

MEETING MINUTES
July 7, 2026

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Tuesday, July 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 G. Florence, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Also present were City Manager Wallace Hunter, City Attorney James McKoon and City Clerk Shannon Davis.

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

Reverend J. Brady Baird of First United Methodist Church delivered the invocation as listed on the agenda.

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

City Manager Wallace Hunter and Human Resources Specialist Eliza Phillips-Wyatt presented an employee service recognition to Lisa Gilley – 5 years, and Johnny Moore – 10 years. Ms. Phillips-Wyatt stated that Veronica Pitts – 15 years was not able to attend.

Mayor Lowe presented the scheduled meeting minutes of the September 2, 2025 Canvass Municipal Election Results 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, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: Councilmember Florence. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the June 15, 2026 Work Session and the June 16, 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 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. 2026-187 to be ratified in reference to purchasing a 2026 Ford F250 Regular Cab with optional equipment, under State Contract, Contract No. 23000003416-1 from Stivers Ford Lincoln in Montgomery, Alabama, in an amount not to exceed \$55,320.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-187

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution and public notice in Reference to a Public Hearing for the proposed 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Proposed Budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-188

PUBLIC NOTICE

Councilmember Florence moved to approve the resolution and public notice, 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 authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to execute a Settlement and Agreement Regarding Removal of Accessory Structure and Compliance with Setback Requirements.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-189

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 satisfaction of a special assessment on property located at 1300 21st Street, property owner Dennis Mason Conner & (ETAL).

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-190

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 Thirteen Resolutions in reference to awarding bids for the demolition and removal of structures on the following properties:

1. 2410 17th Avenue - \$4,285.00 Elite Hauling & Landworks

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-191

2. 518 11th Avenue South - \$2,425.00 Elite Hauling & Landworks

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-192

3. 1707 12th Avenue - \$7,499 Elite Hauling & Landworks

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-193

4. 1507 12th Street - \$4,625.00 Great Southern Furniture

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-194

5. 604 Dillingham Street - \$4,225.00 Elite Hauling & Landworks

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-195

6. 801 4th Place South - \$4,233.00 Elite Hauling & Landworks

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-196

7. 1019 4th Street - \$3,750.00 Elite Hauling & Landworks

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-197

8. 1420 10th Avenue - \$4,730.00 Elite Hauling & Landworks

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-198

9. 823 ½ 13th Court - \$3,150.00 Elite Hauling & Landworks

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-199

10. 1108 20th Avenue South - \$7,200.00 J & J Land Developing, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-200

11. 709 12th Avenue - \$3,999.00 Elite Hauling & Landworks

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-201

12. 400 11th Avenue - \$3,950.00 J & J Land Developing, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-202

13. 218 11th Avenue - \$4,850.00 J & J Land Developing, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-203

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to approving and adopting the updated Phenix City Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP).

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-204

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 declaring a 2007 Freightliner Heil Truck / 20 Yard Garbage Truck as surplus to be sold as scrap or disposed of at the City Landfill.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-205

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 declaring various items as surplus to be disposed of or destroyed at the landfill.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-206

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 fire hoses, ranging in sizes from 1.75 to 2.5 inches in diameter, as no longer serviceable and are hereby declared surplus to be transferred to the Utilities Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-207

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 5-inch fire hose couplings, as no longer serviceable and are hereby declared surplus to be sold as scrap.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-208

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 5-inch fire hoses, as no longer serviceable and are hereby declared surplus to be disposed of at the City Landfill.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-209

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 declaring personal property as surplus and disposing of for the consideration of the nominal sum of \$1.00 and other valuable considerations to Anthony Roberts in recognition of his 22 years of public service.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-210

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 a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager, as authorizing officials and Joseph K. Weierick as Chief of Police, to make application to the U.S. Department of Justice, COPS Technology and Equipment Program, for said financial assistance.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-211

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 accept a quote from Hydrocal LLC, for the replacement of filter flow meters in an amount not to exceed \$16,900.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-212

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 approve and sign Change Order No. 01 with Warr Grading Contractor, Inc. for additional work and material in an amount not to exceed \$50,379.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-213

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 accept three quotes to install an AC unit, electrical service, and insulation, in a total amount not to exceed \$23,493.64.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-214

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 and directing the Mayor and City Manager to approve payment of invoice #12859 from Warr Grading Contractor, Inc. for said repair and repaving of a portion of US 80 in an amount not to exceed \$36,566.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-215

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 Letter of Recommendation from Planning Commission, Public Notice, and Ordinance to annex into the City of Phenix City, Alabama, tracts of land lying in Section 30, Township 18 North, Range 30 East, Lee County, Alabama. Said property to be annexed in as an R-3 Zone (High Density Residential District). William H. & Patricia A. Sellers, 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 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 Summary Statement of Expense for Councilmember Vickey C. Green in the total amount of \$127.60. Councilmember Day moved to approve the Summary Statement of Expense in the total amount of \$127.60, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Florence, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: Councilmember Green. The motion thus passed.

City Attorney James McKoon presented a claim against the City of Phenix City, filed by Randy Miles. Mr. McKoon stated that the claim alleges that the City of Phenix City is liable for damages to Mr. Miles property as a result of a fallen tree. Mr. McKoon also stated that the tree in question appears to have originated from City property; however, the City had no prior knowledge that the tree was a nuisance or a danger to the property, therefore, Mr. McKoon recommended denying the claim. Councilmember Day 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 Day, Green, Bailey, Florence, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

City Attorney James McKoon presented a claim against the City of Phenix City, filed by Vickie Hodge. Mr. McKoon stated that the claim alleges that the City of Phenix City is liable for the damages to Ms. Hodge's fence from an accident that occurred at the fence. Mr. McKoon also stated that the Public Works Department did not have a crew working in the area of Ms. Hodge's property on the day of the accident; therefore, the City is not liable. Mr. McKoon recommended denying the claim. Councilmember Florence 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.

Councilmember Bailey stated that the 250 Year Anniversary of the United States may have passed but that the next 250 Years is beginning. Councilmember Bailey encouraged everyone to pray for our leaders and the citizens of the United States.

Councilmember Day encouraged the Citizens of Phenix City to help the City in keeping the City clean.

Councilmember Day thanked the Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes and his team for the Independence Day Celebration as it was a great event.

City Manager Wallace Hunter thanked the Fire Department, IT Department, Public Safety, Police Department, School Resources Officers, and the School System for working and collaborating on the recent Grant that they received. Mr. Hunter stated that Chief Kennedy has been a tremendous help in assisting with the work on the grant. Mr. Hunter also stated that they need to continue to build on the relationships that the City has with other areas like the School Superintendent and Russell County leaders. Mr. Hunter further stated that it is coming up to Budget Meetings and he provided insight into the structure of funds within the City. Mr. Hunter encouraged Citizens to attend any of the meetings to understand the process that the City goes through during budget season.

City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that the City's Summer Youth Work Program was working very well. Mr. Hunter also stated that the program was helping to build a strong work ethic in the youth attending and to train them to be able to take on jobs in any of the City's departments in the future. Mr. Hunter thanked the local restaurants that help in feeding the youth in the program and to Parks and Recreation for their time and commitment. Mr. Hunter further stated that the program provides youth to assist in clean up in every district of the City. Mr. Hunter thanked the Council for allowing him to budget for this program.

Mayor Lowe stated that the City needs the assistance of the Citizens in the community to assist with the trash related issues. Mayor Lowe also stated that the City has been in discussion regarding the issue with littering throughout the City and that additional measures will have to be enforced. Mayor Lowe encouraged the Citizens to call and report anything to the City. Mayor Lowe thanked the Council and the Department Heads and encouraged everyone to continue to pray for one another. Mayor Lowe thanked CTV Beam for bringing the meeting to the Citizens of Phenix City.

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