

**CITY OF FLORENCE  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
April 1, 2014**

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, April 1, 2014. 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 five Councilmembers were present and a quorum was present with the following members of the City Council in attendance: Dave Smith, William D. Jordan, Barry Morris, Blake Edwards and Andrew Betterton. Hermon T. Graham was absent.

**AGENDA**

**CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 1, 2014**

**5:00 P.M.**

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1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
2. Invocation - Councilmember Edwards
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 March 18, 2014 meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Estes Equipment Co., Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to remove the existing fuel, clean the tank and install one gallon of Biobor at Fire Station No. 1, in the amount of \$3,801.25, to be paid from budgeted fuel accounts, sponsored by Terry Willett.

- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Southern Environmental Engineering Inc., for the preparation of a Construction NPDES permit Notice of Intent and Construction Best Management Plan for the expansion of Coffee/O'Neal Park - Sports Complex Phase II Project, in the amount of \$3,610.00, to be paid from General Obligation Warrants, Series 2013, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Ringer's Garage Door Co., Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to repair the garage door at the Recycling Center, in the amount of \$1,213.50, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-43125, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Fairbanks Scales, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to provide preventive maintenance services on the scales at the Florence Landfill, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #256-43200, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Central Plant Technology, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the installation of an Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) system for the Water Department, in the amount of \$4,770,779.50, to be paid from ADEM SRF funds and 2011 warrant funds, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (h) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Central Plant Technology, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the installation of an Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) system for the Gas Department, in the amount of \$1,294,462.00, to be paid from budgeted working capital funds, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (i) Resolution to appoint Steve Harrison to the Parks and Recreation Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (j) Resolution to reappoint Reginald Owens to the Scope 310 Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (k) Resolution to advance and reimburse Travel Expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

13. General Business:

- (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 324 N. COURT STREET, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.

(b) 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		
Parks and Recreation	Rick Collins	02/02/93	10/30/13
Industrial Development	Clint Wilkes	04/05/02	04/05/14
	Scott Haataja	10/14/03	04/05/14
	Bill Howard	12/06/05	04/05/14
Zoning	Charles Kelley	06/21/11	05/17/14
	Bob Sneed	06/21/11	05/17/14
	Michael O'Steen	12/18/12	05/17/14

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

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

Councilmember Morris  
Councilmember Graham  
Councilmember Edwards  
Councilmember Betterton  
Councilmember Smith  
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 Edwards seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Dave Smith  
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 Ordinance Regular Agenda:** None

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

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

Noes: None

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

**Discussion:**

President Jordan noted that due to a fire, The Wine Seller moved temporarily to the current location while repairs were being made. President Jordan further noted that repairs have been completed and they are now moving back to their original location at 324 North Court Street.

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

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

Noes: None

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

Mr. Dennis Barnett, 132 Sandusky Way, appeared and made comments regarding "The Club." Mr. Barnett stated that he recently found out that there is no five-year lease at "The Club" and that the Seniors are being allowed to use the facility. Mr. Barnett further stated that this is a nice gester by the Chinese.

Mr. Barnett also made comments regarding the proposed "roundabout" in East Florence. Mr. Barnett stated that spending money on the study for the proposed "roundabout" is a waste of taxpayers' money. Mr. Barnett further stated that "stop" signs would be much more efficient.

Mr. Barnett made comments regarding landscaping in his neighborhood that was promised by the City. Mr. Barnett stated that this matter is taking much too long and that the neighborhood is suffering.

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments regarding his recent comments about "gun control" vs. "gun violence." Mr. Simpson stated that after he made these comments, a number of shootings took place in Florence. Mr. Simpson further stated that the number one reason for the criminal justice system is getting people to change their behavior.

Mr. Rogers Kimbrell, 307 Davis Avenue, appeared and made comments regarding the new Wal-Mart Store located on Cloverdale Road. Mr. Kimbrell stated that Wal-Mart employs 1.6 million people and is the largest retailer in the World. Mr. Kimbrell further stated that 90% of all Americans live within 15 miles of a Wal-Mart store.

Mr. Ray Stiles, 1308 Athens Street, appeared and made comments regarding the proposed "roundabout" in East Florence. Mr. Stiles stated that he had lived in Chattanooga, Tennessee for a number of years and that it has six roundabouts and that they work extremely well.

**Council Reports and Comments:**

Councilmember Morris had no comments.

Councilmember Edwards reminded everyone that “First Friday” is this Friday and invited everyone to come out.

Councilmember Betterton had no comments.

Councilmember Smith noted that Mr. John “Bunyan” Cole, owner of Bunyans Barbeque, funeral was today. Councilmember Smith further noted that Mr. Cole is gone but he will certainly not be forgotten.

President Jordan noted that the City Council meeting scheduled for May 6 has been moved to Tuesday, May 13.

President Jordan made comments regarding Mr. “Bunyan” Cole. President Jordan stated that Mr. Cole did a lot for the minorities in our City. President Jordan further stated that Mr. Cole endowed a scholarship for minority students at the University of North Alabama.

Councilmember Betterton presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTEST:

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