



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
January 20, 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 20, 2015. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Councilmember Edwards 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

JANUARY 20, 2015

5:00 P.M.

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1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
 2. Invocation - Councilmember Edwards
 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 January 6, 2015 meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with B Electric, Inc., to provide labor, equipment and incidentals necessary to replace parking lot light bulbs at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, in the amount of \$6,665.00, to be paid from budgeted Fund 188, sponsored by Dick Jordan. **(This item was moved to Regular Agenda, Item 12 (a) (Fund number changed per Dan Barger)**
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with White, Lynn, Collins & Associates, Inc., to provide a topographic survey and site grade plan for the property known as Tract 2 located at Woodard Avenue and South Patton Street, in the amount of \$2,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #360 - Land and Land Rights, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with The Lamar Companies, to provide labor, equipment and incidentals necessary to renew two billboards for thirteen months to convey public awareness information to the public concerning the "Call Before You Dig, Call 811" campaign, in the amount of \$23,205.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #913.00 - Informational/Educational Expense, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Keeling Company, to provide labor, equipment and incidentals necessary to replace the irrigation system at Blackberry Trail, in the amount of \$27,704.00, to be paid from budgeted Fund 117, 00939-44730, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Hand Service Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for repairs to the well pump located at the Urban Forestry Office, in the amount of \$3,417.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Accounts #44725-265 and #41320-265, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (h) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with OMI, Inc., to provide soil test borings and an engineering study at the proposed site for the Florence Indian Mound Museum, in the amount of \$2,340.00, to be paid from budgeted General Obligation Warrants, Series 2013, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (i) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Tennessee Valley Archaeological Research, to provide a design outline for exhibits to be developed for the proposed Florence Indian Mound Museum, in an amount not to exceed \$29,875.75, to be paid from budgeted One Cent Sales Tax Fund, sponsored by Todd Nix. **(Fund changed at earlier work session)**
- (j) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with the Shoals Earth Month Committee, in the amount of \$350.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, \$175.00 to be paid from the Mayor's Special Projects, Account #398-41111, and \$175.00 to be paid from the Council's Special Projects Account #398-41112, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
- (k) Resolution authorizing the City to appropriate the sum of \$72,500.00 from the City's Workers' Compensation Fund to settle a workers' compensation claim, sponsored by Alanna Sullivan.
- (l) Resolution to appoint Ben Graves as the Municipal Judge of the City of Florence, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (m) Resolution to appoint Heath Trousdale as the City Prosecutor of the City of Florence, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (n) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with B Electric, Inc., to provide labor, equipment and incidentals necessary to replace parking lot light bulbs at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, in the amount of \$6,665.00, to be paid from budgeted Fund 188, sponsored by Dick Jordan. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (c)(Fund number changed per Dan Barger**

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>
Beautification Board	Ralph Jones	07/01/14	11/01/14
	John Baker	03/04/14	11/01/14
	Vacancy		
Historical Board	Billy Richardson	12/17/2005	12/17/14
	Bradley Dean	12/20/2011	12/17/14
	Tom White	08/05/2014	12/17/14
Parks & Rec	Bill Burke	01/06/09	10/30/14
	Mike Williams	12/01/09	10/30/14

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

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

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

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan noted that it was decided at the earlier work session to move Consent Agenda Item 11 (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with B Electric, Inc., to provide labor, equipment and incidentals necessary to replace parking lot light bulbs at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, in the amount of \$6,665.00, to be paid from budgeted Fund 117, sponsored by Dick Jordan to Regular Agenda Item 12 (a).

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

There being no further changes, President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the amended agenda. Councilmember Smith moved for approval of the amended agenda. Councilmember Betterton 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 Capital Projects. Mayor Haddock noted that the Sportsplex addition is almost completed. Mayor Haddock also recognized Mr. Charles Moore for his help with the new Indian Mound Museum.

Mayor Haddock recognized Mr. Ben Graves and Mr. Heath Trousdale for their reappointment as City Municipal Judge and City Prosecutor.

Mayor Haddock encouraged everyone to check on their neighbors during bad weather.

Mayor Haddock welcomed the families of the Florence Police Officers that are being given their oath of office tonight.

Report of Department Heads:

Chief Tyler announced several promotions in the Florence Police Department. Chief Tyler noted that Lieutenant Mike Holt was promoted to Captain, Sergeant Jeff Stanfield was promoted to Lieutenant and Officer Brad Holmes was promoted to Sergeant. Chief Tyler administered the oath of office to Officer Andrew Graves, Officer Matt Hayes, Officer Nathan Bissonette and Officer Max Rhodes.

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 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 a Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with B Electric, Inc., to provide labor, equipment and incidentals necessary to replace parking lot light bulbs at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, in the amount of \$6,665.00, to be paid from budgeted Fund 117, sponsored by Dick Jordan. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards 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.

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

Noes: None

Abstain: Andrew Betterton

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

Mr. Charles Moore, City Archaeologist, appeared and thanked the Council for firming up the property lines at the Indian Mound. Mr. Moore stated that the architect's rendition of the new Museum looks great. Mr. Moore presented a ceremonial ax that will be on display in the new Museum. Mr. Moore stated that the new museum will focus on our proximity to the river and more emphasis to the Trail of Tears.

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Edwards stated that he was excited about the new Indian Mound Museum. Councilmember Edwards congratulated the Florence Police Officers that were recognized at tonight's meeting. Councilmember Edwards also congratulated Vinny Grosso, Animal Control Director, for handling a difficult cat situation this past week.

Councilmember Betterton made comments in support of the Florence Police Department. Councilmember Betterton noted that he was very pleased with Chief Tyler and his department. Councilmember Betterton also noted that he was pleased that the City is moving forward with the new Indian Mound Museum project.

Councilmember Betterton expressed his condolences to the family of Mr. Tink Cheney who passed away last week.

Councilmember Smith had no comments.

Councilmember Graham also expressed his condolences to the family of Mr. Tink Cheney. Councilmember Graham also congratulated the Florence Police Officers that were recognized at tonight's meeting. Councilmember Graham thanked all City employees for their hard work.

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

Councilmember Morris thanked Mr. Charles Moore for his work. Councilmember Morris also expressed his condolences to the family of Mr. Tink Cheney.

Councilmember Morris' comments regarding the Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Board follows, to wit:

President Jordan also thanked Mr. Charles Moore for his efforts regarding the Indian Mound Museum. President Jordan noted that the Heritage Preservation Inc. will meet Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the Keystone Office Building.

President Jordan congratulated Mr. Ben Graves and Mr. Heath Trousdale for their reappointments.

Councilmember Betterton presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK