

**CITY OF FLORENCE  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
December 7, 2010**

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, December 7, 2010. President Barnhart called the meeting to order. Councilmember Pendleton 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**  
**December 7, 2010**  
**5:00 P.M.**

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1. Meeting called to order - President Barnhart
  2. Invocation - Councilmember Pendleton
  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: None
  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.

- (a) Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 16, 2010.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Sutherland Sight & Sound, Inc., to provide labor, materials and incidentals necessary to add a lightning protection system to the public address system at the Sports Complex, in the amount of \$1,255.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Hand Service Company, Inc., to provide labor, materials and incidentals necessary to repair broken piping at the River Heritage fountain, in the amount of \$7,233.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Todd Nix.

- (e) Resolution authorizing the city to enter into a contract with Miller Drilling Company, Inc., to provide labor, materials and incidentals necessary to install two groundwater wells at the Florence Sanitary Landfill, in the amount of \$13,575.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by David Koonce. **(Moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (h))**
- (f) Resolution authorizing the city to enter into a contract with Rawhide Erection Company, Inc., to provide labor, materials and incidentals necessary to install a 12 foot 4 inch by 30 foot lean-to, single slope roof anchored to the existing concrete building including new gutters and down spouts for the Cemetery Department, in the amount of \$4,865.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the city to enter into a contract with White, Lynn, Collins and Associates, Inc., to develop a conceptual plan and a preliminary cost estimate for refurbishing Veteran's Park to current standards for the City, in the amount of \$7,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Todd Nix. **(Moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (g))**
- (h) Resolution authorizing the city to enter into a contract with Shotcrete of America, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the South Main Street Storm Drainage Corrections, in the amount of \$44,200.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey and Bill Batson.
- (i) Resolution authorizing the city to enter into a contract with L. W. Fritts Construction Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the Huntsville Road/Crown Street Storm Sewer, in the amount of \$49,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey and Bill Batson.
- (j) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with L. W. Fritts Construction Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the Broadway Street Storm Drainage Corrections, in the amount of \$46,500.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey and Bill Batson.
- (k) Resolution authorizing the city to enter into a contract with Calenco, LLC, to provide labor, materials and incidentals necessary for Alterations and Renovations to the Communications Center at the Police Department in the amount of \$23,937.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Rick Singleton.
- (l) Resolution authorizing the city to enter into a Letter of Engagement with Joe Jolly & Company, Inc., to provide investment banking services for the City of Florence relative to the issuance of General Obligation and/or Revenue Bonds or Warrants, sponsored by Dick Jordan, Barry Morris, and Sam Pendleton. **(Moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (f))**
- (m) Resolution authorizing the city to enter into an Agreement with Smith, Rochon & Associates, Inc., to provide collection services for the Florence Utilities Department, sponsored by Vance Young.
- (n) Resolution to reappoint Leonard E. Skipworth to the Florence-Lauderdale County Agri-Business Center and Farmers Market Board, sponsored by Dick Jordan, Hermon Graham, Barry Morris, James Barnhart, and Andy Betterton.
- (o) Resolution to reappoint Delores Hubbert to the Florence Beautification Board, sponsored by Dick Jordan, Hermon Graham, Barry Morris, James Barnhart, and Andy Betterton.
- (p) Resolution to reappoint Eva Scull to the Florence Beautification Board, sponsored by Dick Jordan, Hermon Graham, Barry Morris, James Barnhart, and Andy Betterton.
- (q) Resolution to appoint W. Scott Townsend to the Florence Beautification Board, sponsored by Dick Jordan, Hermon Graham, Barry Morris, James Barnhart, and Andy Betterton.

- (r) Resolution to reappoint Jason B. Lenz to the Housing and Construction Codes Appeals Board, sponsored by Dick Jordan, Hermon Graham, Barry Morris, James Barnhart, and Andy Betterton.
- (s) Resolution to reappoint E. Burt Norton to the Housing and Construction Codes Appeals Board, sponsored by Dick Jordan, Hermon Graham, Barry Morris, James Barnhart, and Andy Betterton.
- (t) Resolution to reappoint James H. Morris to the Parks and Recreation Board, sponsored by Dick Jordan, Hermon Graham, Barry Morris, James Barnhart, and Andy Betterton.
- (u) Resolution to reappoint James Tyndal Davis to the Shoals Economic Development Authority, sponsored by Dick Jordan, Hermon Graham, and Andy Betterton.
- (v) Resolution to reappoint Brad Holmes to the Shoals Economic Development Authority, sponsored by Dick Jordan, Hermon Graham, and Andy Betterton.
- (w) Resolution to appoint Karen Kennedy to the Shoals SCOPE for MR, sponsored by Dick Jordan, Hermon Graham, Barry Morris, James Barnhart, and Andy Betterton.
- (x) Resolution to reappoint Carolyn Waterman to the Tree Commission, sponsored by Dick Jordan, Hermon Graham, Barry Morris, James Barnhart, and Andy Betterton.
- (y) Resolution to reappoint Bryan Miller to the Tree Commission, sponsored by Dick Jordan, Hermon Graham, Barry Morris, James Barnhart, and Andy Betterton.
- (z) Resolution to advance and reimburse Travel Expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Irons.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Ordinance to lease Suite 405 in the Florence-Lauderdale Government Building located at 102 S. Court Street, Florence, AL, to Lil Hall Agency, Inc., for a term of one year commencing on December 1, 2010 and ending on November 30, 2011, in the amount of \$1,800.00, sponsored by Dan Barger.
- (b) Resolution to vacate a twenty (20) foot utility easement lying within Lot 24, RIVERMONT ADDITION SUBDIVISION, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (c) Resolution to vacate a portion of Blanchard Street, between 153 and 149 Roxie Drive, Forrest Hills Subdivision, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. **(This item was removed as requested by the sponsor)**
- (d) Resolution to adopt a Recruitment and Appointment Process for City Boards and Commissions.
- (e) Resolution to vacate a portion of a 10-foot alley along the South line of Lots 9, 10, and 11, and along the North line of Lot 12, all in W. A. Hudson's Plat of Part of Original Lot 374, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the city to enter into a Letter of Engagement with Joe Jolly & Company, Inc., to provide investment banking services for the City of Florence relative to the issuance of General Obligation and/or Revenue Bonds or Warrants, sponsored by Dick Jordan, Barry Morris, and Sam Pendleton. **(Moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (i))**
- (g) Resolution authorizing the city to enter into a contract with White, Lynn, Collins and Associates, Inc., to develop a conceptual plan and a preliminary cost estimate for refurbishing Veteran's Park to current standards for the City, in the amount of \$7,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Todd Nix. **(Moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (g))**
- (h) Resolution authorizing the city to enter into a contract with Miller Drilling Company, Inc., to provide labor, materials and incidentals necessary to install two groundwater

wells at the Florence Sanitary Landfill, in the amount of \$13,575.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by David Koonce. **(Moved from Consent Agenda item 11 (e))**

- (I) Resolution to appropriate \$9,800.00 to The Salvation Army, to provide shelter, food and clothing for persons who are poor and needy residing in the City of Florence, Alabama, to be paid from budgeted funds sponsored by Sam Pendleton. **(This item was added to the agenda)**

13. General Business:

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

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expire</u>
Beautification Board	Vacancy		
	Vacancy		

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

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

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

16. Motion to Adjourn.

Prior to the approval of the agenda, President Barnhart noted that the City Council decided at it's earlier work session to move Consent Agenda Item 11 (e) Resolution authorizing the city to enter into a contract with Miller Drilling Company, Inc., to provide labor, materials and incidentals necessary to install two groundwater wells at the Florence Sanitary Landfill, in the amount of \$13,575.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by David Koonce to Regular Agenda Item 12 (h), Consent Agenda Item 11 (g) Resolution authorizing the city to enter into a contract with White, Lynn, Collins and Associates, Inc., to develop a conceptual plan and a preliminary cost estimate for refurbishing Veteran's Park to current standards for the City, in the amount of \$7,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Todd Nix to Regular Agenda Item 12 (g) and Consent Agenda Item 11 (i) Resolution authorizing the city to enter into a Letter of Engagement with Joe Jolly & Company, Inc., to provide investment banking services for the City of Florence relative to the issuance of General Obligation and/or Revenue Bonds or Warrants, sponsored by Dick Jordan, Barry Morris, and Sam Pendleton to Regular Agenda Item 12 (f). President Barnhart also noted that Regular Agenda Item 12 (I) Resolution to appropriate \$9,800.00 to The Salvation Army, to provide shelter, food and clothing for persons who are poor and needy residing in the City of Florence, Alabama, sponsored by Sam Pendleton has been added to tonight's agenda.

President Barnhart asked for a motion for approval of the amended 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: Sam Pendleton, Jr.  
Hermon T. Graham  
William D. Jordan  
Barry Morris  
James H. Barnhart  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

**Message from the Mayor:**

Mayor Irons' comments follow, to wit:

**Reports of Department Heads:**

Florence Police Chief Rick Singleton administered the Oath of Office to Officer Gary Knotts.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

Councilmember Jordan, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, report follows, to wit:

**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 Jordan 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:

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 an Ordinance to lease Suite 405 in the Florence-Lauderdale Government Building located at 102 S. Court Street, Florence, AL, to Lil Hall Agency, Inc., for a term of one year commencing on December 1, 2010 and ending on November 30, 2011, in the amount of \$1,800.00, sponsored by Dan Barger. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:



Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing ordinance.

Councilmember Graham 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 Graham 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: 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 vacate a twenty (20) foot utility easement lying within Lot 24, RIVERMONT ADDITION SUBDIVISION, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing resolution.

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

Councilmember Jordan moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution. Councilmember Betterton 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 adopt a Recruitment and Appointment Process for City Boards and Commissions. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Morris moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing resolution.

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

Councilmember Morris moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution. Councilmember Jordan seconded the motion.

**Discussion:**

Councilmember Graham made comments in opposition to the proposed resolution. Councilmember Graham stated that he is mainly opposed to the two-term limit. Councilmember Graham stated that it is hard to get people to serve on boards and now to place a two-term limit will make it even harder to get people to serve.

Councilmember Betterton made comments in favor of the proposed resolution. Councilmember Betterton stated that the recurring subject brought to him by the public is why should anyone apply to serve on the boards because the same people will be reappointed.

Councilmember Jordan made comments in favor of the proposed resolution. Councilmember Jordan stated that this resolution will encourage more people to become involved in City government. Councilmember Jordan thanked Councilmember Morris for his work on this resolution.

Councilmember Morris made comments in favor of the proposed resolution. Councilmember Morris stated that citizens knew not to apply for board appointments because the City Council habitually reappointed the same people. Councilmember Morris stated that this resolution's intent is to encourage citizens to participate and for members to serve two terms and to be replaced, but in the event that we have no applications, then the current member can be re-appointed.

President Barnhart made comments in opposition to the proposed resolution. President Barnhart stated that this resolution can cause an administrative nightmare because of the paper work involved.

Councilmember Graham stated that he appreciates all the hard work that Councilmember Morris and Councilmember Jordan did to draft these guidelines. Councilmember Graham stated that he is still opposed to the two-term limit.

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

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

Noes: Hermon T. Graham  
James H. Barnhart

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to vacate a portion of a 10-foot alley along the South line of Lots 9, 10, and 11, and along the North line of Lot 12, all in W. A. Hudson's Plat of Part of Original Lot 374, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing resolution.

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

Councilmember Jordan moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution. Councilmember Morris 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 authorizing the city to enter into a Letter of Engagement with Joe Jolly & Company, Inc., to provide investment banking services for the City of Florence relative to the issuance of General Obligation and/or Revenue Bonds or Warrants, sponsored by Dick Jordan, Barry Morris, and Sam Pendleton. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Jordan moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing resolution.

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

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

Noes: Hermon T. Graham

**The resolution did not received immediate consideration, therefore it will be carried over until the next City Council meeting.**

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution authorizing the city to enter into a contract with White, Lynn, Collins and Associates, Inc., to develop a conceptual plan and a preliminary cost estimate for refurbishing Veteran's Park to current standards for the City, in the amount of \$7,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Todd Nix. **(Moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (g) Said Resolution follows, to wit:**

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing resolution.

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

Councilmember Graham moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution. Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion.

**Discussion:**

Councilmember Pendleton made comments in opposition to the proposed resolution. Councilmember Pendleton stated that instead of paying for a study, just pay to have the bathroom facilities repaired. Councilmember Pendleton also stated that the bathroom facilities at McFarland Park are also in need of major repair.

Councilmember Betterton stated that he is Chairperson of the Parks & Recreation Committee. Councilmember Betterton stated that by not knowing what the plans will be regarding Veterans Park and RSA, there are a lot of questions. Councilmember Betterton also stated that we need someone with expertise to help up develop a vision for that area. Councilmember Betterton stated that we have been waiting on RSA for a vision but we need our own vision for these natural resources. Councilmember Betterton stated that we need to address the issues very soon.

Councilmember Graham stated that he currently serves on the Parks & Recreation Board and Veterans Park is also located in District 3. Councilmember Graham stated that Dr. Bronner is willing to work with us regarding Veterans Park. Councilmember Graham also stated that Veterans Park and McFarland Park are vital to our area.

Councilmember Jordan stated that the Public Parks Authority has set aside two million dollars to be used for improvements for any attractions coming into Veterans Park. Councilmember Jordan stated that he discussed this matter with Mayor Irons and stated that he believes that we should meet with Dr. Bronner and get his advice. Councilmember Jordan stated that he is going to vote against this resolution because the money might be able to be paid out of the Public Parks Authority money. Councilmember Jordan also stated that we must continue with routine maintenance with both parks.

Councilmember Pendleton stated that he did not like Mayor Irons selecting White, Lynn & Collins to perform this study. Councilmember asked if any other engineering firms were considered.

Councilmember Pendleton also stated that the parks problems are poor management and weak leadership. Councilmember Pendleton stated that the authority is here with the City Council. Councilmember Pendleton also stated the City is responsible for normal maintenance.

Councilmember Betterton asked what is considered normal maintenance. Councilmember Betterton stated that an expert will need to tell us the cost of repairs to the restrooms, pavilions and ball fields.

Councilmember Pendleton stated that normal maintenance has not been done.

Councilmember Graham noted that the ball fields at Veterans Park are currently using septic tanks and this study is going to tell us the cost of expanding sewer lines to the fields. Councilmember Graham stated that the ball fields at Veterans Park are important for use as practice fields. Councilmember Graham stated that the Sports Complex does not have enough fields to accommodate twice weekly practices for all of the ball teams.

Councilmember Pendleton stated that this Council will not ever get the full picture as long as the administration talks to you one on one. Councilmember Pendleton stated that he told Councilmember Jordan that he knows we should not approved anything without talking to Dr. Bronner. Councilmember Pendleton stated that we should repair the restrooms.

President Barnhart stated that we just approved a budget and did we forget to put money in the budget for maintenance of the parks.

Councilmember Jordan stated that the Parks & Recreation Committee should visit the parks and get someone local to calculate the cost of repairs. Councilmember Jordan stated that we should not do a study to maintain what is already there.

Councilmember Betterton stated that he understood that this resolution was to calculate repairs and was not for an economic study.

Councilmember Morris stated that he presume that there was money in the budget to make repairs. Councilmember Morris also stated that repairs should be performed by the Parks & Recreation Department.

President Barnhart stated that we should not be discussing a River Walk when the restrooms at the parks are in such terrible condition.

Councilmember Pendleton stated that he and others visited Veterans Park today because of Pearl Harbor Day and were unable to use the facilities because of such poor conditions.



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

Ayes: Hermon T. Graham  
James H. Barnhart  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.  
William D. Jordan  
Barry Morris

**The motion failed by a 3 to 3 vote.**

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, present a Resolution authorizing the city to enter into a contract with Miller Drilling Company, Inc., to provide labor, materials and incidentals necessary to install two groundwater wells at the Florence Sanitary Landfill, in the amount of \$13,575.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by David Koonce. **(Moved from Consent Agenda item 11 (e))**  
Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing resolution.

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

Councilmember Jordan moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution. Councilmember Morris 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 appropriate \$9,800.00 to The Salvation Army, to provide shelter, food and clothing for persons who are poor and needy residing in the City of Florence, Alabama, to be paid from budgeted funds sponsored by Sam Pendleton. **(Item was added to the agenda)** Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing resolution.

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

Councilmember Jordan moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution. Councilmember Pendleton seconded the motion.

**Discussion:**

Councilmember Morris made comments in opposition to the proposed resolution.

Councilmember Morris stated that he is in support of the work of all charitable organizations.

Councilmember Morris stated that he is not opposed to supporting the Salvation Army, but he stated that he is opposed to giving away taxpayer's money to support non-profit agencies of his choosing.

Councilmember Pendleton made comments in favor of the proposed resolution. Councilmember Pendleton stated that a lot of people are standing in line for food and it could help them.

President Barnhart made comments in opposition to the proposed resolution. President Barnhart stated that he appreciates Councilmember Pendleton's efforts. President Barnhart stated that he is not in favor of supporting any agency that is not willing to supply the City of Florence with its financial records.

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

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.  
Hermon T. Graham  
William D. Jordan  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: Barry Morris  
James H. Barnhart

**Board Openings:**

General Business:

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

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expire</u>
Beautification Board	Vacancy		
	Vacancy		

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

Ms. Tracy Brannon, 208 Birch Run, appeared and made general comments. Ms. Brannon stated that she is employed by the City of Florence and she thanked the City Council for it's approval of the 3% cost-of-living raise for all City employees.

Ms. Barbara Hill, 769 Sannoner Avenue, appeared and made comments regarding Board appointments. Ms. Hill applauded the City Council for approving the new guidelines for City Boards and Committees.

Ms. Hill also made comments regarding the conditions of City's Parks. Ms. Hill stated that she would not use any of the restroom facilities at any of the parks because of the terrible conditions.

**Council Reports and/or Comments:**

Councilmember Morris made comments regarding Pearl Harbor Day. Councilmember Morris asked that God Bless those who serve and protect our Nation.

Councilmember Morris made comments regarding his vote against appropriating money to the Salvation Army. Councilmember Morris stated that he does not like to spend the government's money on charities of the City Council's choosing.

Councilmember Betterton's comments follow, to wit:

Councilmember Pendleton made comments regarding the re-election of Mayor Irons. Councilmember Pendleton stated that neither the Mayor or anyone on the Council should be re-elected because of the deal with the University of North Alabama. Councilmember Pendleton stated that Mayor Irons has not built any buildings either. Councilmember Pendleton stated that if Mayor Irons wanted to help West Florence then look at Tombigbee Street. Councilmember Pendleton stated that if Mayor Irons continue with weak leadership and double talk then put him up for election because that are more quality people. Councilmember Pendleton stated that when people start looking they will know I am right. Councilmember Pendleton stated that he was opposed to the employee cost of living raise but wanted to increase benefits. Councilmember Pendleton also stated that some City employees will not be able to retire from the City. Councilmember Pendleton stated that he is not in favor of Mayor Irons' re-election.

Councilmember Jordan thanked the Boy Scouts that were in attendance tonight. Councilmember Jordan reminded everyone of the NCAA Division II National Championship game at Braly Stadium on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Jordan stated that he is grateful for all those who having given their life for our Country.

Councilmember Graham thanked everyone in attendance tonight and those watching by television. Councilmember Graham also thanked the Boys Scouts for being at tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Graham made comments regarding the NCAA Division II National Championship game. Councilmember Graham thanked Mr. Grady Liles for his hard work .

Councilmember Graham stated that all the votes at tonight's meeting shows good old-fashioned democracy. Councilmember Graham thanked Councilmember Jordan and Councilmember Morris for their work on the guidelines for Board appointments.

President Barnhart had no comments.

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

Ayes:	Sam Pendleton, Jr. William D. Jordan Hermon T. Graham Barry Morris James H. Barnhart Andrew Betterton
Noes:	None

Councilmember Betterton presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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CITY CLERK