

**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
October 15, 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, October 15, 2013. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Councilmember Betterton 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

October 15, 2013

5:00 P.M.

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1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
 2. Invocation - Councilmember Betterton
 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 October 1, 2013 meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Garnet Electric Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to construct a 161 kV electric substation located at 9601 Hwy 64, Lexington, AL, in the amount of \$809,386.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #353 Transmission Plant Station Equipment, sponsored by Richard Morrissey. **(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (a))**
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Shoals MPE, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to repair a commode leak in the beach restroom at McFarland Park, in the amount of \$2,492.50, to be paid from

budgeted funds, Account #266-44725, sponsored by Todd Nix.

- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with MPE, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to repair two water lines, repairs in the restroom and reset the commodes, urinals, and sink at a restroom in Veterans Park, in the amount of \$3,117.50, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-44725, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Irons Electric Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to correct deficiencies listed on the Fire Inspection report in City Hall, in the amount of \$1,978.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-41810, sponsored by Gary Williamson.
(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (b))
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Robinson and Sons Construction Services, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for an exterior wash and overcoat on the Brooks Ground Storage Tank located in the Killen area, in the amount of \$15,900.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #7672.00, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (h) Resolution to approve a contract with the Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children of Florence/Lauderdale County (CASA), in the amount of \$3,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
- (i) Resolution to approve a contract with Children's Museum of the Shoals, Inc., in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
- (j) Resolution to approve a contract with the Colbert-Lauderdale Attention Homes, Inc., in the amount of \$15,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
- (k) Resolution to approve a contract with the Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama, Inc., in the amount of \$6,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
- (l) Resolution to approve a contract with the Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama, Inc. - Meals on Wheels, in the amount of \$7,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
- (m) Resolution to approve a contract with Florence Main Street, Inc., in the amount of \$50,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds in monthly installments, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
- (n) Resolution to approve a contract with Burrell Normal - Burrell High - Burrell Slater School Alumni Association to provide for the delivery of meals for homebound elderly, sick persons and handicapped in West Florence; encourage at-risk students to stay in school and dropouts to return to school or complete GED and encourage citizens to cooperate with law enforcement in crime prevention and gang suppression, in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
- (o) Resolution to approve a contract with the Foster Grandparents Program, in the amount of \$4,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
- (p) Resolution to approve a contract with the ARC of the Shoals, Inc., in the amount of \$11,200.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
- (q) Resolution to approve a contract with the Shoals National Championship Committee, Inc., in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
- (r) Resolution to approve a contract with the Northwest Alabama Community Health Association, in the amount of \$5,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.

- (s) Resolution to approve a contract with Rape Response, Inc., in the amount of \$2,500.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
- (t) Resolution to approve a contract with Safeplace, Inc., in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
- (u) Resolution approving an Agreement between the City and the Tennessee Valley Authority regarding the Generation Partners and Green Power Providers Programs, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (v) Resolution to advance and reimburse Travel Expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Garnet Electric Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to construct a 161 kV electric substation located at 9601 Hwy 64, Lexington, AL, in the amount of \$809,386.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #353 Transmission Plant Station Equipment, sponsored by Richard Morrissey. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (c))**
- (b) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Irons Electric Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to correct deficiencies listed on the Fire Inspection report in City Hall, in the amount of \$1,978.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-41810, sponsored by Gary Williamson. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (f))**

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Full-Menu Restaurant with On-Premises Beer by SURF ENTERPRISES AL INC., d/b/a BLUE COAST BURRITO, located at 2887 FLORENCE BLVD., FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (b) Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Specialty Beverage Store with On-Premises Wine, Off-Premises Wine and Off-Premises Beer by FLORENCE WINE SELLER, INC., d/b/a/ THE WINE SELLER, located at 112 N. COURT STREET, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (c) 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		
Beautification Board	Dee Hubbert	07/17/01	11/01/13
	Eva Scull	05/20/08	11/01/13
	4- Vacancies		
Housing & Construction Codes Appeal Board	E. B. Norton	09/06/05	09/30/13
	Jason B. Lenz	09/06/05	09/30/13
Parks and Recreation	Randy Chapin	12/19/06	10/30/13
	Rick Collins	02/02/93	10/30/13
Regional Library Board	Vacant		
Scope 310	Reginald Owens	04/03/01	07/21/13
	Karen Kennedy	12/07/10	07/21/13
Tree	Bryan Miller	08/21/07	11/03/13
	1- Vacancy		

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 Edwards
Councilmember Betterton
Councilmember Smith
Councilmember Jordan

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan noted that it was decided at the earlier work session today to move Consent Agenda Item 11 (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Garnet Electric Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to construct a 161 kV electric substation located at 9601 Hwy 64, Lexington, AL, in the amount of \$809,386.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #353 Transmission Plant Station Equipment to Regular Agenda Item 12 (a) and Consent Agenda Item 11 (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Irons Electric Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to correct deficiencies listed on the Fire Inspection report in City Hall, in the amount of \$1,978.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-41810 to Regular Agenda Item 12 (b).

There being no further changes, President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the amended agenda. Councilmember Smith moved for approval of the amended agenda. Councilmember Betterton 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: None

Report of Standing Committee: None

Public Hearing: None

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

Mr. Dennis Barnett, 132 Sandusky Way, appeared and asked questions regarding Consent Agenda Item 11 (m) Resolution to approve a contract with Florence Main Street, Inc., in the amount of \$50,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds in monthly installments, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council and Consent Agenda Item 11 (p) Resolution to approve a contract with the ARC of the Shoals, Inc., in the amount of \$11,200.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council. Mr. Barnett asked what exactly is the Florence Main Street. President Jordan stated that the Florence Main Street is an organization that helps development the downtown Florence business district. Mr. Barnett further asked what type of organization is the ARC of the Shoals, Inc. President Jordan explained that this organization assist with mentally handicapped citizens.

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 Edwards 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

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Councilmember Graham moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Edwards 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 Resolution. Councilmember Graham 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

Noes: None

Abstain: Andrew Betterton

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Councilmember Edwards 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 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

Noes: None

Abstain: Andrew Betterton

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Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

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 Resolution. 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 – Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Specialty Beverage Store with On-Premises Wine, Off-Premises Wine and Off-Premises Beer by FLORENCE WINE SELLER, INC., d/b/a/ THE WINE SELLER, located at 112 N. COURT STREET, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

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

Discussion:

Councilmember Graham noted that this is a temporary move due to a fire in the apartments adjacent to their store.

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

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President Jordan announced that there will be a public input meeting to discuss the Senior Citizens Building project on Thursday, October 17 at 4:00 in the City Hall Auditorium. President Jordan noted that all members of the public are invited to attend.

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

Mr. Chuck Vermeil, County Road 316, Florence, AL, appeared and made comments in support of building a new Senior Center. Mr. Vermiel stated that there are no other facilities in this area that compare to the Florence Senior Center. Mr. Vermeil further stated that he was opposed to purchasing an existing building such as the Court House Racquet Club and then having to renovate the building. Mr. Vermeil further stated that the traffic on Helton Drive and the parking at the Racquet Club is not ideal for Seniors.

Ms. Autumn Blasingame, 9811 County Road 15, Florence, AL, appeared and stated that the City should try to buy back the former Florence Golf & Country Club so that the Seniors can continue to use that facility.

Mr. Dennis Barnett, 132 Sandusky Way, appeared and also made comments in opposition to purchasing the Court House Racquet Club.

Ms. Linda Rivers, 104 Creekwood Drive, appeared and made comments regarding Senior Citizens.

Mr. Jack Blevins appeared and also made comments in opposition to utilizing the Court House Racquet Club as a Senior Center.

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments regarding a

“Spelling Bee” event that will be open to 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students and the winner will received \$500.00

Council Reports and/or Comments:

Councilmember Graham made comments regarding a public meeting to be held on Thursday, October 17th in the Council Auditorium to discuss the new Senior Center. Councilmember Graham encouraged everyone to attend.

Councilmember Graham expressed his condolences to the family of Mr. Tyson Roberson. Councilmember Graham noted that Mr. & Mrs. Roberson founded NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness).

Councilmember Graham also noted that the District 3 Community meeting will be October 24th at the Broadway Recreation Center at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Morris expressed his appreciation to everyone in attendance tonight.

Councilmember Edwards encouraged everyone that is interested in the building of a new Senior Center to be at the meeting on Thursday in the Council Auditorium. Councilmember Edwards also encouraged everyone to sign up for Mayor Haddock’s e-mail blast that is sent out every Thursday.

Councilmember Betterton thanked everyone for their attendance tonight and stated that he is looking forward to the public meeting on Thursday.

Councilmember Smith stated that Mr. Simpson’s Spelling Bee is a good idea.

President Jordan thanked everyone for their attendance.

Councilmember Betterton presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

