

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
May 7, 2019**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time for the regularly scheduled work session on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building located at 601 12th Street, Phenix City, Alabama. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Councilmember Steve Bailey, Councilmember R. Griff Gordy, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Councilmember Arthur L. Day, Jr., and Councilmember Vickey Carter Johnson were not present. 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 Development Manager Shaun Culligan, Assistant Director of Engineering Mike Pattillo, Utilities Director Stephen Smith, Finance Director Labrita King Copeland, IT Director Mike Bauer, Fire Chief Kris Kennedy, Library Director Michele Kilday, Municipal Court Clerk Ruby White, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Human Resources Director Stephanie Chastain, Police Chief Ray Smith, and Graduate Engineer John Spraggins.

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

The invocation was led by Mayor Lowe.

Mayor Lowe advised there were no requests to address Council.

Mayor Lowe called upon Assistant Director of Engineering Mike Pattillo to discuss the actions taken by the Planning Commission at their April 23, 2019 meeting.

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

1. Informed Council that Chattahoochee Valley Community College will have its commencement exercises May 10, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
2. Advised Council of the Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement Luncheon will be held on May 14, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.
3. Reminded Council that City offices will be closed on May 27, 2019 for Memorial Day.
4. Reminded Council that the Mayors Ball will be held June 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
5. Reminded Council that the June 18, 2019 Council Meeting will be held at the Central Activity Center at 6:00 p.m.
6. Reviewed upcoming board appointments.

Councilmember Gordy stated that it had been brought to his attention that some business have already began charging the sales tax increase that goes into effect on July 1, 2019. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that he would like the identity of the establishment(s) so that Building Official Gill Griffith or he could address the issue and verify charges. Utilities Director Steve Smith stated that businesses are not allowed to keep the increase and it should go to the state.

Councilmember Bailey commended City Attorney Jimmy Graham on his diligences in handling the cities affairs. Councilmember Bailey stated that while attending the Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Convention this week in Mobile, Alabama, other areas of the state do not have the City Attorney's support or involvement.

Councilmember Gordy inquired about the World Series Plaque for the Phenix City's Little League Baseball team. Todd Hughes, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that funding the plaque was the responsibility of the League and not the City. Todd Hughes also stated that Parks and Recreation would order the plaque once the funds have been paid.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham asked for an Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigations for 15 minutes, from which the meeting would adjourn.

Councilmember Gordy moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigations for 15 minutes, from which the meeting would adjourn. Councilmember Bailey seconded said motion. All were in favor.

Council went into Executive Session at 3:43 p.m.

Council came out of Executive Session at 3:58 p.m.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Monday, May 20, 2019.