

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 2, 2019**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time for the regularly scheduled work session on Wednesday, January 2, 2019, in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building located at 601 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Phenix City, Alabama. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Councilmember Arthur L. Day, Jr., Councilmember Vickey Carter Johnson, Councilmember Steve Bailey, Councilmember R. Griff Gordy, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Also present were City Manager Wallace B. Hunter, City Clerk Melony Lee, and City Attorney Jimmy Graham. Department Heads in attendance were: Building Official Gil Griffith, Economic Director Shaun Culligan, Engineering Director Angel Moore, Utilities Director Stephen Smith, Finance Director Labrita King Copeland, Fire Chief Kris Kennedy, IT Director Mike Bauer, Library Director Michele Kilday, Municipal Court Clerk Ruby White, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Human Resources Director Stephanie Chastain, Asst. Chief of Police Gail Green, and Graduate Engineer John Spraggins.

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

The invocation was led by Councilmember Johnson.

Mayor Lowe advised there were no requests to address Council.

Mayor Lowe called upon Engineering Director Angel Moore to discuss the actions taken by the Planning Commission at their December 11, 2018 meeting. Engineering Director Angel Moore advised the meeting was cancelled due to the holiday.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Clerk Melony Lee who discussed the following with Mayor and Council:

1. Reminded everyone that the council meeting will be January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00p.m.
2. Reminded everyone that on January 8<sup>th</sup>, the Planning Commission will meet at 5:15 p.m.
3. Reminded everyone of the Homage Park Meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.
4. Reminded everyone of the next work session on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.
5. Reminded everyone of the next council meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
6. Reminded everyone of the State of the City Address on January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Martin-Idle Hour Park Community Center.
7. Reminded everyone the City offices will be closed on January 21<sup>st</sup> for Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.
8. Reminded everyone of the Elected Officials Luncheon on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.
9. Reminded everyone the City offices will be closed on February 18<sup>th</sup> for President's Day.
10. Advised Mayor and Council of the Zoning Adjustments and Appeals Board Appointments for February 2019.

Councilmember Day inquired about the 5<sup>th</sup> Street South update. Engineering Director Angel Moore advised the project was going slow due to the rain but it was scheduled to be completed in eight months with weather permitting.

Councilmember Bailey inquired about the break on utility tap fees for homebuilders. City Manager Wallace Hunter and Utilities Director Stephen Smith discussed the fees and the impact they have on new home construction. Also discussed was an increase in housing costs.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Monday, January 14, 2019.