

**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
September 17, 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 17, 2013. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Chris Kemp, Florence Police Department Chaplain, 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

September 17, 2013

5:00 P.M.

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1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
 2. Invocation - Police Chaplain Chris Kemp
 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 256-760-6400 for questions on Consent Agenda items prior to the Council meeting.

- (a) Approval of minutes of the September 3, 2013 meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Osmose Utility Service, Inc., to inspect poles and provide chemical treatment and restorations services for damaged poles for the Florence Electricity Department, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #593 Maintenance of Overhead Lines, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with White, Lynn, Collins & Associates, Inc., to provide professional civil engineering services for the 10" Gas Line Main Extension along Cox Creek Parkway (Phase2) (Alabama Highway #133), in the amount of \$18,000.00, plus \$50.00 per hour for inspection services Portal to Portal, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #367.00, sponsored by Mike Doyle.

- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with White, Lynn, Collins & Associates, Inc., to provide professional civil engineering services to provide a boundary and topographic survey of the Indian Mound Museum property, in the amount of \$5,500.00, to be paid from the 2013 B.G.O. Warrant Fund, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Garver, LLC, for Professional Services to provide Construction Engineering and Inspection, and Materials Testing Services, ALDOT Project No. STPOA-8863(600), for Hermitage Drive Bridge Replacement over Tennessee Southern Railroad and Railroad Avenue, amount not to exceed \$257,926.70, to be reimbursed 100% by ALDOT, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with the Handy Hills Citizens for Progress to provide technology training to low-moderate income persons, in the amount of \$7,000.00, 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 C & M Testing, LLC, to provide professional independent materials testing services for the West Florence Sidewalk Improvements Project, Phase 2, in the amount of \$274,528.00, to be paid from budgeted Community Development Block Grant funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (i) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Gillespie Construction, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the West Florence Sidewalk Improvements Project, Phase 2, in the amount of \$6,625.00, to be paid from budgeted Community Development Block Grant funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (j) Resolution authorizing the City to participate in the State of Alabama 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan administered by the Alabama State Personnel Board, sponsored by Alanna Sullivan.
- (k) Resolution to approve a Satisfaction of Mortgage from the City of Florence to Diana Collins, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
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- (m) Resolution to approve a Satisfaction of Mortgage from the City of Florence to Fredrick Rowlett, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (n) Resolution to approve a Satisfaction of Mortgage from the City of Florence to Arlenia Liles, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (o) Resolution to approve a Satisfaction of Mortgage from the City of Florence to Johnnie Perkins, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (p) Resolution to approve a Satisfaction of Mortgage from the City of Florence to Enrica Ethelbah, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (q) Resolution to approve a Satisfaction of Mortgage from the City of Florence to Proacqco, LLC, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (r) Resolution to approve a Satisfaction of Mortgage from the City of Florence to Roy and Julia Price, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (s) Resolution to approve a Satisfaction of Mortgage from the City of Florence to Charity Bell Thornton, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (t) Resolution to appoint Kelly K. Kelley to the Florence-Lauderdale Tourism Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (u) Resolution to appoint Dana Coleman-Aldridge to the Shoals Economic Development Authority, sponsored by the City Council.

- (v) Resolution to appoint James L. Noles to the Shoals Economic Development Authority, sponsored by the City Council.
- (w) Resolution to advance and reimburse Travel Expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Ordinance to approve the sale of surplus property located at 526 East College Street, in the amount of \$250,000.00 to RAM Real Estate, LLC, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (b) Ordinance authorizing the City to execute a quitclaim deed to transfer its interest in property located on State Street to Irons Electric Company, Inc., sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (c) Resolution to support efforts to place the Florence Indian Mound on the Alabama and National State Historical Register, sponsored by Barry Morris. **(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>Expires</u>
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 1 Rick Collins	2/19/06 02/02/93	10/30/13 10/30/13
Regional Library Board	Vacant		
Scope 310	Reginald Owens Karen Kennedy	04/03/01 12/07/10	07/21/13 07/21/13

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

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

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

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan noted that it was decided at the earlier work session today to add Regular Agenda Item 12 (c) Resolution to support efforts to place the Florence Indian Mound on the Alabama and National State Historical Register, sponsored by Barry Morris.

There being no further changes, President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the amended agenda. Councilmember Graham moved for approval of the amended agenda. Councilmember Morris 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 thanked Police Chaplain Chris Kemp for the invocation.

Mayor Haddock noted that his weekly e-mail blast will now be sent out on Thursday of each week instead of Friday. Mayor Haddock further noted that the City of Florence now has its own Facebook page. Mayor Haddock encouraged everyone to visit the new page.

Mayor Haddock presented a Proclamation designating Thursday, September 19th, 2013, as “Drive for Pledges Day” to promote no texting and driving awareness. This proclamation was received by Mr. Dave Hargrove, Regional Director with AT&T Alabama.

Report of Department Heads: None

Report of Standing Committee: None

Public Hearing: None

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

Ms. Barbara Hill, appeared and made comments in support of Regular Agenda Item 12 (c) Resolution to support efforts to place the Florence Indian Mound on the Alabama and National State Historical Register. Ms. Hill urged the City Council to vote in favor of this resolution.

Consent Agenda:

President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda items. Councilmember Smith 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: 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 located at 526 East College Street, in the amount of \$250,000.00 to RAM Real Estate, LLC, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Morris moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

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 Smith moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance. Councilmember Morris 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 authorizing the City to execute a quitclaim deed to transfer its interest in property located on State Street to Irons Electric Company, Inc., sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

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

Discussion:

Councilmember Graham stated that the items on the agenda are discussed at length at the work session prior to the Council meeting.

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 support efforts to place the Florence Indian Mound on the Alabama and National State Historical Register, sponsored by Barry Morris. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Morris 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 Resolution. Councilmember Morris 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):

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments regarding America. Mr. Simpson stated that this Nation is fast becoming the “land of the greedy, home of the needy”. Mr. Simpson stated that this Country has a political party that works for the rich and a political party that works for the poor. Mr. Simpson further stated that no one fights for the middle class. Mr. Simpson noted that no jobs are secure. Mr. Simpson further noted that if people are not working and contributing to Social Security then there will be no money for people to draw from Social Security. Mr. Simpson stated that we need people working.

Mr. Dennis Barnett, 123 Sandusky Way, appeared and made comments in support of a new Senior Citizen Center. Mr. Barnett noted that there are a number of seniors at tonight’s meeting. Mr. Barnett stated that a new Senior Center needs to be a one story building. Mr. Barnett asked if the Council has talked to the new owners of the Country Club property to work out an extension until a new Senior Center can be built.

Ms. Anna Broadfoot, 102 East Oak Hill Drive, appeared and made comments in support of a new Senior Center. Ms. Broadfoot invited the Mayor and Council to attend their “tailgate” party on Friday at the Country Club.

Mr. Dewey Brown, 3271 Old Chisholm Road, appeared and made comments in support of a new Senior Citizens center. Mr. Brown stated that the City needs to build a large enough center for years down the road. Mr. Brown further stated that over the last four years, the attendance has increased greatly.

Council Reports and/or Comments:

Councilmember Betterton thanked those in attendance tonight. Councilmember Betterton expressed his appreciation to the seniors for their hard work in our community.

Councilmember Smith also thanked everyone in attendance especially the Seniors.

Councilmember Graham thanked everyone for being here tonight

Councilmember Morris also thanked those in attendance. Councilmember Morris stated that we need input from our Seniors. Councilmember Morris also made comments regarding Mayor Haddock’s proclamation regarding texting and driving. Councilmember Morris stated that the work that AT&T is doing is very effective in convincing people not to text while driving.

Councilmember Edwards also welcomed everyone to the meeting tonight. Councilmember Edwards also agreed with the work that AT&T is doing to discourage texting while driving.

Councilmember Edwards stated that we want input from our Seniors regarding ideas for the new Senior Center.

President Jordan made comments regarding the appointments to City Boards. President Jordan expressed his appreciation to Councilmember Morris for working to revamp term limits on the boards.

Councilmember Edwards presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

