



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
December 2, 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, December 2, 2014. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Councilmember Edwards 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

DECEMBER 2, 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 November 18, 2014 meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with First Free Will Baptist Church for the City to use its gymnasium for youth league basketball games and practices for the term December 1, 2014, until March 1, 2015, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Ronnie Gist d/b/a Gist Excavation to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to demolish structures and level lots located at 321 West Mobile Street, 327 West Mobile Street and 702 West College Street, in the amount of \$14,100.00, to be paid from CDBG Spot Blight Funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Ronnie Gist d/b/a Gist Excavation to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to excavate and repair a sinkhole and replace pipe and headwall at the Coffee-O'Neal Park, in the amount of \$14,500.00, to be paid from Account #44725-265, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Custom Countertops, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install countertops in the Planning Department, in the amount of \$1,455.69, to be paid from fund #41710-1053, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with PRA Government Services, LLC, d/b/a RDS, to provide business license discovery/recovery services, sponsored by Bob Leyde.
- (h) Resolution approving a Lease between the City of Florence and the Florence-Lauderdale County Port Authority, for a one acre portion in the southeast corner of Parcel #10 of the Florence-Lauderdale Port Authority Property for use by the Electricity Department, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (I) Resolution approving Agreement No. HESG-14-010 between the City and ADECA regarding the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program naming the City as a Sub-Recipient to receive grant funding, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (j) Resolution approving an Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract between the City and Safeplace, Inc., sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (k) Resolution approving an Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract between the City and United Way of Northwest Alabama, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (l) Resolution approving an Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract between the City and the Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama, Inc., sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (m) Resolution to reappoint Pat Bulls-Butler to the Beautification Board.
- (n) Resolution to appoint Mary Margaret Epps to the Beautification Board.
- (o) Resolution to reappoint David R. Curott to the Historical Board.
- (p) Resolution to reappoint W. Fitzgerald Hill to the Housing and Construction Codes Appeals Board.
- (q) Resolution to appoint Vince Brewton to the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library Board.
- (r) Resolution to appoint Clinton Carter to the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library Board.
- (s) Resolution to reappoint Preston Hillis to the Tree Commission
- (t) Resolution to appoint Eli Epps to the Tree Commission.
- (u) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Resolution approving the adoption of the City of Florence 2014 Solid Waste Management Plan, sponsored by David Koonce.

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>
Historical Board	Billy Richardson	12/17/2005	12/17/14
	Bradley Dean	12/20/2011	12/17/14
Parks & Rec	Bill Burke	01/06/09	10/30/14
	Mike Williams	12/01/09	10/30/14

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

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

Council member Graham
Council member Morris
Council member Edwards
Council member Betterton
Council member Smith
Council member 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
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor Haddock announced the following events for the week of December 4 through December 7.

Thursday, December 4

11:30 a.m. - Holly & Ivy Luncheon
K/D Art Center

Friday, December 5

11:30 a.m. - Parks & Recreation Christmas Luncheon
Broadway Recreation Center

12 Noon - Mefford's Ribbon Cutting
Court & Tennessee Street

4:30 p.m. – Historical Marker Unveiling – Rolling Stones
Hampton Inn
sponsored by Tourism

5:00-8:00 p.m. – First Fridays
Downtown

6:00 p.m. – Every Light A Prayer for Peace
Pope's Tavern
sponsored by Florence Garden Council

6:30 p.m. – City Tree Lighting Ceremony
Wilson Park

7:00 p.m. - Christmas in the Shoals Concert
Featuring Shoals Praise & Worship Choir
And Mike Adams as Elvis
Shoals Theatre
Benefitting Hospice of the Shoals

7:30 p.m. - A Christmas Carol: A Concert Reading
Florence-Laud. Public Library

7:00 p.m. - Man's Dominion (two shows)
& 9:30 p.m. Starring Florence native Tim Powell
Zodiac Theatre

Saturday, December 6

8:00 a.m./10:00 a.m. – Candy Cane Run/Walk & Polar Plunge
McFarland Park
Benefitting CASA

7:00 p.m. - Man's Dominion (two shows)
& 9:30 p.m. Starring Florence native Tim Powell
Zodiac Theatre

Sunday, December 7

2:00 p.m. - Shoals Symphony - Candlelight Christmas
UNA – Norton Auditorium

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 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 a Resolution approving the adoption of the City of Florence 2014 Solid Waste Management Plan, sponsored by David Koonce. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Graham 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 Graham seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Morris made comments regarding the cost of recycling. Councilmember Morris quoted from a web-site for Sims Brothers Recycling Company that is located in Ohio. Councilmember Morris stated that the website states that aluminum is the only recyclable item that pays for its self. Councilmember Morris further stated that most of what the City of Florence recycles is dead weight and a loss for the City.

President Jordan stated that recycling says a lot about a community and that we are helping to protect our environment. President Jordan further stated that the amount of recycling that Florence currently does helps reduce the cost of transferring our garbage to Mississippi.

Councilmember Graham made comments in favor of recycling. Councilmember Graham stated that recycling is a service that we provide the citizens of Florence and it helps to protect our environment and our heritage.

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

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 \$10,000.00 appropriation to Burrell-Slater. Mr. Simpson stated that they provide a great service to the citizens of West Florence. Mr. Simpson further stated that the amount is too low and would like to see the appropriation increased.

Mr. Bryan Simon, 402 South Main Street, appeared and made comments regarding the bus stop on the corner of Cole Street and South Main Street. Mr. Simon stated that he is having problems with the children who are waiting for the bus at 6:00 a.m.

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Graham wished everyone a very happy Thanksgiving. Councilmember Graham congratulated the Florence Falcons and the UNA Lions for their wonderful football seasons.

Councilmember Morris had no comments.

Councilmember Edwards wished everyone a very happy, holiday season.

Councilmember Betterton stated that his mother and a group of ladies are using recycled Wal-Mart plastic bags to make mats for the homeless.

Councilmember Smith thanked everyone for working together.

President Jordan congratulated the Planning Department for securing ESG Funds.

Councilmember Morris presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

