

**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
December 4, 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, December 4, 2012. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Councilmember Morris 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.

AMENDED AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 4, 2012

5:00 P.M.

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1. Meeting called to order - President
 2. Invocation - Councilmember Morris
 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: 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 November 20, 2012 Meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Southern Environmental Testing, Inc., to provide professional services necessary to perform the analysis on groundwater samples as required by ADEM Permit No. 39-05 at the Florence Landfill, to be paid according to a schedule of unit amounts and expensed to Account #267-43200, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter in a contract with Highland Technical Services, Inc. to provide professional services necessary to perform the semi-annual groundwater monitoring and reporting as required by ADEM Permit No. 39-05 at the Florence Landfill, in the amount of \$5,545.00 and expensed to Account #267-43200, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Jaco Dozer and Tractor

Service, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to demolish all structures, remove and properly dispose of all debris, and level the properties located at 1806 Veteran Drive, 2004 Veterans Drive, 1316 Dayton Street, and 816 Kendrick Street, in the contract amount of \$10,398.62, to be paid from from budgeted Community Development Block Grant funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.

- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to accept a proposal for a one year insurance policy covering excess loss health insurance, Option 1, from BCS Insurance Company, represented by Blue Cross of Alabama, said coverage to be effective January 1, 2013, sponsored by Dan Barger. **(This item was removed at the request of the sponsor)**
- (g) Resolution to appoint Bud Ward to the Shoals Economic Development Authority, sponsored by the City Council.
- (h) Resolution to advance and reimburse Travel Expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. 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	12/07/10	11/01/12
	Susan Burdine	12/01/09	11/01/12
	2 - vacancies		
Historical Board	Kenneth Johnson	03/25/09	12/17/12
	Robert Steen	01/19/10	12/17/12
	1 - Vacancy		
Housing & Construction Appeals Board	5 - Vacancies		
Tree Commission	Kevin Jangaard	09/16/08	11/03/12
	2 - Vacancies		

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

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

Councilmember Morris
 Councilmember Edwards
 Councilmember Betterton
 Councilmember Smith
 Councilmember Graham
 Councilmember Jordan

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan noted that the City Council decided at it's earlier work session to remove Consent Agenda Item 11 (f) Resolution authorizing the City to accept a proposal for a one year insurance policy covering excess loss health insurance, Option 1, from BCS Insurance Company, represented by Blue Cross of Alabama, said coverage to be effective January 1, 2013, at the request of Dan Barger, Chief Accountant/Treasurer.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith
Hermon T. Graham
William D. Jordan
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor's comments follow, to wit:

Report of Department Heads:

Police Chief Ron Tyler administered the Oath of Office to Officer Allen Hooper and Officer Kyle Mitchell.

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 Graham 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

General Business:

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

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments regarding the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Mr. Simpson cited a recent TimesDaily Newspaper poll that showed 75% of pollsters were in support of de-criminalizing marijuana laws. Mr. Simpson further stated that we need more gun control.

Mr. Shawn Patrick, 1807 Jackson Road, appeared and made comments in opposition to the proposed building of a tennis complex in Veterans Park. Mr. Patrick stated that the City should use Veterans Park as a music and arts park.

Council Reports and/or Comments:

Councilmember Morris noted that First Friday on December 7th will be the last until Spring.

Councilmember Morris made comments regarding the 10:00 a.m. work session that was held this morning. Councilmember Morris stated that they were able to visualize capital projects that will improve our cities.

Councilmember Edwards thanked the Mayor and Council for the the work session that took place earlier in the day. Councilmember Edwards congratulated the two new police officers that were hired.

Councilmember Betterton thanked all the City employees for their hard work. Councilmember asked that everyone be vigilant and safe during this holiday season.

Councilmember Smith stated that the work session held earlier today was to discuss the future plans for the City.

Councilmember Graham stated that he enjoyed the work session earlier today. Councilmember Graham further stated that we need to work with other cities and counties.

Councilmember Graham congratulated the two new police officers. Councilmember Graham wished everyone a happy holiday season.

President Jordan express his appreciation for Mayor Haddock and members of the City Council for their service.

Councilmember Graham presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

