



**CITY OF FLORENCE  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 17, 2015**

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, November 17, 2015. President Jordan called the meeting to order. President Jordan 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**

**NOVEMBER 17, 2015**

**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 3, 2015, meeting.

- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Keeton Electric Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to remove old fixtures and install new light fixtures for energy efficiency at the recycle plant, in the amount of \$7,200.00, to be paid out of budgeted funds, Account #1053-43125, sponsored by David Koonce. **(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (a))**
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Bagby Elevator Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to perform an annual safety test as required by Alabama Elevator safety code on two traction elevators in the Municipal Building and City Hall, in the amount of \$1,500.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-41810 - Building Maintenance Fund, sponsored by Gary Williamson.
- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to approve the attached contract between the City of Florence and the Shoals Entrepreneurial Center, Inc., to assist with the development, advertisement and promotion of labor and all other resources, and the promotion of industrial and manufacturing plants and other industries for a period of one year from the date of this contract, in the amount of \$50,000.00, to be paid from the Economic Development Fund, sponsored by Dick Jordan.
- (f) Resolution to approve the attached Indemnification Agreement authorizing the City's Electricity Department to operate as a self-insured entity under the provisions of the Alabama Workers' Compensation Law, sponsored by Dan Barger.
- (g) Resolution to approve the attached Indemnification Agreement authorizing the City's Natural Gas Department to operate as a self-insured entity under the provisions of the Alabama Workers' Compensation Law, sponsored by Dan Barger.
- (h) Resolution to approve the attached Indemnification Agreement authorizing the City's Water/Wastewater Department to operate as a self-insured entity under the provisions of the Alabama Workers' Compensation Law, sponsored by Dan Barger.
- (i) Resolution authorizing the City to request that SEDA reimburse the \$17,500.00 that the City appropriated as matching funds for a grant from the Economic Development Administration to conduct an economic strategy study for the Shoals area, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.
- (j) 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 Keeton Electric Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to remove old fixtures and install new light fixtures for energy efficiency at the recycle plant, in the amount of \$7,200.00, to be paid out of budgeted funds, Account #1053-43125, sponsored by David Koonce. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11(c))**

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>
Beautification	Scott Townsend	12/07/10	11/01/15
	Susan Burdine	12/01/09	11/01/15
	Virginia Reed Gooch	12/18/12	11/01/15
	Susan Williams	12/18/12	11/01/15
Historical	Kenneth Johnson	03/24/09	12/17/15
	Robert Steen	01/19/10	12/17/15
Housing/Const	Adam Burchell	06/19/12	09/30/15
	Jack Reid	09/06/05	09/30/15
	William Wynne	09/06/05	09/30/15
	Thomas Pigg	09/06/05	09/30/15
Parks & Rec	Mike Williams	12/01/09	10/30/14
SCOPE 310	Josh Webster Vacancy	08/21/12	07/21/15
Tree Commission	Lavetta Adams	01/02/07	11/03/15
	Nancy Muse	05/01/07	11/03/15
	Kevin Jangaard	09/16/08	11/03/15

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

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

- Council member Smith
- Council member Graham
- Council member Morris
- Council member Edwards
- Council member Betterton
- Council member Jordan

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan noted that it was decided at the earlier work session to move Consent Agenda Item 11 (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Keeton Electric Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to remove old fixtures and install new light fixtures for energy efficiency at the recycle plant, in the amount of \$7,200.00, to be paid out of budgeted funds, Account #1053-43125 to Regular Agenda Item 12 (a).

There being no further changes, 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
- William D. Jordan
- Hermon T. Graham
- Barry Morris
- Blake Edwards
- Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

**Message from the Mayor:**

Mayor Haddock recognized VFW Post # 5140 who are honoring Engineer Jason Kelly as Firefighter of the Year and Officer Christopher Timothy Weldon as Police Officer of the Year. These awards were presented by Senior Vice Commander John Baker.

Mayor Haddock presented a Proclamation designating Tuesday, December 1, as "World Aids Day." The Proclamation was received by Ms. Lisa Arnett and Ms. Sue Jones.

Mayor Haddock read a Proclamation recognizing Thursday, November 26, as Thanksgiving Day.

Mayor Haddock congratulated the University of North Alabama Football Team for making it to the first round of playoffs. Mayor Haddock wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving holiday.

**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. Bill Smoak, 2424 Roberts Lane, appeared and made comments in opposition to items being on the consent agenda. Mr. Smoak stated that he would like to have a separate discussion period for each item on the consent agenda. Mr. Smoak further stated that on the agenda for the November 3 meeting, the amount being appropriated to the Shoals Chamber of Commerce was not listed on the agenda. Mr. Smoak stated that he would like all dollar amounts being appropriated to other agencies be listed on the agenda.

**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 authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Keeton Electric Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to remove old fixtures and install new light fixtures for energy efficiency at the recycle plant, in the amount of \$7,200.00, to be paid out of budgeted funds, Account #1053-43125, sponsored by David Koonce. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

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  
Blake Edwards

Noes: Barry Morris

Abstain: Andrew Betterton

General Business:

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

Mr. Bill Smoak, 2424 Roberts Lane, appeared and made comments regarding the City's agenda. Mr. Smoak noted that City needs to update its web-site regarding the approved minutes.

Mr. Smoak stated that at a recent football game at Braly Stadium he noticed that there are no handrails. Mr. Smoak asked that the City check into this matter.

**Council Reports and Comments:**

Councilmember Smith congratulated Fireman Jason Kelly and Police Officer Christopher Weldon on being honored by the VFW. Councilmember Smith also wished W. C. Handy a belated happy birthday.

Councilmember Graham also congratulated those honored by the VFW tonight. Councilmember Graham noted that he was glad to have the new Director of Tourism here tonight.

Councilmember Morris echoed Mayor Haddock's comments regarding Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Edwards also congratulated those honored by the VFW tonight. Councilmember Edwards wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Betterton made general comments regarding the recent Veteran's Day activities that took place in Florence. Councilmember Betterton also congratulated Jason Kelly and

Christopher Weldon.

President Jordan also thanked those honored tonight along with their families.

Councilmember Graham presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK