

Approved as Presented to Council on 4/21/26

MEETING MINUTES
April 7, 2026

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 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.

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

Councilmember Day 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 Amanda Dodge – 10 years. Ms. Chastain stated that Jimmy Bryant – 10 years and Shane Eldridge – 10 years, were not in attendance.

Mayor Lowe presented a proclamation recognizing National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

PROCLAMATION

Miss Phenix City Evie Smith came forward to accept the proclamation.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the March 16, 2026 Work Session Meeting for approval. Councilmember Florence 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 Green, Bailey, Florence, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: Councilmember Day. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the March 17, 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: Councilmember Day. 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 audited financial statement as presented by Robinson, Grimes and Company, P.C. for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-86

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 the Mayor and City Manager to sign Change Order No. 6 with Ben Gordy Construction for additional framing for the roof hip and cricket, additional fascia blocking and nailers, and roof insulation and flashing for an additional amount of \$13,800.00 and a total amount not to exceed \$1,881,488.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-87

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 one (1) 53 Watt LED Street Light (5,001 – 8,500) Lumens – Type II – Gray 4000K at the corner of 15th Street & 14th Avenue on Pole #6-020043.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-88

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 two (2) 138 Watt LED Street Lights (14,001 – 27,000) Lumens – Type III – Gray 4000K at the intersection of Summerville Road and St. Andrews Way.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-89

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 the approval and adoption of the Central City Urban Renewal and Redevelopment Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-90

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 the approval and adoption of the Downtown and Riverfront Design Guidelines.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-91

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 the purchase of a 2023 International CV Dump Truck from Artex Truck Center in an amount not to exceed \$81,400.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-92

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 and enter into an agreement with ChemSeal, Inc. to paint all striping for the Miracle League Field at Lakewood Park in an amount not to exceed \$4,052.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-93

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 Change Order No. 1 with Brown & Sons, LLC for the Miracle Field at Lakewood Park Project for the additional amount of \$2,800.00 and a total amount not to exceed \$7,591.64.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-94

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 awarding Bid E26-02 Hot Mix Asphalt Paving, Roadway, Drainage and City Facility and Property Improvements to Robinson Paving Company.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-95

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 awarding Bid E26-03 Hot Mix Asphalt Pickup to Robinson Paving Company.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-96

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 enter into a Preliminary Engineering agreement with ALDOT for the resurfacing of Riverchase Drive from Airport Road to Summerville Road, Project # STPPC-4126.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-97

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 items on the attached list as surplus to be transferred to the Phenix City Utilities Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-98

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 authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, and Police Chief to sign an agreement with Alabama Power Company for two license Plate Reader (LPR) Camera systems.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-99

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 and enter into an agreement with Building and Earth Sciences, Inc. to perform emergency soil borings along Broad Street and 12th Street in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-100

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 sign Change Order No. 1 with Cornerstone H2O to request additional parts for an additional amount of \$31,950.00 and a total amount not to exceed \$521,700.00 for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Emergency Screening Modification project.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-101

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 authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to sign Change Order No. 2 with A.N. Smith Co. Inc. to furnish equipment and programming for SCADA control of the bar screens for an additional amount of \$17,472.46 and a total amount not to exceed \$539,172.46 for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Emergency Screening Modification project.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-102

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 and enter into an agreement with ADS Environmental Services for Wireless Sim & Prism basic web hosting for flow monitor and rain gauge data collection, storage and reporting in an amount not to exceed \$19,466.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-103

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 purchase a Caterpillar 305 Mini-Excavator from Sourcewell Contract #011723-CAT in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-104

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 for second 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. The following schedule of rates and regulations regarding the furnishing of water and sewer from the City of Phenix City water system and sanitary sewer is hereby established and declared to be effective April 8, 2026: Standard \$21.25 and Commercial & Industrial \$42.75.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03

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

Mayor Lowe presented a Letter of Recommendation from the Planning Commission, Public Notice and Ordinance to annex 0.35 +/- acres of land lying in Section 33, Township 17 North, Range 30 East, Russell County, Alabama, into an R-1 Zone (Low Density Residential District) located at 2309 12th Street South, Cleve Huckaby, Stanley Huckaby and Steve Huckaby owners.

LETTER

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE

Councilmember Day moved to accept the letter, approve the public notice, and place the ordinance on first reading, 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 first reading an application for an Off-Premise Beer License, Off-Premise Wine License submitted by Gas Express, LLC dba GX 727 located at 17 Ashwood Drive, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Day moved to place the applications on first reading, 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 an Itemized Statement of Expense for Sandra Thomas of the Phenix City Municipal Court in the total amount of \$370.19. Councilmember Florence moved to approve the Itemized Statement of Expense in the total amount of \$370.19, 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.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a notice of claim against the City of Phenix City, filed by Floyd & Floyd Attorneys at Law on behalf of Ronald Estes. Mr. Graham stated that the claim alleges that there were damages to Mr. Estes property and foundation caused by a water leak in January of 2024. Mr. Graham also stated that after investigation of the claim, the City is not liable and recommended denying the claim. Councilmember Day moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to deny the claim, 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.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a notice of claim against the City of Phenix City, filed by Cross Law Firm on behalf of Neal Gentry. Mr. Graham stated that the claim alleges that there was a berm/swale removed by City contractors causing damaged to his property. Mr. Graham also stated that the damage was on City property. Mr. Graham recommended denying the claim. Councilmember Green moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to deny the claim, 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 called upon Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan to provide an overview to Council on the Downtown Riverfront Design Guidelines. Mr. Culligan provided a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the plans and current status of the Downtown Redevelopment Project.

City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that there will be upcoming building renovations for the Municipal, Utilities, and Building Departments. Mr. Hunter also stated that the security systems throughout the City are being upgraded.

Mayor Lowe encouraged all City employees to keep their hearts in their work. Mayor Lowe stated that it is okay to disagree but that at the end of the day we should still love and respect one another. Mayor Lowe thanked everyone for attending.

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