after the software upgrade. Ms. Lane provided examples showing the long billing cycle around September and then shorter billing cycles after.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the December 15, 2025 Work Session Meeting and the December 16, 2025 Council 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, Green, Bailey, Florence, 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. 2025-298 to be ratified in reference to accepting authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to sign Change Order No.1 with Gordy Construction Company for the Miracle Field at Lakewood Park Project for the additional amount of \$74,560.00 and a total amount not to exceed \$140,185.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-298

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to accepting the Annual Transportation Report as submitted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01

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

Mayor Lowe presented resolutions in reference to declaring properties a public nuisance and authorizing and directing the Housing Abatement Board to take necessary action to demolish, remove and clear all building materials, trash, and debris from the following properties:

1. 915 8th Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02

2. 1108 17th Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03

3. 906 18th Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04

4. 100 14th Avenue South

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05

5. 1820 6th Court

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06

6. 808 13th Court

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-07

7. 1005 15th Place

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08

8. 1100 11th Street

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-09

9. 1110 14th Street

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10

10. 1014 20th Street

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-11

Councilmember Day moved to approve the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Florence. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Green, Bailey, Florence, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented resolutions in reference to declaring properties a public nuisance and authorizing and directing the Housing Abatement Board to take necessary action to demolish, remove and clear all building materials, trash, and debris from the following properties:

1. 912 18th Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12

2. 800 16th Street

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-13

Councilmember Florence 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, Florence, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to sign Contract Modification Number Two with Barry Davis Architects, P.C. to develop plans for the Phenix City Community Center located at 3940 U.S. Highway 431 South.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-14

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

Mayor Lowe presented a in reference to authorizing Alabama Power to install one (1) 207 Watt LED Street Light (27,001 – 34,000) Lumens – Type II – Gray 4000K on Pole #6-023240 (Fuse Location #Z4683) at the corner of 13th Street and 14th Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-15

Councilmember Florence 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, Florence, 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 Skipper Consulting, Inc., to conduct a traffic study for the Village at Crosswinds Development in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-16

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to declaring several items surplus to be sold as scrap or destroyed at the City Landfill.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-17

Councilmember Florence 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, Florence, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution reference to the purchase of five (5) 2026 Ford Explorer Patrol vehicles purchased under State Contract T191L from Stivers Ford Lincoln, Montgomery, Alabama, in an amount not to exceed \$330,135.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-18

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, Florence, 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 nominal sum of \$1.00 and other valuable considerations to Andy Langley in recognition of his 30 years of public service.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-19

Councilmember Florence 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, Florence, 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 pay Warr Grading Contractor, Inc., to repair the water main on US 431 in an amount not to exceed \$16,470.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-20

Councilmember Green moved to approve the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Florence. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Green, Bailey, Florence, 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 pay Warr Grading Contractor, Inc., to repair a water leak at the Village Green Shopping Center in amount not to exceed \$43,605.60.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-21

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, Florence, 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 Thompson Insurance, Inc., for Property, Auto and Liability Insurance for calendar year 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$354,999.12.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-22

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, Florence, 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 pay Warr Grading Contractor, Inc., to repair the sewer main near the intersection of 28th Avenue and 13th Street in the amount of \$19,635.00 and \$6,483.00 for fence replacement.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-23

Councilmember Florence 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, Florence, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an Ordinance in reference to the Departments or Offices of the City of Phenix City, Alabama.

ORDIANCE NO. 2026-01

Councilmember Green moved to place the Ordinance on first reading, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Florence. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Green, Bailey, Florence, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented an opening on the Housing Code Abatement Board. Councilmember Florence moved to appoint Keith Daniel, 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, Florence, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an Application for an On-Premise Beer, On-Premise Wine, On-Premise Whiskey/Wine, Billiards or Pool Room and Dancing with a Live Band and Dancing with a Juke Box Licenses submitted by Togethers Soul Food Restaurant and Lounge LLC dba Togethers Soul Food Restaurant and Lounge located at 2061 U. S. Highway 280 Bypass, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Florence 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, Florence, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe called upon Licensed Engineer Chris Casey to address Council. Mr. Casey provided information on the free Recycling Clean-up Day that will be offered by the City on Saturday, January 31, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. located at the Central Activities Center. Mr. Casey stated that Citizens (residential only) may drop off small to large electronics. Mr. Casey also stated that flyers will be placed through out the City offices with the information and on the flyer there will also be information on the City's Recycling Resources. Mayor Lowe stated this event is specifically for electronics only and not furniture.

City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that if any of the Citizens have any questions regarding their Utility Bills that they may contact the Director of Utilities John Spraggins or Utilities Office Manager Elizabeth Lane and that he hoped that their overview bought some clarity to concerns that the Citizens may have. Mr. Hunter also stated that there is a lot of work going on in all three of the districts in Phenix City. Mr. Hunter further stated the City is looking to move forward in 2026 in a positive way and that he will support his team and appreciates all of their hard work.

Mayor Lowe stated that they appreciated everyone for attending. Mayor Lowe also stated that they should be thankful that by the grace of God they are able to see a new year. Mayor Lowe encouraged everyone to think positive in 2026 and to continue to do the right thing for the community. Mayor Lowe thanked CTV Beam for bringing the meeting to the Citizens of Phenix City. Mayor Lowe stated that may God continue to bless everyone.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until January 21, 2026.