

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
November 18, 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, November 18, 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, Councilmember R. Griff Gordy, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. 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, Director of Engineering Angel Moore, Graduate Civil Engineer Chris Casey, Golf Manager Mike Barber, Human Resources Director Stephanie Chastain, IT Director Mike Bauer, Library Director Tammy Henry, Municipal Court Clerk Ruby White, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Police Chief George Staudinger, Assistant Chief of Police Joseph Weierick, Public Safety Director Ray Smith and Utilities Director John Spraggins.

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

Councilmember Bailey led the invocation.

Mayor Lowe called upon Bryan Stone to address Council as listed on the agenda. Mr. Stone stated that he has asked to address Mayor and Council to answer any of their questions regarding his request to annex property into the City of Phenix City. Councilmember Bailey inquired about the type of structure that would be on the property. Mr. Stone stated that it will be a showroom for their customers to view home construction and floor plans. Councilmember Carter inquired about the previous business that was on the property. Mr. Stone stated that the business was a palm reader and that the name of his business is BC Stone Homes. Mr. Stone also stated that they are requesting the annexation in order to obtain water from Phenix City Utilities. Mayor Lowe stated that he appreciated that Mr. Stone has followed the correct process to address Mayor and Council in requesting the annexation. Councilmember Day inquired about the exact location of the new business. Councilmember Bailey stated that it was at the end of Peirce Road and Highway 280 on the left side near Home Depot. Mayor Lowe acknowledged Angel Moore, Director of Engineering to address Council. Ms. Moore provided an overview of the Planning Commission's process regarding the request for annexation. Mayor Lowe inquired if Mr. Stone understood the process and Mr. Stone stated that he did understand. Mr. Stone stated that the process for annexation may take a while and that they will more than likely have already started the business and that they want to ensure they are following the correct steps prior to buying the property. Assistant City Manager Chan Gamble reviewed the type of agreement for the City's utilities services and stated that there was no issue for the Utilities Department for this request and stated that it would not take a long time to provide the water services. Mayor Lowe thanked Mr. Stone for addressing the Council. Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan stated that Mr. Stone's business would be a good fit for the location and that the older building on the property was a bad look for the location.

Mayor Lowe called upon Director of Engineering Angel Moore, to discuss the actions taken by the Planning Commission at their November 12, 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, November 19, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
2. Advised Council that City Clerk Shannon Davis will be attending the Alabama Association of Municipal Clerk Annual Training Conference that will be held from Wednesday, November 20, 2024 through Friday, November 22, 2024.
3. Advised Council that the Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals will meet on Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
4. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 5:15 p.m.
5. Informed Council that the East Alabama Chamber of Commerce will hold an After Hours Business Meeting on Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
6. Informed Council that City Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 28, 2024 and Friday, November 29, 2024 in observance of the Thanksgiving Day Holiday.
7. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, December 2, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
8. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
9. Informed Council that Fort Moore will hold their Holiday Reception on Friday, December 6, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.
10. Informed Council that the City's Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
11. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 5:15 p.m.
12. Informed Council that the East Alabama Chamber of Commerce will hold the Breakfast and Business Meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 7:00 a.m.
13. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, December 16, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
14. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
15. Informed Council that the East Alabama Chamber of Commerce will hold an After Hours Business Meeting on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
16. Advised Council that the Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals will meet on Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
17. Informed Council that City Offices will be closed on Tuesday, December 24, 2024 and Wednesday, December 25, 2024 in observance of the Christmas Holiday.
18. Advised Council that the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 24, 2024 at 5:15 p.m. will be cancelled due to the Christmas Holiday.
19. Reviewed upcoming Board Appointments.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham reviewed the agenda claims with Council.

Councilmember Carter stated that she noticed new railroad track ties along South Railroad and up to Stadium Drive. Councilmember Carter inquired if the ties were going to be put in soon and if any of the roads were going to be blocked during that timeframe. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that the Railroad has a schedule for completing the installations, and will communicate to the City if they need to block any roads. Mr. Hunter also stated that he was happy to see the Railroad staying on top of the repairs.

Mayor Lowe thanked everyone for attending and stated to keep a smile on their faces as they have so much to be thankful for.

Councilmember Carter moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Good Name and Character for 30 minutes, from which the meeting would adjourn. Councilmember Day seconded said motion. All were in favor.

Council went into Executive Session at 3:42 p.m.

Council came out of Executive Session at 4:13 p.m.

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