

MEETING MINUTES
April 21, 2026

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

Pastor Karen Seifert of Summerville United Methodist Church delivered the invocation as listed on the agenda.

Mayor Lowe led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Mayor Lowe presented a proclamation recognizing Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

PROCLAMATION

Executive Director of (RCEA) Rape Councilors of East Alabama Vickie Deering came forward to accept the proclamation.

Mayor Lowe presented a proclamation recognizing Building Safety Month.

PROCLAMATION

Chief Building Official Ray Rogers and Fire Chief Kristen Kennedy came forward to accept the proclamation.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the April 6, 2026 Work Session 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, Florence, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: Councilmember Bailey. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the April 7, 2026 Council Meeting for approval. Councilmember Green 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 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 authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to sign and enter into a Remnant Defendant Opioid Settlement Agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-105

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 making application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the FY 2025 BJA Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for financial assistance.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-106

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 18 resolutions in reference to declaring properties a public nuisance and authorizing and directing the Housing Abatement Board to take necessary action to demolish, remove and clear all building materials, trash, and debris from the following properties:

1. 1507 12th Street

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-107

2. 604 Dillingham Street

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-108

3. 1707 12th Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-109

4. 801 4th Place South

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-110

5. 1019 4th Street

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-111

6. 1420 10th Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-112

7. 518 11th Avenue South

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-113

8. 823 ½ 13th Court

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-114

9. 116 14th Court South

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-115

10. 1108 20th Avenue South

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-116

11. 1503 12th Place

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-117

12. 2410 17th Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-118

13. 709 12th Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-119

14. 909 Larry Court

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-120

15. 400 11th Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-121

16. 218 11th Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-122

17. 1402 14th Court

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-123

18. 1404 14th Court

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-124

Councilmember Day moved to approve the resolutions, 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 three resolutions and Public Notices in reference to setting public hearing dates and fixing demolitions costs associated with the following properties located in Phenix City:

1. 915 8th Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-125
PUBLIC NOTICE

2. 808 13th Court

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-126
PUBLIC NOTICE

3. 1108 17th Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-127
PUBLIC NOTICE

Councilmember Day moved to approve the resolutions and Public Notices, 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 approve payment to Southern Rewinding and to declare the repair of Flocculators 1 and 2 emergencies in an amount not to exceed \$18,536.97.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-128

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 and enter into a Task Order 2025-05 with Hazen and Sawyer for the Waste Water Filtration Plant in an amount not to exceed \$206,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-129

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 authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into and sign a proposal from Revere Control Systems to install an aeration basin instrumentation in an amount not to exceed \$90,766.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-130

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 purchase additional parts and service from Endress+Hauser for \$9,525.40 and to hire Brown & Son, LLC to install flow meters and parts in an amount not to exceed \$16,311.51.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-131

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 an opening on the Phenix City Housing Authority Board. Councilmember Day moved to reappoint Noble Williams, 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 presented for second reading an application for an Off-Premise Beer License, and an Off-Premise Wine License submitted by Gas Express, LLC dba GX 727 located at 17 Ashwood Drive, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Florence moved to approve the applications, 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.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a notice of claim against the City of Phenix City, filed by Marr Law Firm, LLC on behalf of Robert Griffin. Mr. Graham stated that the claim alleges that Mr. Griffin sustained injuries from a fall that occurred on the Phenix City Riverwalk due to uneven bricks. Mr. Graham also stated that the City was not aware of the issue with the bricks prior to Mr. Griffin's accident and therefore 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 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.

City Manager Wallace Hunter provided an overview of the history and current status of the Utilities issues with the water plants and water systems and the cost of work that has been performed and critical continuous improvements needed and the costs moving forward. Mr. Hunter reviewed some of the challenges that the City faces in managing the Utilities infrastructure and asked that Citizens be patient as concerns will be addressed. Mr. Hunter stated that the Utilities employees have done a great job in the work that they are doing to manage the waste water plants and ensure that the day to day work is completed. Mr. Hunter also stated that the issues cannot be fixed over night and it does take time. Councilmember Day inquired as to if the recent water rates increase would affect other counties that purchase water from the City. Mr. Hunter stated that the Utilities Department does treat water and provide water to other areas and that they have contracts in place with them and they have been updated to reflect the new rates. Mr. Hunter also stated that it has been many years since the contracts had been updated to reflect inflation and rate increases that are needed. Councilmember Bailey stated that due to the age of the City's infrastructure, there is a lot that needs to be replaced and that it is very costly. Councilmember Bailey also stated that emergency issues have to be addressed first while continuing the day to day work and that the employees are working diligently every day.

Assistant Director of Engineering Chris Casey provided an overview of the upcoming Free Tire Recycle Day that will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at 1500 14th Street. Mr. Casey stated that this event is for Citizens to bring in tires to be recycled at no cost. Mr. Casey also stated that the Citizen will need to bring a copy of their utility bill and ID. Mr. Casey further stated that this event was not for commercial businesses.

Mayor Lowe stated that there may not be a lot of trust amongst the Citizens in regards to City Government but that he encouraged people to realize that the City's infrastructure is very old and that it is not just effecting this City but throughout the Country. Mayor Lowe also stated that the municipalities have to manage the costs of aging infrastructure issues and that managing those costs and determining rate increases are done with detailed analysis study and not at random. Mayor Lowe further stated that the Council is doing everything in the ethical manner that it requires and have been and will continue to be transparent in the decisions that are made for the betterment of the community. Mayor Lowe stated that the Council is doing the right thing for the right reasons. Mayor Lowe encouraged everyone that would like to discuss in further detail to reach out to the Council. Mayor Lowe stated that it was a honor and privilege to serve the

community and thanked the Department Heads, Council and especially the Citizens for allowing them to do their jobs. Mayor Lowe thanked CTV Beam for bringing the meeting to the Citizens.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until May 5, 2026.