

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORALA HELD JUNE 13, 2022 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 6:30 PM. A WORKSHOP WAS HELD PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT 6:00 PM FOR AUDIT STATUS.

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

Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis, Mayor Holley.

Absent: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton.

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Mathis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.

The first item on the Agenda was the approval of the minutes of the June 13, 2022 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mathis. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The second item on the Agenda was the approval of accounts payable for June 13, 2022 and permission to pay bills as needed. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to approve the accounts payable for June 13, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Inabinett. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The third item on the Agenda was the approval to amend Ordinance 20180402-Employee Handbook to reflect Juneteenth as a paid holiday for the City employees. Councilwoman Inabinett made the motion to approve the amendment. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Franklin. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The fourth item on the Agenda was approval of painting two City owned properties in downtown for the estimated cost of \$3,000. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to approve and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Inabinett. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The fifth item on the Agenda was to approve the Council/Mayor participating in the 24<sup>th</sup> of June parade and using Councilwoman Inabinett's gold cart to ride in for the parade. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to approve and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Franklin. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Abstained: Councilwoman Inabinett. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The sixth item on the Agenda was to approve the hiring of part-time employee David Hamilton to work at the lake. Councilwoman Inabinett made the motion to approve and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Robbins. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The seventh item on the Agenda was the approval for Terry Grace, a certified Yoga teacher, to teach Adult Yoga classes at the Florala Middle School cafeteria on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 AM until 10:15 AM. Councilwoman Franklin made the motion to approve and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Inabinett. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Abstained: Councilwoman Inabinett. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The eighth item on the Agenda was to approve Resolution 20220613-Architectural Services for Middle School Gym Grant. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to approve and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mathis. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Abstained: Councilwoman Inabinett. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The ninth item on the Agenda was the approval to appoint John Stone to the Planning & Zoning Board to replace Chris Phillips, whose term had expired. Councilwoman Mathis made the motion to approve and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Robbins. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The tenth item on the Agenda was the approval to sell City-owned property off of Cypress Street. This piece of property is part of an old alleyway and is landlocked between two pieces of private property with no City access. Councilwoman Inabinett made the motion to approve and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Franklin. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The eleventh item on the Agenda was the approval to purchase dog waste bags to put out at Lake Jackson for pet owners to pick up after their dogs. Councilwoman Mathis made the motion to approve and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Robbins. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The next item on the Agenda is speaker Shelia Rowe. Mrs. Rowe said she takes her dog to the lake every day for a swim. A City employee stopped her and said her dog could not swim in the lake. She visited me to get the animal Ordinance to make sure she was in compliance. She said there were signs bought for the lake stating no dogs in the water-she said dogs don't poop in the lake. We (she and her husband) want their dog to be allowed in the lake to swim. If it passes (law against no dogs in the lake) then she will pay the fine but will continue to let her dog swim in the lake. She asked, why not allow dogs in the lake?? She loves the ideas of having poop bags at the lake but said there needs to be more trash cans at the lake. The dumpster at the lake is now gone and needs to be brought back. Councilwoman Inabinett thanked Shelia for coming and speaking and sharing her concerns. Councilwoman Inabinett also said we (the City) would love to have suggestions and that there is a discussion about adding a dog park near the airplane. Mike Scroggins asked to speak but he is not on the Agenda and was not allowed to take the floor. Councilwoman Robbins added that the ACE committee said the City needs a dog park to attract pass through visitors and maybe at the July meeting there could be a discussion about having a dog park area passed the airplane at the lake where the dogs can get in the water and maybe a bark park.

Mayor Holley shared the following points of interest of city news: Airport Authority meeting on June 14, 2022 at 6:30 at the Library. Chamber of Commerce meeting on June 15, 2022 in the Council Chambers. Election day run-off is on June 21, 2022 in the RJE building from 7 AM – 7 PM. Meeting with Southeast Alabama Planning Commission at 10 AM regarding the RTP trails project for the lake. Public hearing on June 30, 2022 with SEAPC regarding the project for the Florala Middle School gym. Kim Matthews stated: Rock Around the Block was good. There will be a Back to the 80's dance on June 24, 2022 at the RJE building. Power lifting and Alligator Trot on Saturday, June 25, 2022.

District Reports were called for:

**Councilwoman Wallace-Patton** No report.

**Councilwoman Robbins** No calls. Mowing in the rights-of-way and repairing pot holes is needed. A payroll breakdown has been provided as well as accounts payable. Fire Department is training this week at the RJE building at the lake. Tonight, the training will be at 6:15 PM. They will be simulating fires for this training. These trainings bring lower rates on insurance. Thursday night the training will be simulated search and rescue training in a burning building. She was told by a firefighter that water getting hot can cause steam which in turn could injure a trapped person. A grant has been submitted to cover the cost of turnout gear.

**Councilwoman Inabinett** We are geared up for the 24<sup>th</sup> of June celebration. There is still a pothole in the road between the RJE building and the Huddle House. The cemetery needs upkeep: grass needs to be cut and the trash picked up.

**Councilwoman Franklin** There needs to be a speed bump put on side street between the Library and Tom Thumb because there are a lot of speeders (kids almost got hit there the other day). Court is doing well. The street light is out at Lakeshore and Elm. This needs to be fixed because it is very dark in that area. Also, the trees need to be trimmed because they are blocking the view of the stop sign at the top of the hill on Fourth and Elm.

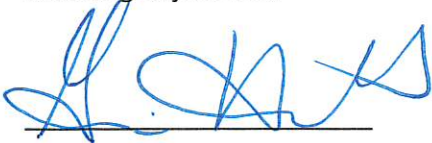
**Councilwoman Mathis** The cemetery looks good (two weeks ago). Recreation board is busy working on football registrations for fall. The meet and greet for the new FHS coach went well. The coach is looking for a house to buy.

**Street** The street department is working with some inmates(s) from Andalusia on power washing the sidewalks in the downtown area. They are looking really good now. Keeping all the grass cut is a big job and with the humidity so high, it makes it harder on the workers.

**Police Chief** The Chief was not present, so Officer Maddox was standing in for him. The Mayor thank Officer Maddox for coming.

Next Council Meeting will be July 11, 2022 at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers.

Meeting adjourned.



Gina Hendriks, City Clerk



Terry Holley, Mayor