

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
November 3, 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, November 3, 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, 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: Chief Building Official Ray Rogers, Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, Director of Engineering/Public Works Angel Moore, Finance Director Labrita King Copeland, Fire Chief Kristen Kennedy, 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, and Acting Police Chief Joseph Weierick.

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

Councilmember Day led the invocation.

Mayor Lowe called upon Director of Engineering/Public Works Angel Moore, to discuss the actions taken by the Planning Commission at their October 28, 2025 meeting. Ms. Moore stated that the Planning Commission did not have a quorum.

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 4, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
2. Informed Council that the Phenix City Russell County Library will hold the Beginner Quilter Chat: Quilt Trunk Show on Thursday, November 6, 2025.
3. Advised Council that the Housing Abatement Board will meet on Friday, November 7, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
4. Informed Council that Operation Grow Boot Camp with Alabama Extension Office will be held on Friday, November 7, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
5. Informed Council that the City Offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, 2025 in observance of the Veterans Day Holiday.
6. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.
7. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.
8. Advised Council of a scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
9. Informed Council that Chattahoochee Valley Community College will hold their Retirement Reception in honor of President Jackie Screws on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
10. Advised Council that the NLC Convention is to take place Wednesday, November 19, 2025 through Sunday, November 23, 2025.
11. Advised Council that the Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals will meet on Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

12. Advised Council that the Planning Commission for Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 5:15 p.m. has been canceled due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.
13. Informed Council that the City Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 27, 2025 and Friday, November 28, 2025 in observance of the Thanksgiving Day Holiday.
14. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, December 1, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.
15. Advised Council of a scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
16. Informed Council that the Phenix City Russell County Library will hold the Holiday Make and Take on Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.
17. Informed Council that the Bi-City Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
18. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.
19. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, December 15, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.
20. Advised Council of a scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
21. Advised Council that the Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals will meet on Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
22. Advised Council that the Planning Commission for Tuesday, December 23, 2025 at 5:15 p.m. has been canceled due to the Christmas Holiday.
23. Informed Council that the City Offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 24, 2025 and Thursday, December 25, 2025 in observance of the Christmas Holiday.
24. Reviewed upcoming Board Appointments.

Councilmember Green inquired about the status of manpower to run the street sweeper. Director of Engineering/Public Works Angel Moore stated that they have only one street sweeper and currently it is in the shop and the new sweeper should be here in December. Councilmember Green inquired about reclaiming the streets as they did the sidewalks. Ms. Moore stated that they would be addressing those issues as well.

Councilmember Bailey inquired about the 4th Avenue Projects. Director of Engineering/Public Works Angel Moore stated that the Utilities Department are projecting to be completed in two weeks. Ms. Moore also stated for the 4th Avenue Resurfacing Project, ALDOT is currently reviewing the plans.

Councilmember Bailey inquired about the status of the Miracle Park and Moon Lake Projects. Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes provided an overview of the status of the Miracle Park Project and stated that the work is currently on schedule. Mr. Hughes provided an overview of the status of the Moon Lake Project and stated when the work is to begin, they will announce that Moon Lake will have to be closed during that portion of the work for the safety of the Citizens. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that the contractors stated that by closing the lake, it would allow them to complete the project a couple of months in advance.

Councilmember Bailey inquired about the status of the water leaks throughout the City and used Summerville as an example of a subdivision as to why when they fix a leak in the neighborhood, they do not fix all of them at the same time. Assistant City Manager Chan Gamble stated that they will be working on the leaks in Summerville. Mr. Gamble explained that they

were attempting to fix them in the neighborhood while they were there however, if there is a leak in another area that is worst, they have to consider it as a higher priority. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that there are so many leaks that if there is an emergency with one, then the crews get pulled off another one due to the shortage of manpower. Mr. Gamble stated that since October 1, 2024, they have fixed over 300 leaks. Mayor Lowe stated that the message from Council to the Citizens is that once a report of a leak is turned in, the timeline to fix it will be based on the priority which is determined by the severity of the leak. Mayor Lowe asked that Citizens be patience and trust the process.

Councilmember Day inquired about the new Landfill Project. Director of Engineering/Public Works Angel Moore provided an update on the status of the project and stated that they are keeping the current Landfill open while the construction on the new one is taking place. Councilmember Day inquired as to what kinds of items can be dropped at the Landfill. Ms. Moore stated that only construction and demolition materials can be dropped at the Landfill.

Councilmember Day inquired about the old tires process and cleanup around Mother Mary Mission. Director of Engineering/Public Works Angel Moore stated that they are maximizing every resource to ensure all tires are picked up. Councilmember Day informed that he received a call regarding the dumped furniture on 28th Avenue next to Emmanuel Apartments. Ms. Moore stated that due to the low workforce, they are not picking up from commercial businesses and that there is a Landfill in Russell County that they can take it to.

Councilmember Day inquired about the water leak located on 10th Avenue and that it has been leaking for three months and another that is on 1st Place. Assistant City Manager Chan Gamble stated that the two leaks have been evaluated for the severity of the leak and rated by the potential lost of water and then posted on the triage list. Mr. Gamble also stated that he will check on the status but that they are on the list.

Councilmember Day inquired about the work with the water meters. Assistant City Manager Chan Gamble stated that they are currently in the contract negotiation stage with Alabama Power. Mr. Gamble also stated that they are currently manually reading the meters.

Councilmember Day inquired about the Austin Sumbry Park Project. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that Russell County is telling them that they cannot supply the Fire protection and water for the new facility and that they have an upcoming meeting to discuss the issues with Russell County. Mr. Hunter recommended that Councilmember Day meet with the Russell County Commissioner for that area to partner with and discuss the current situation.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that recently the Police Department has been inundated with supporting additional events that are going on through out the City on the weekends which takes away from the Officers regular duties. Mr. Hunter also stated that they are going to have to come up with additional options which may mean private security in certain places due to number of events on any given day.

Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes stated that they had three teams that went to Opelika for a ball tournament over the weekend and they were short on players but still played hard.

Mayor Lowe stated that there being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until November 17, 2025.