

**CITY OF FLORENCE  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
December 3, 2013**

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, December 3, 2013. President Jordan called the meeting to order. City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde 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: Dave Smith, William D. Jordan, Hermon T. Graham, Barry Morris, Blake Edwards and Andrew Betterton.

**AGENDA**

**CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 3, 2013**

**5:00 P.M.**

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1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
  2. Invocation - City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde
  3. Pledge of Allegiance
  4. Roll Call - President Jordan
  5. Approval of Agenda
  6. Message from Mayor
  7. Reports of Department Heads
  8. Reports of Standing Committees
  9. Public Hearings:       None
  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 256-760-6400 for questions on Consent Agenda items prior to the Council meeting.

- (a) Approval of minutes of the November 19, 2013 meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with A-Corp Roofing and Restoration LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install a new ADA compliant shower unit and toilet; a new left hand door to the bathroom from the bedroom; and a new wood deck style wheelchair ramp up to the existing back patio at 320 N. Nance Street., in the amount of \$13,995.91, to be paid from budgeted Community Development Block Grant funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Designers Graphics & Window Film, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install VISTA V-18 insulated reflective window film on the remaining windows on floors two through six of the Florence-Lauderdale Government Building, in the amount of \$73,930.00, to be paid from the Municipal Capital Improvement Fund 117, sponsored by Dan Barger.

- (e) Resolution to approve an amendment through the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs Law Enforcement Planning, under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (P.O. 90-351 as amended) and other appropriate federal authorizations, sponsored by Chief Tyler.
- (f) Resolution to approve the proposal from BCS Insurance Company for a one year insurance policy covering excess loss health insurance, Option 3, said coverage to be effective January 1, 2014, sponsored by Alanna Sullivan.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Ordinance to amend Chapter 3, Alcoholic Beverages, of the Code of Florence, Alabama, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (b) Resolution to amend the General Fund Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget adopted on October 1, 2013, sponsored by Dan Barger.

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of an Art Gallery with On-Premises Beer & Wine by Rogers & Rogers Fine Art, LLC, d/b/a Rogers & Rogers Fine Art, located at 212 NORTH COURT STREET, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (b) Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Full-Menu Restaurant with On-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by 302 Rosies, LLC, d/b/a Rosie’s Mexican Cantina, located at 302 NORTH COURT STREET, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (c) Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of an Event Center (Special Retail-More Than 30 Days License #160, For State Purposes) with On-Premises Beer & Wine by Shady Lane, LLC, d/b/a Historic Sweetwater Depot, located at 502 SOUTH ROYAL AVENUE, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.

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

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Agri-Business Center	Vacant		
Beautification Board	Dee Hubbert	07/17/01	11/01/13
	Eva Scull	05/20/08	11/01/13
	4- Vacancies		
Historical Board	Judith Jackson	01/18/11	12/17/13
	Donna Thompson	02/21/06	12/17/13
	Joseph Flippen	01/18/11	12/17/13
Housing & Construction Codes Appeal Board	E. B. Norton	09/06/05	09/30/13
	Jason B. Lenz	09/06/05	09/30/13
Parks and Recreation	Randy Chapin	12/19/06	10/30/13
	Rick Collins	02/02/93	10/30/13
Regional Library Board	Vacant		
Scope 310	Reginald Owens	04/03/01	07/21/13
	Karen Kennedy	12/07/10	07/21/13

14. Business from the public (5-minute time limit).
  
15. Council Members reports and/or comments (5-minute time limit).

Councilmember Betterton  
Councilmember Smith  
Councilmember Jordan  
Councilmember Morris  
Councilmember Graham  
Councilmember Edwards

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan 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: Dave Smith  
Hermon T. Graham  
William D. Jordan  
Barry Morris  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

**Message from the Mayor:**

Mayor Haddock's comments follow, to wit:

**Report of Department Heads:** None

**Report of Standing Committee:** None

**Public Hearing:** None

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

**Consent Agenda:**

President Jordan 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 Smith seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Dave Smith  
William D. Jordan  
Hermon T. Graham  
Barry Morris  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance to amend Chapter 3, Alcoholic Beverages, of the Code of Florence, Alabama, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Morris moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith  
William D. Jordan  
Hermon T. Graham  
Barry Morris  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Graham moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance. Councilmember Morris seconded the motion.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith  
William D. Jordan  
Hermon T. Graham  
Barry Morris  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to amend the General Fund Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget adopted on October 1, 2013, sponsored by Dan Barger. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Smith moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith  
William D. Jordan  
Hermon T. Graham  
Barry Morris  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Smith moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion.

**Discussion:**

Councilmember Smith noted that the Boys & Girls Club will be happy to receive their appropriation.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith  
William D. Jordan  
Hermon T. Graham  
Barry Morris  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of an Art Gallery with On-Premises Beer & Wine by Rogers & Rogers Fine Art, LLC, d/b/a Rogers & Rogers Fine Art, located at 212 NORTH COURT STREET, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Smith moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith  
William D. Jordan  
Hermon T. Graham  
Barry Morris  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Morris moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith  
William D. Jordan  
Hermon T. Graham  
Barry Morris  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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Councilmember Graham moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith  
William D. Jordan  
Hermon T. Graham  
Barry Morris  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Smith moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith  
William D. Jordan  
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Noes: None

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Councilmember Graham moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith  
William D. Jordan  
Hermon T. Graham  
Barry Morris  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Smith moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion.

**Discussion:**

Councilmember Graham made comments in support of the proposed Resolution. Councilmember Graham stated that this is the old railroad depot in East Florence that Dr. Heaton has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars remodeling it for entertainment purposes.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith  
William D. Jordan  
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Noes: None

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

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments regarding certain freedoms in this Country that have to be regulated. Mr. Simpson stated that he supports legalizing marijuana and regulating the use of it.

Mr. Billy Joe Sledge, 107 Hickory Lane, Iron City, Tennessee, appeared and made comments in support of the City developing and maintaining a building for archives.

Mr. Billy Clemmons, also appeared and made comments in support of the City maintaining an archives room. Mr. Clemmons asked that the Council meet with Lauderdale County Commissioners to establish an archives.

**Council Reports and/or Comments:**

Councilmember Betterton asked citizens to be cognizant of your neighbors and those you meet on the street. Councilmember Betterton encouraged everyone to report suspicious activity and to stay safe.

Councilmember Smith thanked the Florence Police Department for their actions on Thanksgiving Day with a mentally disturbed person. Councilmember Smith also thanked the Mayor and fellow Councilmembers for the great job they are doing.

Councilmember Morris noted that there are several Boards with vacancies that can use help. Councilmember Morris thanked the Brittens' for their work on the mobile app for Florence.

Councilmember Graham congratulated UNA for their play-off win last Saturday.

Councilmember Graham noted that the District 3 Community meeting will be the last Thursday in January at 6:00 p.m. at the Broadway Recreation Center.

Councilmember Edwards noted that "First Fridays" is this week and that the Christmas Tree lighting will be at 6:30 p.m. in Wilson Park. Councilmember Edwards further noted that the Florence Christmas parade will be Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

President Jordan had no comments.

Councilmember Graham presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTEST:

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