

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
September 18, 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 Monday, September 18, 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, Assistant City Manager Chan Gamble, City Clerk Melony Lee and City Attorney Jimmy Graham. Department Heads in attendance: Building Official Ray Rogers, Assistant Director of Engineering Michael Pattillo, Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, City Planner Terry Curry, Finance Director Labrita King-Copeland, 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 George Staudinger, Graduate Engineer John Spraggins, and Utilities Director Charles Woody.

Mayor Lowe introduced special guest Mr. William Powell, Synovus Bank trainee.

Mayor Lowe called upon Bill Whatley Jr. to address Council, as listed on the Agenda. Mr. Whatley was not present.

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

Councilmember Day led the invocation.

Mayor Lowe called upon Terry Curry, City Planner, to discuss the actions taken by the Planning Commission at their September 12, 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 Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the 5th Street South Youth Center.
2. Informed Council that Chattahoochee Valley Community College will have a 50th Anniversary Celebration on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.
3. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.
4. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, October 2, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
5. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on October 3, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
6. Informed Council of the Faith and Blue Celebration that will be held on October 8, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. located at Mount Olive Baptist Church.
7. Informed Council that the City Offices will be closed on Monday, October 9, 2023 in observance of Columbus Day Holiday.
8. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.
9. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, October 16, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.

10. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on October 17, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
11. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.
12. Reviewed upcoming board appointments.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham reviewed the claims with Council.

Councilmember Day moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Good Name and Character for one hour, from which the meeting would adjourn. Councilmember Bailey seconded said motion. All were in favor.

Council went into Executive Session at 3:35 p.m.

Council came out of Executive Session at 4:23 p.m.

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