

**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
September 3, 2013**

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, September 3, 2013. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Mayor Haddock 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.

AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 3, 2013

5:00 P.M.

1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
2. Invocation
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: Rezoning for the North side of Gresham Road/Seville Street intersection from R-1 (Residential District) to B-2 (Business District), as requested by Wade Gilchrist..
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 256-760-6400 for questions on Consent Agenda items prior to the Council meeting.

- (a) Approval of minutes of the August 20, 2013 meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with TJ Construction Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to extend a sanitary sewer line, including a portion under a railroad, to the Wideman/Butler Apartment Project property located on Helton Drive, in the amount of \$49,900.00, the developer will reimburse the department 100% of all expenditures, sponsored by Michael Doyle.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with White, Lynn, Collins & Associates, to provide professional surveying services as needed and requested for a three year period at the City Landfill, to be paid according to a fee schedule and expensed to Account #256-43200, sponsored by David Koonce.

- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Aqua Services, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install a Vertex Air 3VBS SH 115 volt system complete with air stations, valve box, 700 feet of bottom tubing in the north lake at Deibert Park, in the amount of \$3,080.00, to be paid from donated funds, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Robert W. Whitten, Architect, to provide professional architectural services for the Frank Lloyd Wright/Rosenbaum Home Gift Shop, in the amount of \$1,400.00, to be paid from budgeted Capital Improvement Fund 188, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Mike Mitchell Construction Company, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to perform electrical, plumbing, sheet rock, painting, woodwork, and restroom walls necessary for the Frank Lloyd Wright /Rosenbaum Home Gift Shop, in the amount of \$7,812.00, to be paid from budgeted Capital Improvement Fund 188, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (h) Resolution to approve a Release for Property Damage Claims from the City of Florence to Progressive Insurance in the amount of \$997.50, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (i) Resolution to advance and reimburse Travel Expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Ordinance to rezone the North side of Gresham Road/Seville Street intersection from R-1 (Residential District) to B-2 (Business District), sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (b) Ordinance to approve the sale of surplus property on Royal Avenue adjacent to Four Lane Shopping Center, in the amount of \$3,280.00 to Rusty Carbine, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (c) Ordinance to approve a Lease Agreement with the University of North Alabama for 177 parking spaces on Levels J, K, L, and M in the Downtown Parking Deck for additional UNA student parking for a time period of August 21, 2012 to May 20, 2013, in the amount of \$6.00 per month per space for a total lease amount of \$9,558.00, sponsored by Bob Leyde.

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution approving the budget of the Electricity Department for the year ending June 30, 2014, sponsored by Mayor Haddock, Richard Morrissey, and Vance Young.
- (b) Resolution to revise the 1995 One Cent Sales Tax Capital Fund Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget adopted on September 18, 2012, sponsored by Dan Barger.
- (c) Board Openings within the next 90 days or less:

| <u>Board</u> | <u>Member</u> | <u>Appointed</u> | <u>Expires</u> |
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| Agri-Business Center | Vacant | | |
| Housing & Construction Codes Appeal Board | E. B. Norton Jason B. Lenz | 09/06/05 09/06/05 | 09/30/13 09/30/13 |
| Parks and Recreation | Randy Chapin Rick Collins | 12/19/06 02/02/93 | 10/30/13 10/30/13 |
| Regional Library Board | Vacant | | |
| SEDA | Brad Holmes Tyndal Davis | 09/20/05 09/04/01 | 09/30/13 09/30/13 |

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| Scope 310 | Reginald Owens | 04/03/01 | 07/21/13 |
| | Karen Kennedy | 12/07/10 | 07/21/13 |
| Tourism (Joint) | Sandra Burroughs | 06/01/10 | 09/30/13 |

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

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

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

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the 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: Dave Smith
Hermon T. Graham
William D. Jordan
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor Haddock's comments follow, to wit:

Report of Department Heads:

Police Chief Tyler presented a Life-Saving medal and plaque to Officer Jeff Redcross for preventing a man from jumping off the ledge of Wilson Dam.

Fire Chief Willett made comments regarding the placement of permanent markers along Cypress Creek that will add rescue personnel in locating people.

George Gryban, EMA Director, noted that this project is much needed in our community and will add in performing rescue operations.

Report of Standing Committee:

Councilmember Graham, Chairperson of the Utility Committee, noted that the 2013-2014 Electricity budget was presented during a recent committee meeting. Councilmember Graham further noted that the committee voted unanimously to recommend the approval of the budget to the full Council.

Public Hearing:

President Jordan noted that this is the date and time advertised for the public hearing regarding the rezoning of the north side of Gresham Road/Seville Street intersection from R-1 (Residential District) to B-2 (Business District), as requested by Wade Gilchrist.

Melissa Bailey, Planning Director, stated that this is approximately 12 acres and that the Planning Commission voted to unanimously recommend the approval of this rezoning.

There were no comments from the public.

President Jordan closed the public hearing portion of the Council meeting.

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

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance to rezone the North side of Gresham Road/Seville Street intersection from R-1 (Residential District) to B-2 (Business District), sponsored by Melissa Bailey. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Smith moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

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

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

Noes: None

Councilmember Graham moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance. Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion.

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

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

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance to approve the sale of surplus property on Royal Avenue adjacent to Four Lane Shopping Center, in the amount of \$3,280.00 to Rusty Carbine, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Graham moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

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

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

Noes: None

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

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance to approve a Lease Agreement with the University of North Alabama for 177 parking spaces on Levels J, K, L, and M in the Downtown Parking Deck for additional UNA student parking for a time period of August 21, 2012 to May 20, 2013, in the amount of \$6.00 per month per space for a total lease amount of \$9,558.00, sponsored by Bob Leyde. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Morris moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

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

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

Noes: None

Councilmember Graham moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion.

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

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

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution approving the budget of the Electricity Department for the year ending June 30, 2014, sponsored by Mayor Haddock, Richard Morrissey, and Vance Young. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

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

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

Noes: None

Councilmember Betterton moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion.

Discussion:

President Jordan stated that this Council appreciates Vance Young's and Richard Morrissey's hard work on this budget.

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

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

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to revise the 1995 One Cent Sales Tax Capital Fund Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget adopted on September 18, 2012, sponsored by Dan Barger. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Morris moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

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

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

Noes: None

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

Noes: None

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

Ms. Anna Broadfoot, 102 East Oak Hill Drive, appeared and made comments in favor of building a new Senior Center. Ms. Broadfoot thanked the Council and City for their service to the citizens of Florence. Ms. Broadfoot stated that her request is that the City build a new Senior Center the same size as the current building, but build it to allow for expansion in the future as funds become available.

Mr. Jim Mason, 152 Stoney Creek Drive, made comments in favor of building a new Senior Center. Mr. Mason echoed Ms. Broadfoot's comments.

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments regarding the poor and minorities. Mr. Simpson stated that we continue to systematically oppress these class of people.

Council Reports and/or Comments:

Councilmember Edwards made comments in support of UNA and Florence Falcons Football Teams. Councilmember Edwards also congratulated Officer Redcross and thanked Ms. Taylor Hendrix.

Councilmember Betterton thanked Fire Fighter Dustin Simmons and Ms. Taylor Hendrix. Councilmember Betterton noted that Taylor and her family are such an inspiration.

Councilmember Smith had no comments.

Councilmember Graham also thanked Ms. Taylor Hendrix for being an inspiration to all of us.

Councilmember Graham thanked the Seniors that were in attendance at to tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Morris also thanked the Seniors for their attendance and re-assured them that they will be involved in every step of the process in building a new Senior Citizen Center.

President Jordan had no comments.

Councilmember Edwards presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

