

**MEETING MINUTES  
January 21, 2026**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 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.

Dr. Richard Wright with Trinity Methodist Church delivered the invocation.

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

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the January 5, 2026 Work Session Meeting and the January 6, 2026 Council Meeting for approval. Councilmember Day moved to approve the minutes, 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 stated there was no unfinished business to address at this time.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to accepting the dedication of an easement for public utilities on a Final Plat of "Henderson Subdivision for EEH Holdings, LLC" located in Section 5, Township 17 North, Range 30 East, Russell County, Alabama" EEH Holdings, LLC, owner.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-24**

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 a resolution in reference to accepting the dedication of public right of way (ROW) dedicated by the Final Plat; "Division of 23.72 Acres on Wright Road" located in Section 5, Township 17 North, Range 30 East, Russell County, Alabama" Michael Cannon, owner.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-25**

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 sign and accept a proposal from Wisener, LLC to provide property appraisal and negotiation services for 15 total tracts in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-26**

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 extend the biosolids disposal agreement with Denali Water Solutions to October 31, 2026 at a cost of \$32.30 per wet ton.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-27**

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 declaring the Waste Water Treatment Plant office electrical panel an emergency and authorizes and directs the Mayor and City Manager to hire Adele Electric, Inc. to replace said panel for an estimated cost of \$7,944.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-28**

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 a resolution in reference to declaring the repair of the Holland Creek Lift Station Bar Screen an emergency and authorizes and directs the Mayor and City Manager to pay Brown and Son, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$11,754.89.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-29**

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 a resolution in reference to declaring the Waste Water Treatment Plant aeration materials an emergency and authorizes and directs the Mayor and City Manager to accept the proposal from K Machine Industrial Services, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$118,400.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-30**

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 the replacement of the Rotary Drum thickener pump and stator an emergency and authorizes and directs the Mayor and City Manager to purchase said pump and stator from Carl Eric Johnson in an amount not to exceed \$24,866.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-31**

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 two openings on the Downtown Redevelopment Authority. Councilmember Day moved to reappoint Joe Lewis and Susan Wiggins, 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 presented an opening on the Tree Commission. Councilmember Bailey moved to reappoint Debra Patterson, 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, Florence, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented an opening on the Tree Commission. Councilmember Florence moved to appoint Lillie Wyatt, 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 three openings on the Zoning Adjustment and Appeals Board. Councilmember Day moved to table the appointments, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Florence. 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 to rescind the previous motion to table the three openings on the Zoning Adjustment and Appeals Board. Councilmember Florence moved to rescind the tabled motion, 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 two openings on the Zoning Adjustment and Appeals Board. Councilmember Day moved to table the re-appointments, 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 presented an opening on the Zoning Adjustment and Appeals Board. Councilmember Florence moved to appoint Earnest Coleman, 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.

Councilmember Green thanked the City for their quick efforts to keep the Citizens safe and the roads safe during the snow that occurred on Sunday, January 18, 2026.

City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that recent comments that were made on social media regarding the City's Finance and the City Manager were not truthful and he wanted to ensure Council and the Citizens that the accusations were false.

City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that in recent news there are reports regarding three missing people from Phenix City. Mr. Hunter also stated that one of the missing persons was in California when they went missing. Mr. Hunter further stated that the Police Department is working on the cases and also needs information from the public if anyone has any information to share and that their identity would be protected. Mr. Hunter stated that they are partnering with the Russell County Sheriff's Department to investigate the cases as well. Chief of Police Joseph Weierick stated that the cases stay active until the individuals are found and that they have a national database that they can check to see if the individuals are found nationwide. Chief Weierick also stated that in the last five years, Phenix City has had 850 individual's reported as missing or runaways and of those there are four currently still missing. Chief Weierick further stated that the remaining cases are open and that their investigators are working them.

City Manager Wallace Hunter addressed the upcoming winter weather forecast that may affect the local area. Mr. Hunter stated that the City is preparing in case there is bad weather.

Mayor Lowe stated that they are thankful for seeing another year. Mayor Lowe encouraged everyone to continue to do the right thing and being proactive to help to make our community better. Mayor Lowe stated that they are grateful for everyone and thank you to CTV Beam for brining the meeting to the Citizens of Phenix City.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until February 6, 2026.