

**CITY OF FLORENCE  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
February 18, 2014**

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, February 18, 2014. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Councilmember Graham 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.

**AMENDED AGENDA**

**CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 18, 2014**

**5:00 P.M.**

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1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
  2. Invocation - Councilmember Graham
  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:
  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 February 4, 2014 meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Shoals MPE, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install a 20 kw three phase generator at Florence Fire Station #5, Cox Creek Parkway, in the amount of \$6,087.00, to be paid from Account #1147-42200, sponsored by Chief Willett.
- (d) Resolution to appropriate \$100,000.00 from the City's Worker's Compensation Fund to settle a worker's compensation claim filed against the City by Gary McFall, sponsored by Alanna Sullivan and Bill Musgrove.

- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with C&M Testing, LLC, to provide a subsurface investigation for the proposed Florence River Heritage Project, Phase 3, in the amount of \$2,200.00, to be paid from General Obligation Warrants, Series 2013 funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Ronnie Gist, doing business as Gist Excavation, to provide labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals necessary to demolish the structures and dispose of all debris on the properties located at 431 Chestnut Street and 1409 North Pine Street, in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be paid from budgeted Community Development Block Grant funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Alabama Awnings Co., Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to replace the custom canvas on the existing awning at the northeastern most doors of City Hall, in the amount of \$1,340.00, to be paid from Account #266-41810, Building Repair & Maintenance, sponsored by Gary Williamson.
- (h) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Commercial & Industrial Renovators, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to paint the walls in the Purchasing Department, Room 329, City Hall, in the amount of \$1,525.00, to be paid from budgeted Municipal Capital Improvement Fund, sponsored by Phil Stevenson.
- (i) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with The Carpet Store, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to replace the carpet and base board in the Purchasing Department, Room 329, City Hall, in the amount of \$3,681.74, to be paid from budgeted Municipal Capital Improvement Fund, sponsored by Phil Stevenson.
- (j) Resolution approving the Historic Site Trademark License Agreement between the City of Florence and the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (k) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Samuel P. "Rick" Ashley to organize, teach and run a summer youth tennis league at the Parks and Recreation facilities, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (l) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with C & H Cooling & Heating to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install an energy efficient commercial boiler in the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, 218 North Wood Avenue, in the amount of \$33,000.00, to be paid from Account #188-2046-51700, One Cent Sales Tax, sponsored by Dan Barger.
- (m) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Designers Graphics, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install window films to reduce glare and heat loss on the office and lunch room windows at the Florence Wastewater Treatment Plant, 201 Seven Mile Island Road, in the amount of \$2,690.00, to be paid from budgeted Account #354.00, Structures and Improvements - Wastewater, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (n) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into the Reimbursement Agreement for Relocation of Utility Facilities on Private or Public Right-of-Way with Lauderdale County, in the amount of \$19,647.94, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (o) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with John Maxwell, doing business as Lawn Max, to furnish labor, materials and supplies necessary to provide lawn maintenance at 38 separate locations within Lauderdale County for the Electricity Department, to be paid from budgeted Account #562, Station Expenses, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (p) Resolution authorizing the City to apply for additional grant funds from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) to be used for implementation of the SERDC (Southeast Recycling Development Council) 120 Project, sponsored by David Koonce. **(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item, 12 (a))**

- (q) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Johnson & Associates, Inc., to provide professional civil engineering and surveying services for Sweetwater Avenue Intersection Improvements: Royal Avenue at Huntsville Road Project, sponsored by Bill Batson. **(This item was removed)**

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Resolution authorizing the City to apply for additional grant funds from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) to be used for implementation of the SERDC (Southeast Recycling Development Council) 120 Project, sponsored by David Koonce. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item, 11 (p))**

13. General Business:

- (a) 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	3- Vacancies		
Parks and Recreation	Randy Chapin Rick Collins	12/19/06 02/02/93	10/30/13 10/30/13
Scope 310	Reginald Owens Vacant	04/03/01	07/21/13

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

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

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

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan noted that it was decided at the earlier work session to move Consent Agenda Item 11 (p) Resolution authorizing the City to apply for additional grant funds from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) to be used for implementation of the SERDC (Southeast Recycling Development Council) 120 Project, sponsored by David Koonce to Regular Agenda Item 12 (a) and to remove Consent Agenda Item 11 (q) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Johnson & Associates, Inc., to provide professional civil engineering and surveying services for the Sweetwater Intersection Improvements: Royal Avenue at Huntsville Road Project, sponsored by Bill Batson from tonight's meeting.

There being no more changes, President Jordan President Jordan asked for a motion for amended approval of the agenda. Councilmember Betterton moved for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Edwards 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 thanked District Attorney Chris Connolly and others for their presentation at the earlier work session. Mayor Haddock also thanked Joe Van Dyke and others for their presentation at the earlier work session.

Mayor Haddock commended the City employees for their efforts during the challenging weather of the last two weeks.

Mayor Haddock presented a Proclamation to the Florence Tree Commission declaring the week of February 16<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> as Arbor week and declaring Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> as Arbor Day. This Proclamation was accepted by Ms. Nancy Muse, Florence Tree Commission.

**Report of Department Heads:**

Police Chief Tyler presented Life Saving Medals to Sgt. Shane Blaylock, Sgt. Hal Howard and Sgt. Guy Lambert. Chief Tyler stated that on January 16<sup>th</sup> these officers responded to an attempted suicide. Chief Tyler further stated that the officers acted quickly and saved the individual's life.

**Report of Standing Committee:** None

**Public Hearing:** None

**Business from the Floor Pertaining to Items on the Consent Ordinance 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 Graham 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 a Resolution authorizing the City to apply for additional grant funds from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) to be used for implementation of the SERDC (Southeast Recycling Development Council) 120 Project, sponsored by David Koonce. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Graham 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 Resolution.

Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion.

**Discussion:**

Councilmember Morris made comments in opposition to the proposed resolution.

Councilmember Morris stated this Council adopted a budget for the Solid Waste Department and that the Recycling budget was over one million dollars. Councilmember Morris also stated that the City sells recycled materials for four hundred and forty-eight thousand dollars. Councilmember Morris stated that now the City is asking to receive more money to recycle goods. Councilmember Morris noted that as we lose more money, we are also asking to spend more money.

Councilmember Morris further noted that this is his reason for voting against this resolution.

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

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

Noes: Barry Morris

**General Business:**

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	Rick Collins	02/02/93	10/30/13
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	Vacant		

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

Mr. John Hargett, 1406 North Wood Avenue, appeared and thanked Councilmember Morris for his vote in opposition to Regular Agenda Item 12 (a) Resolution authorizing the City to apply for additional grant funds from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) to be used for implementation of the SERDC (Southeast Recycling Development Council) 120 Project, sponsored by David Koonce. Mr. Hargett stated that there are a lot of bad things done in the name of recycling.

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments regarding the work release program. Mr. Simpson stated that he has been volunteering with the Work Release Program for a number of years. Mr. Simpson further stated that he believes the City could utilize more people in the Work Release Program. Mr. Simpson stated that there are a lot of people in Work Release that have good skills.

**Council Reports and Comments:**

Councilmember Edwards thanked Joe Van Dyke for his “Love in the Shoals” presentation at today’s earlier work session. Councilmember Edwards also thanked the First Presbyterian Church for providing a warming center for those who are homeless and for those who have no heat in their homes during this winter season. Councilmember Edwards encouraged more churches and organizations to help out at the warming center.

Councilmember Betterton thanked District Attorney Chris Connolly for his “One Place in the Shoals” video presentation at today’s work session.

Councilmember Smith thanked all of those individuals who serve on the City Boards. Councilmember Smith also thanked City Employees, Mayor and Council for their hard work.

Councilmember Graham thanked those in attendance at tonight’s meeting. Councilmember Graham also thanked those who took care of their neighbors during the recent inclement weather.

Councilmember Graham made comments in favor of recycling. Councilmember Graham stated that landfills are a thing of the past. Councilmember Graham further stated that recycling extends the life of regional landfills. Councilmember Graham stated that recycling is a service to our citizens, the same as Police and Fire protection. Councilmember Graham stated that he would like to get recycling up to fifty percent, therefore extending the life of a regional landfill by seven to ten years.

Councilmember Morris stated that recycling is a service. Councilmember Morris further stated that recycling is a service but it is a very expensive service.



Councilmember Morris noted that the volunteers in our City do a great service.

Councilmember Morris further noted that the City would be a poorer city to live in without volunteers.

President Jordan stated that recycling is more than “goody-goody”, it improves the quality of life. President Jordan further stated that recycling saves the quality of life and reduces our garbage rates.

President Jordan thanked everyone in attendance to tonight’s meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK