



**CITY OF FLORENCE  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
January 6, 2015**

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, January 6, 2015. 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.

**AGENDA**

**CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**JANUARY 6, 2015**

**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: 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 December 16, 2014 meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

- (c) Resolution to approve the Electronic Document Agreement, Contract No. 3680, Supp. No. 1, between the City and the Tennessee Valley Authority regarding the Commercial and Industrial Efficiency Advice and Incentive Agreement and the Commercial Efficiency Advice and Incentive Program, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
  - (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Sheila Davis, DBA Davis Services, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to take down and relocate a 125' x 32' shed at the Utilities Electricity Department Operations Facility, in the amount of \$11,520.00, to be paid from budgeted Account #390 Structures and Improvements, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
  - (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Fiber Planners, Inc., to perform professional services as needed to properly train FED crews and to provide other related consultation with FED staff to install a fiber connection between the Municipal Building, FED Operations Center, Police Department, Fire Station No. 1, and the Coliseum, to be paid from budgeted Account #923.00 Outside Services Employed, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
  - (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with TEX Onsite, to perform annual testing on all hot line tools used in the high voltage distribution system operated by the Electricity Department, to be paid from budgeted Account #593 Maintenance of Overhead Lines and Account #594 Maintenance of Underground Lines, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
  - (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with CJF Construction, Inc., to provide labor, equipment and incidentals necessary to replace approximately 1,200 linear feet of galvanized water main line with 3" CL-250 PVC pipe on North Patton Street between Huntsville Road and Carlyle Street, in an amount not to exceed \$31,795.00, to be paid from budgeted Account #331.10 Distribution Mains & Appurtenances, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
  - (h) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Shoals MPE, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to re-pipe the cold water lines inside men's and women's restrooms using 200 feet of pex pipe and insulate and cover with metal at McFarland Park, in the amount of \$6,500.00, to be paid from budgeted Account #44725-117, sponsored by Todd Nix.
  - (i) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Ronnie Gist, DBA Gist Excavating, to provide labor, equipment and incidentals necessary to demolish structures, level and dress up sites and properly dispose of debris at 110 and 112 Darby Avenue, 301 Mitchell Street and 120 Cypress Street, in the amount of \$14,000.00, to be paid from budgeted Community Development Block Grant Spot Blight funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
  - (j) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.
12. Regular Agenda:
13. General Business:
- (a) Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Package Store with Off-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by LIL STEVES, LLC, d/b/a LIL STEVES PACKAGE STORE, located at 1318 NORTH PINE STREET, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
  - (b) Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Package Store with Off-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by LIL STEVES, LLC, d/b/a LIL STEVES PACKAGE STORE 7, located at 926 FLORENCE BOULEVARD, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.

- (c) Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of an Automobile Self Service Station & Convenience Foods with Off-Premises Beer-Wine by JAY GOGA INC., d/b/a GOGA FOOD MART, located at 1806 NORTH WOOD AVENUE, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
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(I) Board Openings within the next 90 days or less:

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Beautification Board	Ralph Jones	07/01/14	11/01/14
	John Baker	03/04/14	11/01/14
Historical Board	Billy Richardson	12/17/2005	12/17/14
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- 14. Business from the public (5-minute time limit).
- 15. Council Members reports and/or comments (5-minute time limit).

Council member Morris  
 Council member Edwards  
 Council member Betterton  
 Council member Smith  
 Council member Graham  
 Council member Jordan

- 16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Betterton moved for approval of the agenda. 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

**Message from the Mayor:**

Mayor Haddock made comments regarding the severe cold weather that is headed to our region tomorrow. Mayor Haddock encouraged everyone to be careful during this time.

Mayor Haddock thanked all City employees for their hard work and for providing excellent customer service to our citizens. Mayor Haddock wished everyone a happy 2015.

**Report of Department Heads:**

Melissa Bailey, Director of Planning and Community Development, announced the list of warming centers that will be opening in Florence during the severe cold weather.

**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 Graham moved for approval of the ordinances and resolutions as follow, to-wit:

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

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Noes: None

Councilmember Betterton moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Smith seconded the motion.

**Discussion:**

President Jordan made comments in support of the proposed resolution. President Jordan noted that a number of the alcohol beverage resolutions on tonight's agenda are for corporate name changes and all the applicants have been approved by the different departments.

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

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

President Jordan suspended the rules to allow Mr. McDaniel to make his presentation.

Mr. Giles McDaniel, Shoals Entrepreneurial Center, appeared and made a presentation regarding the plans for creating non retail jobs in the Shoals area after receiving the endorsement of the Council to pursue funding from SEDA. Mr. McDaniel stated that after receiving the support from the Council, he met with the Shoals Economic Development Board regarding the plans for the funding. Mr. McDaniel further stated that the plans are to bring more jobs to this area by helping start-up companies. Mr. McDaniel stated that the top ten companies that he works with have annual sales of 130 million dollars that generate income in our area and provide more than 1,500 jobs. Mr. Daniel further stated that the sales tax impact is 22.6 million dollars per year and that the Shoals Entrepreneurial Center is asking for \$450,000.00 over a three-year period from SEDA.

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and stated that there is need for warming centers in West Florence. Mr. Simpson further stated that it is very important for young men and women to become employed.

Ms. Georgia Turner, Communications Manager for the Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Office, appeared and stated that the Florence City Council and the Lauderdale County Commission need to reconsider appointing a tourism/hospitality official to the Tourism Board.

**Council Reports and Comments:**

Councilmember Morris' comments follow, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards thanked Debbie Wilson and others from the Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Office for their hard work. Councilmember Edwards stated that he hopes the next Tourism Board meeting will be more productive.

Councilmember Betterton also thanked Debbie Wilson and staff for their hard work. Councilmember Betterton asked that people need to work together.

Councilmember Smith also thanked Debbie Wilson and others for their hard work. Councilmember Smith noted that he had sent Tori Bailey, WZZA Radio Station, a list of the warming centers in Florence.

Councilmember Graham thanked everyone in attendance to tonight's meeting. Councilmember Graham also congratulated the Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Office for being the best in the State of Alabama. Councilmember Graham also thanked Mr. Giles McDaniel and Mr. Steve Nesbitt for their presentation.

Councilmember Graham reminded everyone of the District 3 Community meeting that will be held on Thursday, January 29 at the Broadway Recreation Center at 6:00 p.m.

President Jordan also thanked the Florence/Lauderdale Tourism office for their hard work. President Jordan also thanked Mr. McDaniel and Mr. Nesbitt for their presentation at tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Betterton presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTEST:

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