

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORALA
HELD FEBRUARY 8, 2021 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL AT 6:30 PM.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Holley with the following members present:

Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Mathis, Mayor Holley.

Absent: Councilwoman Franklin.

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Wallace-Patton.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.

The first item on the Agenda was the approval of the minutes of the January 19, 2020 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wallace-Patton. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Mathis Nays: None. Motion carried.

The second item on the Agenda was the approval of accounts payable for February 8, 2021 and permission to pay bills as needed. Councilwoman Inabinett made the motion to approve the accounts payable for February 8, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wallace-Patton. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The third item on the Agenda was the approval of appointing William Alverson III for new City Prosecutor. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve the appointment. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mathis. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The fourth item on the Agenda was to be the approval of purchasing 40 each, 4 ½ foot lit Christmas wreaths from the City of Rogersville for \$100 per wreath. This was tabled by the Council until the next Council meeting waiting additional information to make an informed decision.

The fifth item on the Agenda was the approval to re-appoint Deborah Inabinett to the Downtown Development Board for another term. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made a motion to approve and Councilwoman Robbins seconded the motion. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Mathis. Abstained: Councilwoman Inabinett. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The sixth item on the Agenda was the approval to appoint Amanda Laird to the Downtown Development Board. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Inabinett seconded the motion. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The seventh item on the Agenda was the approval to appoint Jennifer Davidson to the Board of Adjustments Board. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Wallace-Patton seconded the motion. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The eighth item on the Agenda was the discussion of the City property at 23222 Fifth Ave and the repairs needed. The Mayor has two quotes for the AC repair/replacement and will back with the Council regarding other repairs needed.

The ninth item on the Agenda was the approval the color palette for the logo for marketing and advertising through Pitts Media. The Council voted on the first choice consisting of blue or green with three different lighter colors as the accent colors. Councilwoman Mathis made the motion to approve the choice and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wallace-Patton. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Holley shared the following points of interest of city news: Cancer Freeze was great! There was over \$100K raised and the turn out was very good. The Police support was greatly appreciated and everyone that came out in support of Cancer Freeze. The City closed on the purchase of the Slater's Emporium property. Dr. Kelley is coming to Florala at 10 AM on Thursday (President of LBWCC) looking at workforce development. Applying for a grant to benefit Florala-career tech is the objective and could boost industry in our City and area. State Advocacy is in Montgomery on Tuesday, February 8th and starts at 8 AM. Mayor, Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, and Councilwoman Inabinett will be attending. Mr. McDougald donated \$300 to the lake for the lake employees (\$60 each) as an appreciation for all that they do. Thank you to Mr. McDougald.

District Reports were called for:

Councilwoman Wallace-Patton No calls or complaints. The Senior Center is still serving 55 meals per day but cannot add any more to the distribution due to Covid-19.

Councilwoman Robbins Finance report was provided. Thank you for the follow up with JB Clary. He said he understands if the City cannot put in another street light near his home. Thank you to the Street Dept for patching the pot holes. There are several streets in need of repair and several street signs that need to be replaced. No report from the Fire Dept. The discussion

regarding EMS will be tabled until the March Council meeting. Volunteer Firemen Johnson and Stokes attended the HAZMAT training in Dothan.

Councilwoman Inabinett Complaint from the owner of the carwash regarding pot holes in the parking area. The repairs have already been made per Mayor Holley. The vehicles that go out mudding are using the carwash and are causing issues and making a mess. The pot holes that were repaired were there well before Cenergy was built.

Councilwoman Franklin Reported by Mayor Holley in Councilwoman Franklin's absence: The Court and the Library are doing well.

Councilwoman Mathis No calls about the Recreation board meeting. Cemetery Board is sending out letters for yearly plots as they need funds to keep up with maintaining the Cemetery. The dumpy house on Pecan Street really needs to be addressed. The trash in the yard and on the sidewalks needs to be cleaned up. The City needs to check into towing the car because it is blocking the sidewalk. When you call the number for the residents there is a five-minute-long voice mail so no contact has been made. The landlord is Juanita Townsend so someone will try to reach out to her to see if she can do anything about her tenant.

Street The Street Dept has been very busy with a lot of projects going on. Mayor Holley is very proud of the job that the guys are doing and knows that they will continue to do a great job.

Police Chief The officer's activities have picked up lately; there have been DUI and drug cases, some sheds have been broken into but overall things are going well. Councilwoman Robbins commended Officer McGraw on how clean he is keeping his vehicle and how professionally he is dressed all the time. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton asked if the new officer will be going to the Academy and when. The new Officer will be going to Academy some time in April. Councilwoman Robbins asked how many police volunteers do we currently have? Chief said there are now seven as three have been dismissed. Councilwoman Robbins said she is asking because the City's insurance states that there are ten.

Next Council Meeting will be March 8, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned.

Adopted and approved this 8th day of February 2021.

Terry Holley, Mayor

Gina Hendriks, City Clerk