

**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 19, 2012**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Florence, Alabama, was held in the City Hall Auditorium in Florence at 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, June 19, 2012. President Barnhart called the meeting to order. President Barnhart gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert M. Leyde, City Clerk, performed the roll call and noted that six Councilmembers were present and a quorum was present with the following members of the City Council in attendance: Sam Pendleton, Jr., William D. Jordan, Hermon T. Graham, Barry Morris, James Barnhart and Andrew Betterton.

AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 19, 2012

5:00 P.M.

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1. Meeting called to order - President Barnhart
 2. Invocation - President Barnhart
 3. Pledge of Allegiance
 4. Roll Call - President Barnhart
 5. Approval of Agenda
 6. Message from Mayor
 7. Reports of Department Heads
 8. Reports of Standing Committees
 9. Public Hearings:
 10. Business from floor pertaining to items on the consent and regular agenda (5-minute time limit).
 11. Consent Agenda:

All matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been distributed to each member of the Florence City Council for reading and study, are considered to be routine, and will be enacted by one motion of the Council with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda by request. Please call 760-6400 for questions on Consent Agenda items prior to the Council meeting.

- (a) Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 5, 2012.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with B. H. Craig Construction Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals necessary for the Aerial Sewer Line Replacements, in the amount of \$526,610.00, to be paid from budgeted FY2013 Capital Improvements *Collection Sewers – Interceptor Sewers # 360.04*, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (d) Resolution to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$36,000.00 from the City's Liability Insurance Fund to settle the claims filed against the City by Nicole Chandler, JoAnna Wilkinson, and Warren Wilkinson, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (e) Resolution to appoint Adam Burchell to the Housing and Construction Codes Appeals Board, sponsored by the City Council.

- (f) Resolution to advance and reimburse Travel Expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Irons.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Ordinance to impose a qualification fee of \$50.00 upon all candidates seeking election as Mayor, member of the City Council, and member of the Board of Education of the City of Florence, sponsored by Bob Leyde.
- (b) Resolution to set the sum of \$50.00 per day for each day absentee election services are performed, said sum shall be paid from the City treasury to the Absentee Elections Manager, sponsored by Mayor Irons.

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution authorizing the City to appropriate the following sums for the Electricity Department Budget, reflecting projected revenues of \$121,890,000.00 and projected expenses of \$119,800,200.00 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, sponsored by Mayor Irons.

- (b) Board Openings within the next 90 days or less:

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expire</u>
Hospital Board	Vacant		
Housing & Construction Appeals Board	1 - Vacancy		
Port Authority	Dick Smith	01/20/09	07/21/12
Scope 310	Vacant		
Zoning Adjustments	1 - Vacancy (Supernumerary)		

14. Business from the public (5-minute time limit).

15. Council Members reports and/or comments (5-minute time limit).

Councilmember Pendleton
Councilmember Jordan
Councilmember Graham
Councilmember Morris
Councilmember Betterton
Councilmember Barnhart

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Barnhart asked for a motion for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Graham moved for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.
Hermon T. Graham
William D. Jordan
Barry Morris
James H. Barnhart
Andrew Betterton

Noes: No

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor Irons' comments follow, to wit:

Report of Department Heads: None

Report of Standing Committee:

Councilmember Graham, Chairman of the Utility Committee, comments follow, to wit:

Public Hearing: None

Business from the Floor Pertaining to Items on the Consent or Regular Agenda: None

Consent Agenda:

President Barnhart asked for a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda items.

Councilmember Betterton moved for approval of the ordinances and resolutions as follow, to-wit:

Councilmember Graham seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
James H. Barnhart
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance to impose a qualification fee of \$50.00 upon all candidates seeking election as Mayor, member of the City Council, and member of the Board of Education of the City of Florence, sponsored by Bob Leyde. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Pendleton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing ordinance.

Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
James H. Barnhart
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Graham moved for adoption of the foregoing ordinance. Councilmember Pendleton seconded the motion.

There being no discussion, a vote taken on the motion resulted as follows:

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
James H. Barnhart
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to set the sum of \$50.00 per day for each day absentee election services are performed, said sum shall be paid from the City treasury to the Absentee Elections Manager, sponsored by Mayor Irons. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Pendleton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing resolution.

Councilmember Graham seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
James H. Barnhart
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Jordan moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution. Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Pendleton noted that dates and fees regarding the upcoming election are set by the State of Alabama and that the Mayor is required to present these items.

There being no further discussion, a vote taken on the motion resulted as follows:

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
James H. Barnhart
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution authorizing the City to appropriate the following sums for the Electricity Department Budget, reflecting projected revenues of \$121,890,000.00 and projected expenses of \$119,800,200.00 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, sponsored by Mayor Irons. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing resolution.

Councilmember Pendleton seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
James H. Barnhart
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Morris moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution. Councilmember Pendleton seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Pendleton stated that the proposed budget is very good. Councilmember Pendleton further stated that he supports the Electricity Department offices being moved to the Electricity Warehouse.

Councilmember Jordan stated that the revenue is down, but expenses were cut to offset the decrease.

Councilmember Morris stated that a lot of planning and discussion went into preparing the proposed budget. Councilmember Morris further stated that the level of trust has been built up by Richard Morrissey, Electricity Department Manager, and Vance Young, Utilities Controller.

There being no further discussion, a vote taken on the motion resulted as follows:

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
James H. Barnhart
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

(b) Board Openings within the next 90 days or less:

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President Barnhart noted that Mr. Tyndal Davis was nominated at the earlier work session and will be confirmed at the next City Council meeting.

Business from the Public (5-minute time limit):

Mr. John Crowder, 421 Nottingham Road, appeared and made comments regarding the future and condition of the Alabama Music Hall of Fame. Mr. Crowder stated that the State Legislature has made “mercy” appropriations to keep the Alabama Hall of Fame open and that the State had no obligation to do so.

Mr. John Hargett, North Wood Avenue, appeared and also made comments regarding the Alabama Music Hall of Fame. Mr. Hargett stated that the Alabama Music Hall of Fame should be sold to private investors.

Council Reports and/or Comments:

Councilmember Pendleton thanked Mayor Irons for his support and for him having such a good working relationship with the department heads. Councilmember Pendleton recognized Ron Tyler as incoming Police Chief. Councilmember Pendleton also recognized Richard Morrissey, Electricity Manager for his hard work. Councilmember Pendleton made comments regarding the funding of the Police Department. Councilmember Pendleton stated that it is better to have police officers and not need them as to need them and not have them.

Councilmember Jordan congratulated Ron Tyler on his promotion to Police Chief. Councilmember Jordan thanked Vance Young, Utilities Comptroller, for his hard work.

Councilmember Graham welcomed everyone in attendance tonight. Councilmember Graham congratulated the Florence Firefighters who were honored here tonight and also Ron Tyler on his promotion to Police Chief.

Councilmember Morris thanked Mayor Irons for recognizing the Florence Firefighters here tonight. Councilmember Morris also congratulated Ron Tyler on his recent promotion.

Councilmember Morris made comments regarding board appointment vacancies.
Councilmember Morris asked that if anyone would like to serve on these boards, please contact the Mayor's Office.

Councilmember Betterton welcomed Ron Tyler as the recently promoted Police Chief.
Councilmember Betterton wished Chief Singleton well in his future pursuits and also his retirement.

President Barnhart had no comments.

Councilmember Graham presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK