

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 5, 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, August 5, 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 Steve Bailey, Councilmember R. Griff Gordy, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Councilmember Vickey F. Carter was not present. Also present were City Manager Wallace Hunter, Assistant City Manager Chan Gamble, City Clerk Shannon Davis, and City Attorney Jim McKoon. Department Heads in attendance: Code Enforcement Officer Ricky Carlson, Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, Director of Engineering Angel Moore, Graduate Civil Engineer Chris Casey, Finance Comptroller Latita B. Holland, Fire Chief Kris Kennedy, Golf Manager Mike Barber, Human Resource Director Stephanie Chastain, IT Manager Mike Bauer, Library Director Tammy Henry, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Police Chief George Staudinger, Public Safety Director Ray Smith and Utilities Director John Spraggins.

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

Mayor Lowe led the invocation.

Mayor Lowe called upon Jennifer Davidson with the Russell County-Alabama Extension Office – to address Council, as listed on the agenda. Ms. Davidson gave a presentation on the Alabama Extension Annual update.

Mayor Lowe called upon Lora Gaddy to address Council. Ms. Gaddy stated her concerns in regards to her voting venue location change and that it was not a safe area and that there was not enough parking. Mayor Lowe referred her to the Board of Registrar's or to the Judge of Probate due to her being outside of the City's jurisdiction.

Mayor Lowe called upon Kendell Willett with Central Alabama Community Foundation to address Council, as listed on the agenda. Mayor Lowe gave a Point of Privilege to President, Burton U. Crenshaw of East Alabama Community Foundation to speak on Ms. Willett's behalf. Ms. Crenshaw explained what it is that their agency does and how they operate. Councilmember Gordy inquired to Ms. Crenshaw on how non-profits should apply. Ms. Crenshaw provided the website information and it is as follows - [www.cacf.info.org](http://www.cacf.info.org).

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, August 6, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
2. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 5:15 p.m.
3. Informed Council that the East Alabama Chamber of Commerce will hold the Breakfast and Business Meeting on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 7:00 a.m.
4. Advised Council that the Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals will meet on Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
5. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, August 19, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.

6. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
7. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 5:15 p.m.
8. Informed Council that the East Alabama Chamber of Commerce will hold an After Hours Business Meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
9. Informed Council that City Offices will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2024 in observance of Labor Day holiday.
10. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Tuesday September 3, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
11. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
12. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, September 10 2024 at 5:15 p.m.
13. Informed Council that the East Alabama Chamber of Commerce will hold the Breakfast and Business Meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 7:00 a.m.
14. Advised Council that the Phenix City / Russell County Library Board will meet on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
15. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, September 16, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
16. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the 5<sup>th</sup> Street South Youth Center.
17. Advised Council that the Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals will meet on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
18. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, September 24 2024 at 5:15 p.m.
19. Informed Council that the East Alabama Chamber of Commerce will hold an After Hours Business Meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
20. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Tuesday, September 30, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
21. Reviewed upcoming Board Appointments.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

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

Council went into Executive Session at 4:25 p.m.

Council came out of Executive Session at 5:33 p.m.

Mayor Lowe stated that there being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Monday, August 19, 2024.