

**CITY OF FLORENCE  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
April 21, 2009**

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, April 21, 2009. President Barnhart called the meeting to order. Councilmember Betterton gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert M. Leyde, City Clerk, performed the roll call and noted that all six Councilmembers were present and a quorum was present with the following members of the City Council in attendance: Sam Pendleton, Jr., William D. Jordan, Hermon T. Graham, Barry Morris, James H. Barnhart and Andrew Betterton.

**AMENDED 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 Barnhart
  2. Invocation - Councilmember Betterton
  3. Pledge of Allegiance
  4. Roll Call - President Barnhart
  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 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 760-6400 for questions on Consent Agenda items prior to the Council meeting.

Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 7, 2009.

Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Garver Engineers, L.L.C., to provide services related to water system needs for compliance with the Stage 2 Disinfection By-Product Regulations, in the amount of \$86,500.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mike Doyle.

Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Alabama Forestry Commission with respect to the issuance of burn permits in the City, sponsored by Chief Cochran.

Resolution to approve an application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Community Policing Office, for the 2009 COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) Grant, sponsored by Chief Singleton.

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Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a Interlocal Agreement with the County of Lauderdale, Alabama, as it concerns the 2009 Recovery Act Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, sponsored by Chief Singleton.

Resolution authorizing the City to approve an application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, for a 2009 Recovery Act Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award, sponsored by Chief Singleton.

Resolution to amend Section 5.1(C) User Password Policy of the City of Florence Information Security Policy, sponsored by Steve Price. **(This resolution was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 b)**

Resolution authorizing the City to approve a Property Damage Release between the City and Long Lewis Ford, Steve Holland and Sedgwick CMS, in the amount of \$1,297.00, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.

Resolution to approve a Special Deferred Emergency Repair Loan to Alice Thompson, in the amount of \$5,000.00, for emergency repairs to property located at 625 South Blair Street, sponsored by Phil Stevenson.

Resolution to advance and reimburse Travel Expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Irons.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Resolution approving an application to incorporate a public corporation under the provisions of Chapter 99B of Title 11 of the CODE OF ALABAMA 1975, as amended, to be known as The Northwest Alabama Cooperative District, and to appoint Bobby Irons as a director for a term of office beginning of the date of incorporation of said District and ending at 12:01 a.m. four years from the date of such incorporation, sponsored by Mayor Irons. **(THIS RESOLUTION DID NOT RECEIVE A UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION AT THE 04/07/09 COUNCIL MEETING. A VOTE FOR ADOPTION IS ALL THAT IS NEEDED AT THIS TIME.)**
- (b) Resolution to amend Section 5.1(C) User Password Policy of the City of Florence Information Security Policy, sponsored by Steve Price. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 h)**

13. General Business:

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

Board

	<u>Member</u>
<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Appointed</u>
<u>Expire</u>	<u>Expire</u>

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

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

Councilmember Pendleton  
Councilmember Jordan  
Councilmember Graham  
Councilmember Morris  
Councilmember Betterton  
Councilmember Barnhart

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16. Motion to Adjourn.

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President Barnhart noted that the City Council at the earlier work session decided to move Consent Agenda Item 11 h, Resolution to amend Section 5.1(C) User Password Policy of the City of Florence Information Security Policy, sponsored by Steve Price, to Regular Agenda Item 12 b.

There being no further changes, President Barnhart asked for a motion for approval of the amended agenda. Councilmember Graham moved for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Morris seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.  
Herman T. Graham  
William D. Jordan  
Barry Morris  
James H. Barnhart  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

**Message from the Mayor:**

Mayor Irons presented a Certificate of Commendation to Christopher A. Cassel who earned the rank of Eagle Scout on April 9, 2009. Mayor Irons noted that for his community project, Chris organized and orchestrated the renovation of the Wilson Cemetery located on the Blackberry Golf Course. Mayor Irons also noted that Chris is the son of Jim and Gail Cassel and is a member of Boy Scout Troop 7285 under the direction of Scoutmaster Ricky Pounders.

Mayor Irons presented a Proclamation designating Sunday, May 2, 2009 as Maud Lindsay Day in the City of Florence. This Proclamation was received by Ms. Lavinia Tomlinson. Mayor Irons noted that there will be an Open House on Sunday, May 3, from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. to celebrate Maud Lindsay's Birthday and the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Maud Lindsay Free Kindergarten. Mayor Irons also noted that the kindergarten is now located on Cole Street in East Florence.

Mayor Irons announced that nominations are currently being accepted from the public during the month of April for the Walk of Honor. Mayor Irons stated that nominations are for any individual who has lived in the City of Florence and has brought national or international recognition to our City. Mayor Irons noted that the Walk of Honor plaques are placed at the River Heritage Park.

Mayor Irons gave a report on the City-Wide Clean up Day that was held on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Irons stated that over 250 volunteers helped clean up our City. Mayor Irons stated that the Clean-Up Day was a great success, but we need more of our citizens to become

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involved in the anti-litter campaign and to work on a daily basis to keep our City clean.

**Reports of Department Heads:**

Police Chief Rick Singleton gave the Oath of Office to newly hired Police Officer Alex Gwin. Chief Singleton also introduced Captain Shannon Olive who was recently promoted.

Chief Singleton announced that there will be a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Florence Lauderdale Coliseum. Chief Singleton stated that the proceeds will go to the Florence Police Memorial project.

**Reports of Standing Committees:** None

**Public Hearings:** None

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

**Consent Agenda:**

President Barnhart asked for a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda items. Councilmember Graham moved for approval of (a) Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 7, 2009 and (b) Confirmation of payment of bills by the City Treasurer; and The ordinances and resolutions as follow, to-wit:

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

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.  
Hermon T. Graham  
William D. Jordan  
Barry Morris  
James H Barnhart  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

**Regular Agenda:**

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution approving an application to incorporate a public corporation under the provisions of Chapter 99B of Title 11 of the CODE OF ALABAMA 1975, as amended, to be known as The Northwest Alabama Cooperative District, and to appoint Bobby Irons as a director for a term of office beginning of the date of incorporation of said District and ending at 12:01 a.m. four years from the date of such incorporation, sponsored by Mayor Irons. **(THIS RESOLUTION DID NOT RECEIVE A UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION AT THE 04/07/09 COUNCIL MEETING. A VOTE FOR ADOPTION IS ALL THAT IS NEEDED AT THIS TIME.)**

Councilmember Betterton 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: Sam Pendleton, Jr.  
Hermon T. Graham  
William D. Jordan  
Barry Morris  
James H Barnhart  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to amend Section 5.1(C) User Password Policy of the City of Florence Information Security Policy, sponsored by Steve Price. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

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Councilmember Jordan moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing resolution.

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

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.  
Hermon T. Graham  
William D. Jordan  
Barry Morris  
James H Barnhart  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Betterton 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: Sam Pendleton, Jr.  
Hermon T. Graham  
William D. Jordan  
Barry Morris  
James H Barnhart  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

**Board Openings:** None

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

Billy Ray Simpson, 1738 Ingleside Avenue, appeared and made comments regarding the Weeden Elementary School principal's contract not being renewed.

**Council Reports and/or Comments:**

Councilmember Pendleton made comments in support of the Maud Lindsey Kindergarten. Councilmember Pendleton stated that this is a wonderful program.

Councilmember Pendleton noted that Comcast Cable Volunteers will be painting the Boys & Girls Club in West Florence on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Pendleton encouraged everyone to volunteer in your neighborhood.

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Councilmember Pendleton encouraged Mayor Irons and staff to continue to pursue stimulus funds.

Councilmember Jordan made comments in support of Maud Lindsay Kindergarten. Councilmember Jordan stated this program is a valuable asset to this community.

Councilmember Jordan thanked Chris Cassell for his work on the Wilson Cemetery.

Councilmember Jordan stated that he disagreed with Mr. Simpson's comments concerning the principal at Weeden School. Councilmember Jordan stated that we have an excellent school system.

Councilmember Jordan made comments concerning clean-up last Saturday. Councilmember Jordan also made comments concerning rental properties. Councilmember Jordan stated that he was appalled at the conditions of some rental homes along Hermitage Drive near Florence Middle School.

Councilmember Graham congratulated the new Florence Police Officer that was sworn in at tonight's meeting. Councilmember Graham also congratulated Chris Cassell for his work at Wilson Cemetery.

Councilmember Graham thanked those who expressed sympathy for the loss of his nephew. Councilmember Graham also thanked the volunteers who worked on the clean-up last Saturday.

Councilmember Graham announced a community meeting in District 3 at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at Broadway Recreation Center. Councilmember Graham stated that Mr. Carl Bailey from ECM Hospital will be the guest speaker.

Councilmember Morris made comments in support of Maud Lindsay Kindergarten. Councilmember Morris stated that it is a labor of love.

Councilmember Morris also congratulated the newly sworn-in Florence Police Officer and also Captain Olive on his recent promotion.

Councilmember Morris made comments concerning the clean-up day last Saturday.

Councilmember Betterton made comments in support of the Maud Lindsay Kindergarten.

Councilmember Betterton made comments in reference to Mr. Simpson's comments concerning the Florence School Board. Councilmember Betterton stated that it is the Florence School Board's responsibility to appoint the school superintendent.

President Barnhart thanked all of the special guests at tonight's meeting.



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Councilmember Betterton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Jordan seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.  
Hermon T. Graham  
William D. Jordan  
Barry Morris  
James H Barnhart  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

President Barnhart presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK