

Approved as presented to Council on 3/17/26

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 3, 2026**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 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 McKoon, and City Clerk Shannon Davis.

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

Councilmember Bailey delivered the invocation.

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

City Manager Wallace Hunter and Human Resources Specialist Eliza Phillips-Wyatt presented employee service recognitions to Lynette Shorter – 5 years, Dennis Williams – 25 years, Brenda Sanders – 30 years. Ms. Phillips-Wyatt stated that David Voss – 5 years and Jimmy Lloyd – 15 years, were not in attendance.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the February 17, 2026 Work Session Meeting and the February 18, 2026 Council Meeting for approval. Councilmember Day moved to approve the minutes, 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 stated there was no unfinished business to address at this time.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to a moratorium being placed on all annexations into the City of Phenix City from Russell and Lee Counties.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-51-A**

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 the Mayor and City Manager to sign an agreement with the Russell County Emergency Management Agency to consider waiving all applicable building and permit fees associated with the construction of the new EMA building.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-52**

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 Mayor and City Manager to sign the lease agreements with Quadient Leasing for the existing current postage machines.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-53**

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 various items as surplus listed on the attachment entitled "Exhibit A" to be sold as scrap, or be disposed of at the City Landfill.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-54**

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 declaring personal property as surplus and disposing of for the nominal sum of \$1.00 and other valuable considerations to the Muscogee County Sheriff's Department.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-55**

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to the purchase of one 2026 Ford F-250 Supercrew 4x4 Pickup Truck from Stivers Ford Lincoln in an amount not to exceed \$50,330.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-56**

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 authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to hire Terry Construction to construct a building enclosure at the Waste Water Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-57**

Councilmember Bailey 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 for first reading an Ordinance to exempt certain covered items from the municipal sales and use tax during the third full weekend of July, 2026, referred to as the "Back-to-School" Sales Tax Holiday. Councilmember Day 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 for first reading an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Phenix City, Alabama, Chapter 82, Article II, Section 82-20 Relating to Establishment of Water Rates Schedule, Section 82-21 Relating to Establishment of Sewer Rates Schedule, and Section 82-22 Relating to the Payment of Bills. Councilmember Day 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 Zoning Adjustment and Appeals Board. Councilmember Green moved to appoint Willie Davis, 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 Day congratulated the employees with 80 years of services to the City of Phenix City.

City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that they attended the Government Officials Day and it was very nice. Mr. Hunter also stated that the country is at war and that they are looking at the City and how it is affecting people and it was not safe. Mr. Hunter further stated that everyone should be cautious because random acts of violence can happen anywhere. Mr. Hunter stated that many of the Citizens have family members in the military and that the City is next to Ft. Benning which is one of the largest military bases in the country and could be in the direct target for anything to happen and that there is so much to be aware of right now. Mr. Hunter encouraged everyone to stay up to date on the news and what is going on in our nation and the world. Mr. Hunter stated that our nation has been fortunate not to have had wars on our homeland but that we have seen the effects that it has had on other nations. Mr. Hunter thanked the City workers for continuing to have good attitudes towards keeping the City clean and safe. Mr. Hunter stated that they are trying to clean the City up and that it has been a struggle with some of the Citizens that continue to throw trash out with no regards for the workers having to constantly cleanup their mess. Mr. Hunter also stated that the City has to put measures in place to help prevent people from throwing out trash and that it will start with the judicial system to impose stricter fines and penalties for the offenses in order to clean up the City. Mr. Hunter further stated that it is a

disrespect to the workers that are on the streets all over the City continuously cleaning up. Mr. Hunter encouraged everyone to be a more respectful community and have compassion for people. Mr. Hunter stated that there will be cameras put out to catch those that are littering and measures in place for Citizens to report what they see. Mr. Hunter also stated that they have to clean up Phenix City.

Councilmember Bailey stated that people that have an ownership in their property also have an investment and they want to keep the value but people that do not have ownership may not be as likely to have the same value in the property. Councilmember Bailey also stated that we should all have pride and value where we live, work and do business. Councilmember Bailey further stated that we should all take pride in the City and in other cities that they may travel through. Councilmember Bailey stated that as people travel into Alabama, the first thing they see is the welcome sign stating Alabama the Beautiful but that it is not always beautiful due to the disrespect of people throwing out trash.

Mayor Lowe stated that he believes that the majority of the Citizens in Phenix City have chosen to live in Phenix City. Mayor Lowe encouraged people to not be part of the problem but rather a part of the solution. Mayor Lowe stated that they were all in it together and that if one is bad it makes them all look bad and if one looks good, they all look good and that also sums up this community and if anyone sees others not doing right, they have the judiciary responsibility to say something and report it. Mayor Lowe also stated that the City will be taking measures for stricter penalties to ensure that the City is cleaner than what it is today. Mayor Lowe further stated that they are grateful to be in the community and take pride in the City. Mayor Lowe thanked the Council, Department Heads, and Citizens. Mayor Lowe also thanked God for the community. Mayor Lowe further thanked CTV Beam for bringing the meeting to the Citizens. Mayor Lowe stated that they will continue to show their good moral and character for the community.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until March 17, 2026.