



**CITY OF FLORENCE  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 3, 2016**

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, May 3, 2016. 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**

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**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 April 19, 2016, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Alabama Painting, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to remove grit from a wet well (tank) at the Cypress Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant (CCWWTP), in the amount of \$3,200.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #643000732 - Miscellaneous Supplies and Expense Production, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Itron, to provide professional services and hosting services for the Gas & Water/Wastewater Departments automatic meter reading system, in the amount of \$40,627.00. Budgeted expenses will be allocated between the Gas and Water Departments as appropriate, sponsored by Mike Doyle and Steve Price.
- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Jabco, Inc. - Master Pools, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for pool repairs at the Handy Recreation Center, in the amount of \$8,450.00, to be paid from Municipal Capital Funds, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Southern Environmental Engineering, Inc., for spent lead removal from the Florence Police Department Firing Range, in the amount of \$12,500.00, to be expensed to the Municipal Capital Improvements Fund, sponsored by Ron Tyler.
- (g) Resolution to approve the Regulatory Update Acknowledgment between the City of Florence and Speedpay, Inc., sponsored by Vance Young.
- (h) Resolution to approve the Medical Services Agreement between the City of Florence and CareHere Management, PLLC, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.
- (I) Resolution authorizing the City to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00 from the City's Liability Insurance Fund to settle the lawsuit filed against the City by Cynthia Hines, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (j) Resolution to appoint Charles Hyde as a member of the Florence Historical Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (k) Resolution to appoint Ryan Moore as a member of the Industrial Development Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (l) Resolution to appoint Aubrey Wilson as a member of the Industrial Development Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (m) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Ordinance to amend Sec. 3-2 of the Code of Florence, Alabama, as amended, Definitions of establishments, places and premises permitted to apply for license to sell alcohol, to allow the sale of beer by breweries for off-premises consumption pursuant to state law and regulations of the ABC Board, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.

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 Vacancy			
Historical	Kenneth Johnson	03/24/09	12/17/15
Hospital Board	Thelma Robinson	07/01/86	06/25/16
Housing/Const	Adam Burchell	06/19/12	09/30/15
	Jack Reid	09/06/05	09/30/15
	William Wynne (alt)	09/06/05	09/30/15
	Thomas Pigg (alt)	09/06/05	09/30/15
Industrial Dev	Rusty Carbine	06/02/92	04/05/16
	John Van Sandt	06/02/92	04/05/16
Parks & Rec	Mike Williams	12/01/09	10/30/14
Port Authority Darlene Ballard (Joint)		08/02/11	07/21/16
SCOPE 310	Josh Webster	08/21/12	07/21/15
	Reginald Owens	04/01/14	07/21/16
	Vacancy		

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

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

- Council member Graham.
- Council member Morris
- Council member Edwards
- Council member Betterton
- Council member Smith
- 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 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

**Message from the Mayor:**

Mayor Haddock reminded everyone that “First Friday” is this Friday. Mayor Haddock noted that there will be several events being held in Florence in the next coming weeks. Mayor Haddock further noted that UNA will be hosting the “StoryTelling” Festival and “Arts Alive” will take place in Wilson Park. Mayor Haddock further noted that “Music in the Park” will begin tomorrow at 11:30 in Wilson Park and will continue each Wednesday during the summer.

Mayor Haddock read a report from Mike Doyle, Water/Wastewater Manager. Report follows, to wit:

The Water/Wastewater Department recently filed its Annual Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) report to ADEM. The report is to evaluate the City's wastewater (sewer) system for the purpose of determining the overall operational and economic viability of the system as an early warning of potential problems. The goal is to have the lowest points possible. Florence's system for calendar year 2015 scored only a 30 out of a possible 783 points which is well below any action range. The 30 points received was due to the age of the facility. We received 30 points due to it being 15 years since the treatment plant has completed a major upgrade. It has also been more than 15 years since any action has been required by ADEM.

Mayor Haddock read a report from Bill Batson, City Engineering. Report follows, to wit:

Mayor and Councilman,

The work at Wood Avenue will consist of milling, resurfacing, curb and gutter, and striping from the intersection of East Tuscaloosa Street to the junction of Gilbert Court, Length – 0.89 miles. There will also be some drainage improvements on Irvine, and pedestrian facilities will be made ADA compliant.

This project was designed by White, Lynn, Collins, & Associates.

The contract has been awarded by the State to MidSouth Paving, Inc., Birmingham, Alabama, in the amount of \$1,062,117.50. This contract will be administered by the State. There are 140 working days for this project.

Prior to the start of work by the contractor, the gas and water lines will be relocated on Irvine Avenue due to conflicts with a proposed storm sewer culvert.

This project funding is 80% Federal and 20% City. The City of Florence paid 20% of this project in March 2016 in the amount of \$244,288. The State required this payment prior to awarding the contract.

The preconstruction conference was held on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at the State. Work by the contractor should begin very soon after the preconstruction conference.

Also, the City will be removing six trees along Wood Avenue in preparation for the paving work. It was determined that these trees should be removed after consultation with the tree commission and a study by Geo-Source. A Registered Arborist and a Registered Forester were involved in the evaluation of the trees on Wood Avenue. The bid opening for this contract is May 10. The City will begin removing these trees as soon as possible in preparation for the work on Wood Avenue.

**On other topics...**

The utilities will be performing relocation work on Irvine for the next 3-4 weeks.

I believe that if we can get the tree contractor in as soon as possible after May 10 he can have the trees removed by the time the utility relocation work is complete. In any event he will be on the north end of the project and the contractor is planning on starting on the south end.

The contractor is planning on starting the first week of June.

President Jordan made comments regarding the trees along Wood Avenue. President Jordan noted that GEO Source will survey the trees and will distinguish the healthy trees from the unhealthy trees.

**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

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Councilmember Smith moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

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 Smith moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance. Councilmember Betterton 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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Barry Morris  
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**Business from the Public (5-minute time limit):**

Mr. Bill Smoak, 2424 Roberts Lane, appeared and stated that the UNA Softball Tournament will be played this Thursday at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Smoak noted that the parking lot at Deibert Park needs to be re-stripped.

Mr. Smoak noted that this week is “Teacher Appreciation” week and today is “Teacher Appreciation” day. Mr. Smoak further noted that the Florence School System is fortunate to have a lot of excellent teachers. Mr. Smoak stated that teachers are the keys to education.

Mr. John Hargett, appeared and made comments regarding Weeden School. Mr. Hargett noted that he attended Weeden School in the first through the fourth grade. Mr. Hargett further stated that there were six teachers, three lunchroom workers, one janitor and one Principal who taught a class and served as the store clerk.

**Council Reports and Comments:**

Councilmember Graham noted that the District 3 Community meeting was held last Thursday. Councilmember Graham further noted that one of the topics was the new hospital.

Councilmember Graham congratulated the UNA Women’s Softball Team for winning the Conference Championship this past weekend. Councilmember Graham reminded everyone that “Music in the Park” begins tomorrow in Wilson Park. Councilmember Graham encouraged everyone

to come out and listen to local musicians.

Councilmember Morris stated that he did not realize that this was “Teacher Appreciation” week. Councilmember Morris noted that his wife taught for many years at Weeden School. Councilmember Morris further stated that he appreciates all of the teachers in our local school systems.

Councilmember Edwards also expressed his appreciation to all teachers. Councilmember Edwards also noted that his wife taught kindergarten for a number of years.

Councilmember Edwards noted that the Indian Mound Museum project and the Tennessee Street Streetscape project are moving right along.

Councilmember Betterton also noted that his wife was a teacher for many years. Councilmember Betterton expressed his appreciation to all teachers. Councilmember Betterton noted that he had recently attended the “Citizens Police Academy.” Councilmember Betterton expressed his respect and appreciation to our Police Officers.

Councilmember Smith stated that he remembered a special teacher who gave him his last paddling and that teacher was former Councilmember Welton Reynolds.

President Jordan noted that his grandson recently took third place in an environmental engineering competition.

Councilmember Morris presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

