

**MEETING MINUTES
March 17, 2026**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Idle Hour Park Community Center, Phenix City, Alabama, 36867. Upon roll call, the following members of Council were present: Councilmember Vickey C. Green, Councilmember Steve Bailey, Councilmember Jasponica Florence, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Councilmember Arthur L. Day, Jr., was not present. 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.

Minister Steve Watkins of the City of Faith Church delivered the invocation as listed on the agenda.

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

Mayor Lowe, City Manager Wallace Hunter, and Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan presented a plaque recognizing William David Quinney for years of service to the Community.

PRESENTATION

William David Quinney came forward to accept the plaque.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the March 2, 2026 Work Session Meeting and the March 3, 2026 Council Meeting for approval. Councilmember Green 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 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. 2026-58 to be ratified in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to sign Change Order No.1 with Musco Sports Lighting, LLC, for the upgrade to the ball field lighting at the Idle Hour Park Sports Complex on Airport for the total adjusted cost of \$653,018.50.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-58

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

Mayor Lowe presented Resolution No. 2026-59 to be ratified in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to sign Change Order No.3 with Warr Grading Contractors, Inc., for improvements to Moon Lake at Idle Hour Park for the additional amount of \$8,500.00 and a total amount not to exceed \$2,528,519.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-59

Councilmember Green moved to ratify 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 Resolution No. 2026-60 to be ratified in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to sign and enter into an agreement with Terracon Consultants, Inc., to perform a Limited Site Investigation (LSI) on two properties located on 12th Street in an amount not to exceed \$13,400.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-60

Councilmember Florence moved to ratify 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 eight resolutions in reference to awarding bids for the demolition and removal of structures on the following properties:

1. 915 8th Avenue – Elite Hauling & Landworks - \$5,168.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-61

2. 100 14th Avenue South - Great Southern Furniture - \$2,650.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-62

3. 1108 17th Avenue - Elite Hauling & Landworks - \$2,856.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-63

4. 1820 6th Court - Great Southern Furniture - \$4,650.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-64

5. 808 13th Court - Elite Hauling & Landworks - \$3,323.50

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-65

6. 1005 15th Place - Great Southern Furniture - \$4,825.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-66

7. 800 16th Street – J & J Land Developing, Inc. - \$9,800.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-67

8. 1014 20th Street - Great Southern Furniture - \$2,850.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-68

Councilmember Green moved to approve the resolutions, 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 a resolution in reference to rejecting bids received for the demolition of property located at 1100 11th Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-69

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 a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding Agreement with Willow Capital Partners, LLC.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-70

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 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 except the proposal from BSI to perform the necessary survey on the right of way of Norfolk Southern Railway on North Railroad Street in an amount not to exceed \$14,500.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-71

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 a resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to accept a quote from ClearSpan under Sourcewell Contract #110822-CSS for services needed for the installation of a 30'x60' metal building to be used for storing and shipping electronics recycling in an amount not to exceed \$143,433.47.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-72

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 the purchase of a Vactor 2100i Combination Sewer Cleaner Vehicle from Sansom Equipment Company, through the Sourcewell Contract 101221-VTF in an amount not to exceed \$513,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-73

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 a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into and sign an agreement with Brown & Son, LLC, to install a 200amp electrical service and meter for the Miracle League Field at Lakewood Park in an amount not to exceed \$4,791.64.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-74

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 accepting a quote from Affordable Fencing Solutions for materials and installation of the fencing for the Miracle League Field at Lakewood Park in an amount not to exceed \$28,764.03.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-75

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 a resolution in reference to accepting a quote from Outdoor Aluminum for bleachers and benches for the Miracle League Field at Lakewood Park in an amount not to exceed \$14,305.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-76

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 accepting a quote from GameTime for the purchase and installation of Shade Coverings for the bleachers and dugouts for the Miracle League Field at Lakewood Park in an amount not to exceed \$93,907.93.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-77

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 a resolution in reference to accepting a quote from GameTime for the purchase and installation of the GT-Impax Synthetic Safety Surfacing for the Miracle League Field at Lakewood Park in an amount not to exceed \$222,075.12.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-78

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 the Mayor and City Manager to sign and enter into an agreement with Greenwalt Hospitality, LLC dba B & B Beverage Management for beverage and bartending staff management at the Phenix City Amphitheatre 2026 through 2028.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-79

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 a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to sign a contract with M & M Staging for a roofing system lease at the Phenix City Amphitheater April 1, 2026 through December 15, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-80

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 sign a contract with Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc., for a fireworks presentation at the Phenix City Amphitheatre on July 4, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-81

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 a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to sign a contract with Signal Fire Agency for The Wild Feathers to perform at the Phenix City Amphitheater on July 4, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-82

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to declaring items surplus to be disposed of at the City Landfill.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-83

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 a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to hire Sansom Equipment Company to repair the Vacuum and Jetter Truck WWC-73 for the estimated cost of \$24,605.88.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-84

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 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 two submersible pumps from Jim House and Associates in an amount not to exceed \$38,650.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-85

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 for second 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02

Councilmember Florence moved to approve the Ordinance, 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. ABSTAIN: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented an opening for the Alabama League of Municipalities Voting Delegate. Councilmember Green moved to appoint Councilmember Arthur Day as the voting delegate, 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 opening for the Alabama League of Municipalities first alternate Voting Delegate. Councilmember Florence moved to appoint Councilmember Green as the first alternate Voting Delegate motion, 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 Kerrie Jones of the Phenix City Russell County Library in the total amount of \$116.98. Councilmember Green moved to approve the Itemized Statement of Expense in the total amount of \$116.98, 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.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a claim against the City of Phenix City, filed by Edna Lane. Mr. Graham stated that the claim states that on July 26, 2025 Ms. Lane fell in the 14th Street parking garage sustaining injuries. Mr. Graham also stated that Assistant City Manager Chan Gamble provided a memo and recommended denying the claim due to the fact that the City had no prior knowledge of lighting issues within the parking garage and that there was a video of the incident that indicated that Ms. Lane appeared to be distracted at the time of the fall. Mr. Graham recommended denying the claim. Councilmember Bailey moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to deny the claim, 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.

City Manager Wallace Hunter reviewed recent false claims on social media against the City made by someone from the Board of Realtors. Mr. Hunter stated that his main issue with the information is that it goes against Citizens that are purchasing homes because of the escalating prices of homes. Mr. Hunter also stated that people have waited a while for the interest rates to decrease in order to purchase a home and that people that could not ordinarily afford to purchase can now have the opportunity. Mr. Hunter further stated that the Board of Realtors should be advising potential home buyers on the low trending interest rates in order to assist them but the prices for homes have sky rocketed. Mr. Hunter stated that his concern is for the Citizens that want to afford to purchase a home and ensure inclusion for all Citizens.

Mayor Lowe stated that the City's Miracle Field Project is a prime example of the City's achievement of inclusion for all Citizens in the community. Mayor Lowe also stated that the Council consistently stands for unity and want to ensure that all Citizens in Phenix City have an

opportunity and that the Council has acted with good integrity, morals and character to help in achieving these goals. Mayor Lowe further stated that they can live with someone not liking them when they are doing the right thing. Mayor Lowe encouraged everyone to continue to lift each other up and the community and show more compassion, empathy and sympathy to one another.

Councilmember Bailey stated that Councilmember Day was not present because he is attending the National League of City Conference in Washington DC on behalf of the City and that they appreciate what he is doing for the City.

Mayor Lowe stated that the Council may not always agree but that they never clip one another and they support each other. Mayor Lowe also stated that there has to be a level of trust in the community. Mayor Lowe encourage everyone to pray for each other.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until April 7, 2026.