

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
July 3, 2023

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Time for the regularly scheduled Work Session on Monday, July 3, 2023, in the Council Chambers located within the Public Safety Building at 1111 Broad Street, 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: Building Official Ray Rogers, Assistant Director of Engineering Mike Pattillo, Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, City Planner Terry Curry, IT Manager Mike Bauer, Fire Chief Kris Kennedy, Library Director Tammy Henry, Municipal Court Clerk Ruby White, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Kristi Goggans, Human Resource Director Stephanie Chastain, Assistant Chief of Police George Staudinger, and Utilities Director Charles Woody.

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

Councilmember Gordy led the invocation.

Mayor Lowe called upon Terry Curry, City Planner, to discuss the actions taken by the Planning Commission at their June 27, 2023 meeting.

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 July 3, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
2. Informed Council that the City Offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 and Wednesday, July 5, 2023 in observance of 4th of July Holiday.
3. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.
4. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, July 17, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
5. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
6. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.
7. Informed Council that the Mayor's Ball Scholarship Award Night will be held on Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Martin Idle Hour Park Community Center.
8. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session Meeting to be held on Monday, July 31, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
9. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
10. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.
11. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, August 14, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
12. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.

13. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.
14. Reviewed upcoming board appointments.

Councilmember Carter stated that she turned in a PubWorks Ticket for 9th Place and 2nd Avenue for a sewer clean out where the water is not reseeding down in the sewer due to trash and debris. Councilmember Carter asked if it can be addressed.

Councilmember Carter stated that she has noticed the Library's display of events and one of the events had a large turnout. Councilmember Carter also stated that she appreciated all of the work of the library staff and thanked the Director of the Library, Tammy Henry for all that she has done for the Library.

Councilmember Day stated that he had received some positive comments regarding Phenix City and how well the City has been growing.

Councilmember Day inquired about the water leaking and the asphalt around the construction near the Culvert's location. Assistant Director of Engineering Mike Pattillo stated that it is in the process of being fixed and re-covered with asphalt.

Councilmember Day inquired about the Seale Road construction Project. Assistant Director of Engineering Mike Pattillo stated that the contract bid was awarded to the lowest bidder out of Troy Alabama. Mr. Pattillo also stated that they are waiting on ALDOT to schedule the Pre-construction meeting that is held for all new projects.

Councilmember Day inquired about the purchasing of additional graveyard property. Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan stated that the property was closed on last week and a check has been sent. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that the city will still need additional property for cemetery.

Councilmember Gordy inquired about updates on the Saddlebrook property. Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan stated that the proposed buyer had some concerns and decided not to invest in the property, which means it will be relisted.

Councilmember Day inquired about an update to the Miracle Park Project. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that Representative Blackshear will be coming in front of Council to present funds and that the City has budgeted additional funds towards the project.

Mayor Lowe inquired about the new Wendy's Restaurant off of Highway 431. Building Official Ray Rogers stated that the building permits were issued last week and they should be breaking ground on the property soon.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham stated that there were no agenda claims to review with Council.

Mayor Lowe stated that there being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Monday, July 17, 2023.