

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2024

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, May 20, 2024, 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, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Councilmember R. Griff Gordy was not present. Also present were City Manager Wallace Hunter, Assistant City Manager Chan Gamble, City Clerk Shannon Davis, and City Attorney Jimmy Graham. Department Heads in attendance: Building Official Ray Rogers, Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, Assistant Director of Engineering Mike Pattillo, Graduate Civil Engineer Chris Casey, Finance Director Labrita King Copeland, Fire Chief Kristen Kennedy, Human Resources Director Stephanie Chastain, IT Director Mike Bauer, Library Director Tammy Henry, Municipal Court Clerk Ruby White, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Assistant Police Chief Joseph Weierick, and Utilities Director John Spraggins.

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

Mayor Lowe led the invocation.

Mayor Lowe advised that there were no Requests to Address Council.

Mayor Lowe called upon Graduate Civil Engineer Chris Casey, to discuss the actions taken by the Planning Commission at their May 14, 2024 meeting.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Clerk Shannon Davis who discussed the following with Mayor and Council:

1. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
2. Informed Council that City Offices will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2024 in observance of Memorial Day Holiday.
3. Informed Council that Ft. Moore will hold the Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 27, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
4. Informed Council that the East Alabama Chamber of Commerce will hold an After Hours Meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
5. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 5:15 p.m.
6. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, June 3, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
7. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
8. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 5:15 p.m.
9. Informed Council that the East Alabama Chamber of Commerce will hold the Breakfast and Business Meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 7:00 a.m.
10. Informed Council that Parks and Recreation Department will hold a Fishing Rodeo on Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
11. Informed Council that Ft. Moore will hold the Infantry Ball on Friday, June 14, 2024 at 5:00p.m.

12. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, June 17, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
13. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Activity Center.
14. Informed Council that City Offices will be closed on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 in observance of Juneteenth/Freedom Day Holiday.
15. Advised Council that the Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals meeting will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
16. Advised that the Mayor's Ball will be held on June 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
17. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 5:15 p.m.
18. Informed Council that the East Alabama Chamber of Commerce will hold an After Hours Meeting on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
19. Reviewed upcoming board appointments.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham reviewed the agenda claims with Council.

City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that a flyer regarding what are flushable and what needs to be trashed will be sent out to all citizens in their water bill statements. Mr. Hunter reviewed the information in the letter. Mr. Hunter stated that these issues are costing the City's Utilities Department millions of dollars over time to unclog the City's pipes. Utilities Director John Spraggins provided an overview of the types of items that are causing the issues in the pipes. Mr. Spraggins informed Mayor and Council of what happens when grease goes down the drains and the damage it causes. Councilmember Day inquired as to how many times the flyer will be sent out to citizens. Mr. Spraggins stated that they send them out once a year.

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