APPROVED AS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL 04/01/25

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
March 17, 2025

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, March 17, 2025, 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 Carter Green, 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, Director of Engineering Angel Moore, 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, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Police Chief George Staudinger, 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 called upon Brian Rutledge of Robinson, Grimes and Company P. C. to address Council as listed on the agenda. Mr. Rutledge came forward to address Council. Mr. Rutledge reviewed the Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year that ended on September 30, 2023. Mayor Lowe thanked Mr. Rutledge for coming to speak with Council.

Mayor Lowe stated that the Planning Commission Meeting for March 11, 2025 was canceled due to no agenda items.

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, March 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Martin Idle Hour Park Community Center.
2. Advised Council that the Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals will meet on Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
3. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.
4. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, March 31, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
5. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
6. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.
7. Advised Council that the Phenix City Russell County Library Board will meet on Friday, April 11, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.
8. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
9. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
10. Advised Council that the Downtown Redevelopment Authority will meet on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

11. Advised Council that the Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals will meet on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
12. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.
13. There were no upcoming Board Appointments to review.

City Clerk Shannon Davis stated that they have received the Voting Delegate Authorization form for the Alabama League of Municipalities 2025. Ms. Davis also stated that the Annual Convention would be held on May 13, 2025 – May 15, 2025 in Huntsville Alabama at the Von Braun Center. Ms. Davis further stated that Mayor and Council will need to appoint a Voting Delegate and first Alternate Voting Delegate at the March 18, 2025 Council Meeting. Ms. Davis stated that the deadline to return the form was April 30, 2025.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

Director of Engineering Angel Moore spoke to Council regarding the next steps in the application process for the Safe Streets for All and the Reconnecting Communities for the 13th Street Corridor Grants. Ms. Moore provided an overview of the upcoming meetings that will need to take place and requested that two members of Council attend the meetings. Ms. Moore stated that as soon as they receive the dates, she would communicate that information to Council.

Mayor Lowe stated that there being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until March 31, 2025.