

**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 2, 2012**

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, October 2, 2012. President Barnhart called the meeting to order. Councilmember Jordan 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

October 2, 2012

5:00 P.M.

1. Meeting called to order - President Barnhart
2. Invocation - Councilmember Jordan
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 September 18, 2012.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with TTL to provide construction materials, engineering and testing services relative to the Sidewalk Improvement Plan Phase I for the West Florence Area, in the amount of \$4,960.00, to be paid from budgeted Community Development Block Grant funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (d) Resolution approving the Emergency Shelter Grant Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract with Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama, Inc., sponsored by Melissa Bailey.

- (e) Resolution approving the Emergency Shelter Grant Program Sub-Recipient funding Contract with Safeplace, Inc., sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (f) Resolution approving the Emergency Shelter Grant Program Sub-Recipient funding Contract with the Society of St. Vincent De Paul, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Threet Builders, Excavating and Construction, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to demolish out buildings and properly dispose of all materials for the properties located at 1105 Bellmeade Avenue and 1122 Bluff Street, in the amount of \$5,100.00, to be paid from budgeted Community Development Block Grant funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (h) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Jason Vaughn to conduct golf lessons and clinics at Blackberry Trail Golf Course, City to be paid \$1,000.00 per month for training space and range balls, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (i) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Hearn Plumbing, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install a 3-inch ball valve because of a water leak at the Royal Avenue Recreation Center, in the amount of \$1,680.00, to be paid from budgeted funds Account #44410-266, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (j) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Ronnie Wright, DBA Tennessee Valley Tree Service, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to remove an Oak tree and stump and dispose of all materials from the sidewalk right-of-way in front of 126 Gilbert Court, in the amount of \$5,250.00, to be paid from budgeted Community Development Block Grant funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (k) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Tri-County Construction, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the West Florence Sidewalk Improvements (Phase I), in the amount of \$237,263.38, to be paid from budgeted Community Development Block Grant funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (l) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with T. J. Construction, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the gas line relocation-Hermitage Drive Bridge Utility Relocation, ALDOT STPOA-8863(600), in the amount of \$194,050.66, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #376.00, and then reimbursed 100% by ALDOT, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (m) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with White, Lynn, Collins & Associates, Inc., to provide a topographical survey of the property at the corner of Dr. Hicks Boulevard and Cherry Street, in the amount of \$2,100.00, to be paid from Account #389.12.01 *Land & Land Rights – Dr. Hicks Boulevard*, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (n) Resolution to appropriate the sum of \$16,200.00 from the City's Workers' Compensation Fund to settle a workers' compensation claim filed against the City by Rolando Bogan, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (o) Resolution to advance and reimburse Travel Expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Irons.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Resolution to enter into a Contract with the City of Florence, Lauderdale County and Shoals Ambulance, Inc., to perform ambulance services in the City and Lauderdale County, sponsored by Sam Pendleton.
- (b) Ordinance to adopt new registration fee schedule for Florence Swim Team, sponsored by Todd Nix. **(This item was added to the Regular Agenda)**

- (c) Ordinance to adopt new fee schedules for Blackberry Trail Golf Course, City campgrounds, and City picnic shelters, sponsored by Todd Nix. **(This item was added to the Regular 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>
Agri-Business Center	1 - vacancy		
Beautification Board	Scott Townsend Susan Burdine 2 - vacancies	12/07/10 12/01/09	11/01/12 11/01/12
Historical Board	Kenneth Johnson Robert Steen	03/25/09 01/19/10	12/17/12 12/17/12
Housing & Construction Appeals Board	5 - Vacancies		
Library Board	Jeannie Rogers 1 - Vacancy	04/17/07	12/01/12
SEDA	2 - Vacancies		
Tree Commission	Kevin Jangaard 2 - Vacancies	09/16/08	11/03/12
Zoning Adjustments	1 - Vacancy (Supernumerary)		

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

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

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

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Barnhart noted that Regular Agenda Item 12 (b) Ordinance authorizing the City to approve new swim team registration fees and Regular Agenda Item 12 (c) Ordinance authorizing the City to approve new fee schedules for Blackberry Trail Golf Course and City campgrounds both sponsored by Todd Nix were added to the Agenda at the earlier work session.

President Barnhart asked for a motion for approval of the amended agenda. Councilmember Pendleton moved for approval of the amended agenda. Councilmember Jordan 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 presented a Proclamation designating October 7 - 13 as Mental Awareness Week. The Proclamation was received by Mr. Don Rohling.

Report of Department Heads: None

Report of Standing Committee:

Councilmember Betterton's report follows, to wit:

Councilmember Graham, Acting Public Safety Committee Chairperson, gave a report of the Public Safety Committee meeting that was held on Sept 25th. In attendance were President Barnhart, Councilmember Betterton and Police Chief Ron Tyler. Councilmember Graham noted that Councilmember Pendleton is Chairperson of the committee but that he had a prior commitment. Councilmember Graham further noted that Chief Tyler is looking for ways to improve the Animal Control Department. Councilmember Graham stated that it was decided to wait for the newly elected City and County officials to take office and then schedule a meeting with the Public Safety Committee to discuss further plans.

Public Hearing: 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 Betterton moved for approval of the ordinances and resolutions as follow, to-wit:

Councilmember Graham 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 to enter into a Contract with the City of Florence, Lauderdale County and Shoals Ambulance, Inc., to perform ambulance services in the City and Lauderdale County, sponsored by Sam Pendleton. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Pendleton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing resolution.

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

Discussion:

President Barnhart made comments in opposition to the proposed resolution. President Barnhart stated that Lauderdale EMS is the best ambulance service that the City has had. President Barnhart further stated that in the last four years there have been no complaints until the last two months.

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

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

Noes: James H. Barnhart

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance authorizing the City to adopted a new registration fee of \$35.00 for the Florence Swim Team as sponsored by Todd Nix. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Graham moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing ordinance.

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

Discussion:

Councilmember Jordan asked what is the current registration fee? Councilmember Betterton stated that the current fee is \$25.00 and that the fee is per person.

There being no further 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

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance authorizing the City to adopt new fee schedules for Blackberry Trail Golf Course, City campgrounds and picnic shelters, sponsored by Todd Nix. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Pendleton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing ordinance.

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 ordinance. Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion.

There being 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

General Business:

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

Mr. John Hargett, 1406 North Wood Avenue, appeared and made comments in opposition to a newspaper article published in the TimesDaily regarding the Muscle Shoals Regional Airport receiving a subsidy from the Federal Government. Mr. Hargett asked the City Council to use its influence to stop this federal grant.

Council Reports and/or Comments:

Councilmember Graham thanked outgoing Councilmembers for their devoted service to the City of Florence.

Councilmember Morris had no comment.

Councilmember Betterton had no comment.

Councilmember Pendleton made comments regarding the recent salary increase that was awarded to Dr. Womack, Superintendent of Florence City Schools. Councilmember Pendleton stated that Dr. Womack has a goal and a plan in place for our schools and that she wants our school system to be number one in the State within five years.

Councilmember Jordan made comments regarding Regular Agenda Item 11 (h) Contract with Jason Vaughn to conduct golf lessons and clinics at Blackberry Trail Golf Course.

Councilmember Jordan stated that Mr. Vaughn will be a good addition to the golf course.

President Barnhart had no comments.

Councilmember Morris presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK