

**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 16, 2011**

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, August 16, 2011. President Barnhart called the meeting to order. Mayor Irons 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: Sam Pendleton, Jr., William D. Jordan, Hermon T. Graham, Barry Morris, James Barnhart and Andrew Betterton.

AMENDED AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 16, 2011

5:00 P.M.

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1. Meeting called to order - President Barnhart
 2. Invocation - Mayor Irons
 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 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 760-6400 for questions on Consent Agenda items prior to the Council meeting.

- (a) Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 2, 2011.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.**(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (e))**
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Athel Hacker, DBA Athel Hacker Trucking, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the grinding/chipping of green wood wastes including stumps, logs, and limbs that resulted from the April and May storms in the amount of \$86,000.00, to be paid from Solid Waste Department Fund 267-43200, 75% reimbursement from FEMA, 12.5% reimbursement from State, sponsored by David Koonce.**(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (c))**
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City and Lauderdale County to jointly enter into a contract with Lauderdale EMS, Inc., to perform ambulance service in the City of Florence and Lauderdale County, sponsored by George Grabryan.**(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (d))**

- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Joe Keenum Excavation & Construction, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to excavate, remove, haul and dispose of eleven (11) large root ball/stumps left as a result of the April and May storms, in the amount of \$14,300.00, to be paid from Street Department Fund 256-43120, 75% reimbursement from FEMA, 12.5% reimbursement from State, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a Lease Agreement with Yamaha Motor Corporation, to provide sixty-eight (68) new 2011 golf cars and one (1) turf vehicle at \$66.29/car/month for a three (3) year period, to be paid from budgeted Golf Contractual Services, 44730-00256, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to approve the Full Release and Assignment of Claim from the City to Hartford Fire Insurance Company for the payment of \$8,950.00 to the City on behalf of Valley Surgery Center, sponsored by Vance Young.
- (h) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into an Amendatory Agreement with TVA to extend the Energy Right In-Home Energy Evaluation Pilot Program, Contract No. 0014092, Supplement No. 6, for a period of one year, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (i) Resolution to advance and reimburse Travel Expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Irons.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Resolution authorizing the City of Florence and Shoals Area to develop a simple written Economic Development and Recruitment Plan with a Sense of Purpose, sponsored by Sam Pendleton. **(THIS RESOLUTION DID NOT RECEIVE A UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION AT THE 08/02/2011 COUNCIL MEETING. A VOTE FOR ADOPTION IS ALL THAT IS NEEDED AT THIS TIME.)**
- (b) Resolution authorizing the City to engage White, Lynn & Collins to perform a professional survey of the property formerly known as the Florence Golf and Country Club and the property on which the current Florence landfill is located, to be paid from the Solid Waste Fund, sponsored by Sam Pendleton. **(THIS RESOLUTION DID NOT RECEIVE A UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION AT THE 08/02/2011 COUNCIL MEETING. A VOTE FOR ADOPTION IS ALL THAT IS NEEDED AT THIS TIME.)**
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- (d) Resolution authorizing the City and Lauderdale County to jointly enter into a contract with Lauderdale EMS, Inc., to perform ambulance service in the City of Florence and Lauderdale County, sponsored by George Grabryan. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (d))**
- (e) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (b))**

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution authorizing the City to appropriate the following sums for the Gas Department Budget, reflecting projected revenues of \$19,483,000.00 and projected expenditures of \$19,042,800.00 and the Water and Wastewater Department Budget, reflecting projected revenues of \$19,509,650.00 and projected expenditures of \$15,674,800.00 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, sponsored by Mayor Irons.

- (b) Resolution to authorize the City of Florence, Alabama, to request that ADECA and the National Park Service allow the Florence-Lauderdale Tourism Board to build a visitor's center at the location of the golf course clubhouse in McFarland Park sponsored by William D. Jordan. **(This item was added to the Regular Agenda)**

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

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expire</u>
Adjustments & Appeals	William T. Wynne	09/06/05	09/30/11
	Thomas G. Pigg	09/06/05	09/30/11
	Fitzgerald Hill	09/06/05	09/30/11
Beautification Board (2 - Vacancies)			
Park & Recreation	Jimmy H. Williams	07/02/02	10/30/11
	Mansfield "Pete" Key	12/19/06	10/30/11
SEDA	Martin R. Abroms	12/18/08	09/30/11
	Hermon Graham	07/06/06	09/30/11

14. Business from the public (5-minute time limit).
 15. Council Members reports and/or comments (5-minute time limit).

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

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Barnhart noted that the City Council decided at it's earlier work session to move Consent Agenda Item 11 (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Athel Hacker, DBA Athel Hacker Trucking, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the grinding/chipping of green wood wastes including stumps, logs, and limbs that resulted from the April and May storms in the amount of \$86,000.00, to be paid from Solid Waste Department Fund 267-43200, 75% reimbursement from FEMA, 12.5% reimbursement from State, sponsored by David Koonce to Regular Agenda Item 12 (c) , Consent Agenda Item 11 (d) Resolution authorizing the City and Lauderdale County to jointly enter into a contract with Lauderdale EMS, Inc., to perform ambulance service in the City of Florence and Lauderdale County, sponsored by George Grabryan to Regular Agenda Item 12 (d), Consent Agenda Item 11 (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer to Regular Agenda Item 12 (e) and added Regular Agenda Item 13 (b) Resolution to authorize the City of Florence, Alabama, to request that ADECA and the National Park Service allow the Florence-Lauderdale Tourism Board to build a visitor's center at the location of the golf course clubhouse in McFarland Park sponsored by William D. Jordan. There being no further changes, President Barnhart

asked for a motion for approval of the amended agenda. Councilmember Betterton moved for approval of the amended agenda. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Pendleton asked Bill Musgrove, City Attorney, regarding the procedures to table a resolution that he sponsored. Mr. Musgrove stated that he can make a motion to table a resolution and if the motion receives a second then the majority must vote to table the resolution. Councilmember Betterton asked for clarification. Mr. Musgrove stated that after an item receives a motion and a second then any member at any time can call for the resolution to be tabled at which time a majority must vote to table the resolution.

There being no further discussion, a vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

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

Noes: None

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor Irons recognized and presented Certificates of Commendation to the Florence 10 year old All Stars Baseball Team who won the 2011 Cal Ripken State Championship in July. Mayor Irons noted that the State Tournament was held at the Sports Complex and that the team went on to compete in the Regional Play in North Carolina.

Reports of Department Heads:

Florence Police Chief Rick Singleton made comments regarding policies and procedures that is a part of the accreditation process for the department. Chief Singleton noted that next Monday citizens will have the opportunity to call the assessors and make comments regarding the Florence Police Department. Chief Singleton administered the Oath of Office to Officer Guy Lambert and Officer Daniel Riggs who recently were hired to the Florence Police Department.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Councilmember Hermon Graham gave a Utility Committee meeting report that follows, to wit:

Councilmember Pendleton made comments regarding the Utility Committee report. Councilmember Pendleton asked about the projected surplus. President Barnhart stated that this matter needs to be discussed when the resolution for the budget is presented to the City Council.

Public Hearing: None

Business from the Floor Pertaining to Items on the Consent or Regular Agenda:

Mr. George Grabryan, EMA/911 Director, appeared and asked the City Council to support Regular Agenda Item 12(d) Resolution authorizing the City and Lauderdale County to jointly enter into a contract with Lauderdale EMS, Inc., to perform ambulance service in the City of Florence and Lauderdale County. Mr. Grabryan stated that his department has had a good working relationship with Lauderdale EMS.

Consent Agenda:

President Barnhart 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:

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

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution authorizing the City of Florence and Shoals Area to develop a simple written Economic Development and Recruitment Plan with a Sense of Purpose, sponsored by Sam Pendleton. **(THIS RESOLUTION DID NOT RECEIVE A UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION AT THE 08/02/2011 COUNCIL MEETING. A VOTE FOR ADOPTION IS ALL THAT IS NEEDED AT THIS TIME.)** Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Pendleton moved for adoption of the foregoing ordinance.

Councilmember Graham seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Pendleton made comments in favor of the proposed resolution. Councilmember Pendleton stated that he has served on various committees regarding recruitment of businesses to our area and has been very displeased with the process. Councilmember Pendleton made comments regarding UNA and the Shoals Chamber of Commerce supporting China. Councilmember Pendleton stated that there is not a German company located in the Shoals area. Councilmember Pendleton also stated that UNA and the Shoals Chamber of Commerce do not have concern for other countries. Councilmember Pendleton stated that he would like to see this area go in a different direction. Councilmember Pendleton also stated that there is not a plan for recruitment in this area. Councilmember Pendleton stated that we can not recruit jobs when we exclude organized labor, the education system and church-based schools. Councilmember Pendleton also stated that the Shoals area needs to learn our history and the conflicts with foreign countries. Councilmember Pendleton stated that we need to pay more attention to our local industry. Councilmember Pendleton also stated that his solution for recruiting is to involve other people.

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

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.

Noes: William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
James H. Barnhart
Barry Morris
Andrew Betterton

(The motion failed)

Robert M. Leyde, City Clerk, presented a Resolution authorizing the City to engage White, Lynn & Collins to perform a professional survey of the property formerly known as the Florence Golf and Country Club and the property on which the current Florence landfill is located, to be paid from the Solid Waste Fund, sponsored by Sam Pendleton. **(THIS RESOLUTION DID NOT RECEIVE A UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION AT THE 08/02/2011 COUNCIL MEETING. A VOTE FOR ADOPTION IS ALL THAT IS NEEDED AT THIS TIME.)** Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Pendleton moved for adoption of the foregoing ordinance.

Councilmember Jordan seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Pendleton made comments in favor of the proposed resolution.

Councilmember Pendleton stated that we purchased the property in November 2009 and this resolution is to properly survey this property. Councilmember Pendleton also stated that in order to develop a land use plan, we need a complete survey. Councilmember Pendleton stated that the General Fund needs to reimburse the Solid Waste Department for the property.

Councilmember Betterton asked if this resolution includes the property at the current landfill.

Councilmember Jordan made comments in favor of the proposed resolution. Councilmember Jordan stated that in order to subdivide this property or sell this property, we need our own survey.

President Barnhart made comments in favor of the proposed resolution. President Barnhart stated that this resolution encompasses all property including the landfill.

Councilmember Graham asked if we would need to survey the property again if the Council decides to sell all or part of the property.

Councilmember Pendleton stated that he does not want the property sold. Councilmember Pendleton also stated his only interest is the citizens of Florence. Councilmember Pendleton stated that we need this property for future growth. Councilmember Pendleton stated that if we sold the property, we will be blocked from the adjacent property. Councilmember Pendleton stated that the citizens will be paying \$38.50 a month more for garbage pickup. Councilmember Pendleton stated that he does not want the citizens in District 1 to pay more for garbage.

Councilmember Betterton stated that in no meetings has he heard any discussion regarding an increase of \$38.50 per month.

President Barnhart stated that he has not heard of a \$38.50 increase and that this City Council has not discussed the cost to our citizens.

Councilmember Jordan stated that he would be glad to discuss the cost of a transfer station.

President Barnhart stated that he has asked for this information numerous times and has not received any projected costs. President Barnhart also stated that he would not vote in favor of a solution until he receives this information.

Councilmember Pendleton stated that he knows how to make analytical judgements. Councilmember Pendleton also stated that landfill companies are betting on the City to sell the property and then the City will not have anywhere for the garbage to go. Councilmember Pendleton stated that when the garbage is transported to a regional landfill, it will be weighed and the fee will be \$38.50 per

ton. Councilmember Pendleton stated that a survey is needed to see the layout of the property. Councilmember Pendleton also stated that we will pay for the garbage to be hauled off and then pay for it to be dumped.

Councilmember Morris made comments in opposition to the proposed resolution. Councilmember Morris stated that if we sold this property, it would bring in revenue. Councilmember Morris stated that he is willing to support the part of the resolution that approves a survey for the current landfill property. Councilmember Morris stated that he does not agree that we need a survey of the former Florence Golf & Country Club property right now. Councilmember Morris also stated that he understands that to consider building a transfer station at the current landfill, we need a survey. Councilmember Morris stated that time is running out regarding a decision about the current landfill. Councilmember Morris also stated that he has received very conflicting information in the last few weeks. Councilmember Morris stated that it is highly unlikely that ADEM will issue a permit for a landfill at the former Florence Golf & Country Club property. Councilmember Morris stated that he would like the wording "former Florence Golf & Country Club property" removed from the resolution.

Councilmember Pendleton stated that if this Council is still considering selling this property, then the property needs to be transferred to the General Fund. Councilmember Pendleton stated that if this property was transferred to the General Fund then a garbage rate increase would not be necessary. Councilmember also stated that we should consider annexing all the property from Cox Creek Parkway to the bend of the Tennessee River. Councilmember Pendleton stated that the Street Department should be moved to this property and the City could use the old Street Department location to provide parking for the Entertainment District. Councilmember Morris stated that the original intent of purchasing this property was to expand the landfill but since that is now not going to occur, we should sometime in the near future sell this property. Councilmember Pendleton stated that the intent was to sell the property to UNA. Councilmember Morris asked for a motion for an amendment to the proposed resolution to delete the wording "former Florence Golf & Country" property. Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion.

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

Ayes: Barry Morris

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

(Motion to amend the proposed resolution failed)

Councilmember Jordan stated that the City Council should meet to discuss the costs at the next scheduled work session.

Councilmember Betterton stated that this Council has attended a number of good meetings and has gathered all of the information and now we need to meet and make a plan.

Councilmember Pendleton made comments regarding the expansion of the landfill. Councilmember Pendleton stated that we need to project 50 years for disposal of our garbage. Councilmember Pendleton also stated that we need a plan that will also recruit jobs to this area.

President Barnhart stated that he does not believe this Council is capable of making a plan for the next 50 years without "special interest" being involved.

Councilmember Pendleton made comments regarding developing a plan. Councilmember Pendleton stated that we should make a 50 year plan.

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

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

Noes: Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris

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Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing resolution.

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

Discussion:

Councilmember Pendleton stated that in the future with our 50 year plan, the City will be capable of performing this work ourselves and making money.

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

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

Noes: None

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Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing resolution.

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

Discussion:

Councilmember Jordan made comments in favor of the proposed resolution. Councilmember Jordan thanked everyone involved for developing this contract. Councilmember Jordan also thanked Lauderdale EMS for their efforts.

Councilmember Pendleton made comments in favor of the proposed resolution. Councilmember Pendleton thanked George Grabryan, EMA/911 Director, for his hard work.

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

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

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Pendleton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing resolution.

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

Discussion:

Councilmember Pendleton made comments in opposition to the proposed resolution. Councilmember Pendleton stated that he was not in favor of giving the City employees a cost of living raise and raising utility rates.

Councilmember Betterton stated that he was in full support of giving the City employees a cost of living raise and the recent utility rate increase was on the average of \$4.00 a month increase.

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

Ayes: William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
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Noes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.

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Councilmember Pendleton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing resolution.

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

Discussion:

Councilmember Pendleton made comments in opposition to the proposed resolution. Councilmember Pendleton stated that prior to July 2011 we put this City in debt 20 million dollars for a bond issue and raised the water rates 9.75% and this proposed budget shows a surplus of 3.8 million dollars. Councilmember Pendleton also stated that water rates should not have been increased.

Councilmember Graham made comments in support of the proposed resolution. Councilmember Graham stated that it was explained to Councilmember Pendleton what the surplus is being used for. Councilmember Graham also stated that the 3.8 million dollars will go to paying the principal of the bond issue.

President Barnhart stated that out of the excess, the debt service has to be paid and that the debt service can not be shown as a expenditure.

Councilmember Pendleton stated that Vance Young, Utilities Controller, used a slight of hand in preparing a budget.

Councilmember Betterton stated that if Vance Young used a slight of hand then the auditor's report would have shown that. Councilmember Betterton stated that there was a meeting and that Mr. Young and others discussed the budget thoroughly.

President Barnhart stated that he would never question Mr. Young's integrity.

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

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Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
James H. Barnhart
Andrew Betterton

Noes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.

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

Discussion:

Councilmember Jordan made comments in favor of the proposed resolution. Councilmember Jordan stated that in 1967 the City received a land and water grant to develop the golf course at McFarland Park. Councilmember Jordan also stated that according to the grant, the City must seek approval for any changes to the park. Councilmember Jordan stated that this resolution is seeking approval to build a Tourist Center in the park.

Councilmember Pendleton made comments in favor of the proposed resolution. Councilmember Pendleton stated that a Visitor's Center will be beneficial to the downtown area and to West Florence.

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

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

Noes: None

Board Openings:

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

Mr. David Hinton, Windcrest Drive, appeared and made comments regarding parking of large trucks in neighborhoods. Mr. Hinton stated that he has driven a tractor trailer truck for the past 14 years. Mr. Hinton also stated that when the City amended the codes regarding the parking of large trucks that he complied with the rules. Mr. Hinton stated that "without trucks, America stops". Mr. Hinton stated that truck drivers are being discriminated against in the City of Florence. Mr. Hinton also stated that drivers have invested \$160,000.00 to \$180,000.00 in their trucks and must move them out of the jurisdiction of Florence and leave them unsecured. Mr. Hinton asked that the City use surplus property to build a parking area for large trucks.

Council Reports and/or Comments:

Councilmember Jordan congratulated the coaches and players of the Cal Ripken Baseball Team that was recognized tonight. Councilmember Jordan also congratulated the two new Florence Police Officers.

Councilmember Graham also congratulated the baseball team and the new Florence Police Officers. Councilmember Graham also expressed his condolences to the family of Mr. Fred Hendon who passed away last Sunday.

Councilmember Morris had no comments.

Councilmember Betterton also congratulated the two new Police Officers and expressed his sympathy to Fred Hendon's family.

Councilmember Betterton stated that he will talk to Mr. Hinton about truck parking. Councilmember Betterton encouraged all drivers to be extra careful now that school has official started.

Councilmember Pendleton also offered his condolences to the family of Mr. Fred Hendon.

Councilmember Pendleton submitted Mayor Irons' comments from September 21, 2010 and others that follow, to wit:

Councilmember Pendleton expressed his appreciation to the environmentalists that have been working on matters regarding the landfill.

Councilmember Pendleton made comments regarding UNA and the communists comments. Councilmember Pendleton stated that there is a real communist threat to our Nation.

Councilmember Pendleton stated that his total devotion is to the citizens of Florence and not with any special interest group. Councilmember Pendleton stated that he is not in favor of selling the former Florence Golf & Country Club property.

President Barnhart made comments regarding the recent Sweetwater Reunion last Saturday. President Barnhart noted that it was a great success.

Councilmember Morris also offered his condolences to the family of Mr. Fred Hendon.

President Barnhart presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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