APPROVED AS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL ON 11-17-26.

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
November 2, 2026

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 2, 2026, 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 Jasponica G. Florence, 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, Licensed Engineer Chris Casey, 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, Director of Parks and Recreation Todd Hughes, Chief of Police Joseph Weierick, and Director of Utilities John Spraggins. City Professionals in attendance: Water Filtration Plant Superintendent Barrett Crain.

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

Councilmember Day led the invocation.

Mayor Lowe stated that the Planning Commission Meeting scheduled for October 27, 2026 was cancelled 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, November 3, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
2. Informed Council that the Fountain City Classic Parade will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.
3. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 5:15 p.m.
4. Advised Council that the City Offices will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2026 in observance of the Veterans Day Holiday.
5. Informed Council that the Promotional Ceremony will be held on Friday, November 13, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Martin Idle Hour Park Community Center.
6. Informed Council that the Veterans Day Parade will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
7. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, November 16, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
8. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
9. Advised Council that the City Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 26, 2026 and Friday, November 27, 2026 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.
10. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, November 30, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
11. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.

12. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, December 8, 2026 at 5:15 p.m.
13. Informed Council that the 12th Annual Wonka & the Chocolate Factory will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2026 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Auburn Alabama.
14. Advised Council of a regular scheduled council meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 14, 2026 at 5:15 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
15. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
16. Advised Council that the City Offices will be closed on Thursday, December 24, 2026 and Friday, December 25, 2026 in observance of the Christmas Holiday.
17. Informed Council of the upcoming Board Appointments.

Councilmember Green inquired about the current status of Grants that have been applied for by the City. Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan provided the updates to the pending grants for Council.

Councilmember Green inquired about an update to the leak reported by a citizen on 1002 16th Avenue and that the citizen is concerned it will become a sink hole. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that if it was called in, it is on the list and that Utilities will follow-up on. Director of Utilities John Spraggins confirmed the address with Councilmember Green and stated that they will have someone investigate.

Councilmember Green inquired about the resurfacing project on 13th Street. Licensed Engineer Chris Casey stated that drivers are able to drive on the street but that the project has not yet been completed and provided a status on the remaining work.

Councilmember Green inquired about an update on the Downtown Lively District. Licensed Engineer Chris Casey stated that they are in the final stages of finalizing the plans. Mr. Culligan also stated that they are currently working on the Information Technology planning.

Councilmember Bailey inquired about the status of the 14th Street Project. Licensed Engineer Chris Casey stated that the last offer was received back; now the closing can be set up.

Councilmember Bailey inquired about the timeframe of the work on the 4th Avenue Project. Licensed Engineer Chris Casey stated that there may be a slight delay, due to gathering the necessary information needed by the railroad.

Councilmember Bailey inquired about the Idle Hour Park Moon Lake Project. Todd Hughes, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated that they are waiting on the contractors for the asphalt and that the power company will be there next week. Mr. Hughes also stated the project timeframe could be around February 2027.

Councilmember Bailey thanked the Chief of Police, Joseph Weierick, and the Russell County Sheriff's Department, for addressing the issue with speeders on 40th Street.

Councilmember Florence commented on feedback from ALDOT on the Highway 280 Bypass Turn Lane Project and asked for clarification on the last communication from them. Licensed Engineer Chris Casey stated that ALDOT has removed the signal from the right-hand lane and provided clarification on the remaining lanes.

Councilmember Day inquired as to the status of the Miracle Field Project. Todd Hughes, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated that Phrase One of the project is about 90% completed and provided a status update on the remaining items to be completed. Mr. Hughes also stated that they will be applying for a grant to help support Phase Two of the project.

Councilmember Day stated that he received a call from a citizen regarding lights that are out at Meadow Lane Park and that there are no benches for the players to sit on during games. Todd Hughes, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated that it is the school's property and they are responsible for the seating. Mr. Hughes also stated that benches have been stolen in the past. Mr. Hughes further stated that he would follow-up regarding the benches and that Alabama Power is responsible for the lights.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

Mayor Lowe stated that there being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until November 16, 2026.