

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
December 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, December 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, Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, City Engineer Angel Moore, Graduate Civil Engineer Chris Casey, Fire Chief Kristen Kennedy, Human Resource Generalist Eliza Phillips, IT Director Mike Bauer, Municipal Court Clerk Ruby White, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Kristi Goggans, Police Chief George Staudinger, and Public Safety Director Ray Smith.

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

Councilmember Day led the invocation.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Engineer Angel Moore to discuss the actions taken by the Planning Commission at their December 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, December 19, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
2. Informed Council that the Retirement Celebration for City Clerk Melony Lee will be held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Martin Idle Hour Park Community Center.
3. Informed Council that the Annual Christmas Luncheon for the City Manager's office will be held on Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.
4. Informed Council that City Offices will close on Friday, December 22, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. in observance of Christmas Holiday.
5. Informed Council that City Offices will be closed on Monday, December 25, 2023 in observance of Christmas Holiday.
6. Informed Council that City Offices will open on Tuesday, December 26, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in observance of Christmas Holiday.
7. Advised Council that the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 26, 2023 at 5:15 p.m. has been cancelled due to the Christmas Holiday.
8. Informed Council that City Offices will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2024 in observance of New Year's Day Holiday.
9. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building. This meeting will be held on a Tuesday afternoon due to the New Year's Day Holiday.
10. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building. This meeting will be held on a Wednesday morning due to the New Year's Day Holiday.
11. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 5:15 p.m.

12. Informed Council that City Offices will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.
13. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building. This meeting will be held on a Tuesday afternoon due to the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.
14. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building. This meeting will be held on a Wednesday morning due to the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.
15. Advised Council that the State of the City is scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. located at the Public Safety Building.
16. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 5:15 p.m.
17. Reviewed upcoming board appointments.

Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Kristi Goggans. Ms. Goggans stated that a Walk of Champions for the Central High School Football Teams, both boys' football and girls' flag football won the Alabama State Championship games will be held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Goggans also stated that the athletics will begin the celebration at the Summerville Baptist Church and they will walk to the Garrett-Harrison Stadium where the event will take place. Ms. Goggans further stated that the Phenix City School System is overseeing the operations for the event and the Phenix City Parks and Recreation Department are involved in regards to the facility. Ms. Goggans stated that Summerville Road will not need to be closed for this event.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham reviewed the claims with Council.

Mayor Lowe asked to go into Executive Session to discuss Good Name and Character and Potential Litigation for one hour, from which the meeting would adjourn. Councilmember Day moved to go into Executive Session, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. All were in favor.

Council went into Executive Session at 4:24 p.m.

Council came out of Executive Session at 5:01 p.m.

Mayor Lowe stated that there being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 2, 2024.