

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
August 19, 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 Monday, August 19, 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 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 Development Manager Shaun Culligan, Assistant Director of Engineering Mike Pattillo, Utilities Director Stephen Smith, Finance Director Labrita King Copeland, IT Manager Mike Bauer, Fire Chief Kris Kennedy, Golf Course Director Mike Barber, Library Director Michele Kilday, Municipal Court Clerk Ruby White, Parks & 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 Councilmember Bailey.

Mayor Lowe called upon Daniel L. Larsen to address council, as listed on the agenda. Mr. Larsen was not present. Chief of Police, Ray Smith stated that he had spoken with Mr. Larsen prior to the meeting. Chief Smith also stated that Mr. Larsen wanted to change the name of the street on his property. Chief Smith informed Mr. Larsen that he did not need to speak with Council but need to request a change of address with the 911 Department. Chief Smith stated that the property that Mr. Larsen was referring to is private property and not on City's right of way.

Mayor Lowe called upon Assistant Director of Engineering, Mike Pattillo to discuss the actions taken by the Planning Commission at their August 13, 2019 meeting.

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

1. Informed Council that the Fire Department will have a Promotional Ceremony on August 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
2. Informed Council that Police Department will have a Retirement Reception for Captain Phyllis Pendleton on August 26, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
3. Reminded Council that she will be attending a Municipal Clerk Convention in Tuscaloosa, Alabama August 27- August 30, 2019.
4. Advised Council that the United Way Campaign Kickoff Luncheon will be held on August 29, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. with an RSVP deadline of August 22, 2019.
5. Reminded Council that City Offices will be closed on September 2, 2019 in observance of Labor Day and therefore will push the Work Session and Council Meetings over by a day.
6. Informed council that the September 17th City Council Meeting will be held at the Youth Center on 5th Street South at 6:00 p.m.
7. Reviewed upcoming board appointments.

Steve Smith, Utilities Director stated that in the upcoming months, four City issues / debts are being refinanced along with debts from the Phenix City School System. Mr. Smith also stated that the changes will save the city around 3.6 million dollars which includes the \$850,000.00 that will be saved by refinancing for the School System. Mr. Smith further stated the City will refinance the loan with the Public Building Authority for the new Alabama State Department of Human Resource Building.

City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that the City of Phenix City is growing with different projects and new businesses in the works. City Manager Hunter presented a video presentation on the updates on future projects for the City of Phenix City. The video presentation showed a beautiful sky view of the City and highlighted areas of completed and upcoming projects. The video consisted of Summerville Road to River Chase Drive and Sanford Road to 28th Street Pavement projects, Hickory Heights, White Water Village, Popeye's and Jack's Restaurants and developed and undeveloped land in the City.

Councilmember Bailey stated that he received a couple of calls from concerned citizens about updates on different projects around the City. Councilmember Bailey asked if it was possible to put updates about projects and roadway paving on the website. City Manager stated that the City's website is often updated to address ongoing projects. Mr. Hunter further stated that signs are often posted and flyers are placed in neighborhoods from door to door if resurfacing is scheduled.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

Mayor Lowe informed council that the Phenix City Mayor's Ball Committee will have a Press Conference announcing the 4th Endowment Partnership with Columbus State University on August 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 4, 2019.