

**MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 2026**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 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 James Graham and City Clerk Shannon Davis.

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

Paster Grant Parker of Epworth Global Methodist Church delivered the invocation as listed on the agenda.

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

Mayor Lowe presented a proclamation recognizing Arbor Day.

PROCLAMATION

Jennifer Davidson from Russell County Extension Office and volunteer Mr. Silverman came forward to accept the proclamation.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the February 2, 2026 Work Session Meeting and the February 3, 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 Resolution No. 2026-38 to be ratified in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to sign Change Order No. 2 with Warr Grading Contractors, Inc., for improvements to Moon Lake at Idle Hour Park for the additional amount of \$272,762.00 and a total amount not to exceed \$2,520,019.0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-38

Councilmember Green 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 renewing the tax structure of the City of Phenix City, Alabama, for the tax year beginning October 1, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-39

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 in reference to authorizing and directing the commencement of legal proceedings against Spire Alabama, Inc., and Miller Pipeline Corporation for damages caused to the City's stormwater infrastructure along 6th Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-40

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 authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to sign Change Order No. 2 with Gordy Construction Company for the Miracle Field at Lakewood Park Project for the additional amount of \$3,755.00 and a total amount not to exceed \$143,940.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-41

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 Alabama Power to install six (6) 53 Watt LED Street Light (5,001 – 8,500) Lumens – Type II – Gray 4000k) on Fontaine Road.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-42

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 Alabama Power to install one (1) 53 Watt LED Street Light (5,001 – 8,500) Lumens – Type II – Gray 4000k) on Pole #6-021267 at the corner of Summerville Road and Magnolia Place.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-43

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 authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to make application to ALDOT for funding assistance from the Rebuild Alabama Act Annual Grant Program for resurfacing of Seale Road from 5th Street South to SR-38 (US 280).

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-44

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 the Mayor to sign and submit the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant application for the Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-45

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 rejecting all bids received for Bid E26-01 Hot Mix Asphalt Paving, Roadway, Drainage and City facility and property improvements.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-46

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 the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement with KPJ Lawn Services, LLC for maintenance services on the City's ten (10) cemeteries in an amount not to exceed \$9,940.00 monthly and \$119,280.00 annually.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-47

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 to sign the Water Filtration Plant ADEM permit modification application and pay the one-time application fee of \$2,250.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-48

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 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 purchase the required plug valves and check valves from Eco-Tech for the Holland Creek Lift Station upgrade project in an amount not to exceed \$55,737.69.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-49

Councilmember Bailey 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 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 purchase five (5) Endress+Hauser flowmeters from TriNova, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$8,736.60.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-50

Councilmember Bailey 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 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 the updated pricing from Pace Labs with the estimated annual testing cost of \$36,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-51

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

Mayor Lowe presented an Itemized Statement of Expense for Councilmember Vickey Green in the total amount of \$62.25. Councilmember Florence moved to approve the Itemized Statement of Expense in the total amount of \$62.25, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Green, Bailey, Florence, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe stated that Councilmember Day left early to attend a funeral.

Councilmember Green thanked Pastor Grant Parker for his prayer. Councilmember Green congratulated Lorretta Rose for receiving a reward at the Black History Breakfast. Councilmember Green thanked her for her continuing support as a liaison between the City and the Community.

City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that they have received questions in regards to the closing of the Piggly Wiggly. Mr. Hunter stated that the owners of the property do have plans for the location. Mr. Hunter encouraged everyone to pray for the Federal Government as a nation so that we do not have any further government shut downs. Mr. Hunter stated that the Civil Rights Leader Reverend Jesse Jackson has passed away and he wanted to thank him for all of the struggles and effort he put into helping to build a better nation through diversity. Mr. Hunter also stated that if it was not for Reverend Jesse Jackson, he would not be in the position he is in today. Mr. Hunter further stated he is thankful for the inclusion that they have today and that they need their history in order to continue to move things forward. Mr. Hunter encouraged everyone to be decent to each other and that he is thankful to God for being able to get to this point.

Mayor Lowe thanked Pastor Grant Parker for his thoughtful prayer and stated that the City is blessed that he chose the City of Phenix City to live. Mayor Lowe stated that they are all blessed to live in Phenix City regardless of their faith or ethnicity. Mayor Lowe also stated that they have an civic responsibility to the Citizens. Mayor Lowe challenged the Council to continue to be a lifter and not a leaner for the Community and that they should be lifting each other up. Mayor Lowe thanked God for the community. Mayor Lowe also thanked CTV Beam for bringing the meeting to the Citizens. Mayor Lowe encouraged everyone to continue to show compassion and love to one another with the fruit of the spirit.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until March 3, 2026.