

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
January 17, 2023

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, January 17, 2023, at the Martin Idle Hour Park Community Center located at 3743 Moon Lake Drive, Phenix City, Alabama 36867. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Councilmember Arthur L. Day, Jr., Councilmember Vickey F. Carter, Councilmember Steve Bailey, Councilmember R. Griff Gordy, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Also present were City Manager Wallace Hunter, City Attorney Jimmy Graham, and City Clerk Melony Lee. Department Heads in attendance: Deputy Building Official Ray Rogers, Assistant Director of Engineering Mike Pattillo, Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, Planning Director Tracie Hadaway, Fire Chief Kris Kennedy, Golf Manager Mike Barber, Library Director Tammy Henry, Municipal Court Clerk Ruby White, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Human Resource Director Stephanie Chastain, Chief of Police Ray Smith, Assistant Chief of Police George Staudinger, Graduate Engineer John Spraggins and Utilities Director Charles Woody.

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

Councilmember Bailey led the invocation.

Mayor Lowe advised there were no Requests to Address Council.

Mayor Lowe called upon Tracie Hadaway, Economic Development Planning Director, to discuss the actions taken by the Planning Commission at their December 27, 2022 meeting. Ms. Hadaway stated that the meeting was canceled due to no agenda items.

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

1. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on January 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Martin Idle Hour Park Community Center.
2. Informed Council that the Downtown Redevelopment Authority meeting scheduled for January 19, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. has been canceled due to no agenda items.
3. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet January 24, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.
4. Advised Council that the State of City Address will be held on January 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Martin Idle Hour Park Community Center.
5. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on February 6, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at the Martin Idle Hour Park Community Center.
6. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on February 7, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Martin Idle Hour Park Community Center.
7. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet February 14, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.
8. Informed Council that the Closeout and Performance Assessment Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant project, CDBG project, will be held on February 16, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Martin Idle Hour Park Community Center.
9. Informed Council that City Offices will be closed on February 20, 2023 in observance of President's Day Holiday.

10. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on February 21, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at the Martin Idle Hour Park Community Center. This meeting will be held on a Tuesday afternoon due to the President's Day Holiday.
11. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on February 22, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Martin Idle Hour Park Community Center. This meeting will be held on a Wednesday morning due to the President's Day Holiday.
12. Advised Council that Councilmember Day's Elected Officials Luncheon will be held on February 23, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. at the Martin Idle Hour Park Community Center.
13. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet February 28, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.
14. Informed Council that the 2023 Alabama League of Municipalities Advocacy Day will be held on March 8, 2023 in Montgomery, Alabama.
15. Informed Council that the 2023 Alabama League of Municipalities Convention will be held May 10, 2023 through May 13, 2023 in Birmingham, Alabama.
16. Informed Council that the Alabama League of Municipalities CMO Regional Training will be held on July 27, 2023 in Montgomery, Alabama.
17. Reviewed upcoming board appointments.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham reviewed agenda claims with Council.

Councilmember Bailey inquired about an update on the renovation of the Public Safety Building Project. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that there are a few items that need to be delivered and installed. Councilmember Bailey stated that the outside of the building looks great. Chief of Police Ray Smith stated that the inside of the building is coming along well and they are getting closer to completion.

Charles Woody, Utilities Director, stated that the City Clerk's Office received a phone call concerning an issue that a customer was having with the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Woody reviewed the time line that may have lead up to the phone call. Mr. Woody stated that the situation has been handled. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that there is no favoritism shown in any of the City's Departments. Mayor Lowe stated that Council has always maintained fairness and consistency.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Monday, February 6, 2023.