

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORALA HELD NOVEMBER 14, 2022 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 6:30 PM. A WORKSHOP WAS HELD PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT 6:00 PM FOR MOLD REMEDIATION DISCUSSION.

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 Franklin, Mayor Holley.

Absent: Councilwoman Mathis.

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Robbins.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.

The first item on the Agenda was the approval of the minutes of the October 10, 2022 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Robbins. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The second item on the Agenda was the approval of accounts payable for November 14, 2022 and permission to pay bills as needed. Councilwoman Inabinett made the motion to approve accounts payable. 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 Franklin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The third item on the Agenda was the approval to amend the meeting Agenda to add permission for the tree lighting ceremony at 4:30 on December 3, 2022. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to approve 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 Franklin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The fourth item on the Agenda was the approval of the request from business owner Evan Robbins to move the A/C unit from the awning of his business onto the sidewalk between his building and Marilyn's Hair Magic. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Franklin. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin. Abstained: Councilwoman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The fifth item on the Agenda was to approve a donation request of \$5,000 to the Covington County Conservation District. There was a discussion regarding shortage of funds and to table this item at this time. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to table this request and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Franklin. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The sixth item on the Agenda was to approve the inmate housing agreement between City of Florala and the Covington County Commission-Sheriff of Covington County. Councilwoman Inabinett made the motion to approve 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 Franklin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The sixth item on the Agenda was to approve the use of the Rodney J Evans building for the Choctawhatchee Pea River Meeting on January 10, 2023 at no charge. 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 Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin. Nays: ~~Councilwoman Robbins~~. Motion carried.

The seventh item on the Agenda was the approval to sell half of the alleyway owned by the City located behind the property at 949 Cypress Street. Recommended sale price is \$2,700 which includes the cost of the survey that has already been done on the property. Councilwoman Robbin made the motion to approve 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 Franklin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The eighth item on the Agenda was the approval of hiring Tim Gibbons to work at the lake with starting pay of \$9.00 per hour. 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 Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The tenth item on the Agenda was the approval hiring three temporary workers at \$10.00 per hour to help with the move of the Municipal building and the renovation due to mold remediation. 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 Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The eleventh item on the Agenda was the approval of request for 3% franchise fee from Florala Utilities. After much discussion, it was move to table this item until a later date. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Franklin. Mayor called for the vote **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The twelfth item on the Agenda was the approval of the revised quote from KG Restoration for the mold remediation. 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 Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The thirteenth item on the Agenda was to re-appoint Judge Jones to Florala Municipal Court. 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 Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The fourteenth item on the Agenda was the approval Resolution 20221114-Award of Bid to Deep South for purchase of fire truck. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to approve 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 Franklin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The fifteenth item on the Agenda was to appoint Evan Robbins to the Recreation Board. Councilwoman Franklin made the motion to approve and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wallace-Patton. Mayor called for the vote **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin. Abstained: Councilwoman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The sixteenth item on the Agenda was resident, Damon Green and his concerns with the conditions of Gum Street from Goldenrod to Wysteria. He stated that they (he and his wife) would like to recommend to the City of Florala to pave this street. The Mayor and Council heard what Mr. Green had to say and will take this into consideration.

The seventeenth item on the Agenda was to amend the Agenda to approve renting the Middle School Auditorium to the Church on November 20, 2022 for \$250.00. 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 Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The eighteenth item on the Agenda was to go into Executive Session for Economic Development. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to approve and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wallace-Patton. The time was 7:44 PM. Mayor called for the vote **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The nineteenth item on the Agenda was to come back into Regular Session from Executive Session for Economic Development. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Franklin. The time was 8:15 PM. Mayor called for the vote **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Holley shared the city news: FOJ will meet on November 17, 2022 at 5:30 PM. Middle School is have bible study/revival on November 20, 2022 in the auditorium paying \$250 for rent. The boat dock at the lake has been repaired by the lake workers. Thank you to the Kiwanis Club for the Veteran's Day display at Southern Independent Bank-it was very nice. The city offices will be closed to observe the Thanksgiving holiday on November 24 & 25, 2022. Florala High School golf tournament will be held on November 19, 2022.

District Reports were called for:

Councilwoman Wallace-Patton Received two calls to look into the land that the City owns a portion of (Hazel Bryant). There are still ruts in the road in my district that needs to be repaired. There are also buildings that need to be torn down and yards to be cleaned up. The Senior Center is doing well. The center is serving 53 meals a day and to qualify you need to be sixty years or older. Tuesday and Thursday the center has bingo for the seniors. The seniors are looking forward to having a large bingo event at the Rodney J Evans building like the ones that were held prior to covid.

Councilwoman Robbins No calls received. Mr. Green-I am happy to report that there are several other dirt roads in the district that have been maintained and look good. Virginia Street has been fixed. Caton Road has

been graded by the county-thank you to the Mayor. Financial reports have been provided for payroll as well as for the city accounts. Line item 101 of the budget needs to be amended. There is \$3,000 in the budget for the auditor. The City paid \$10,000 this time in accounts payable and \$18,000 last time. Are we selling the surplus items we no longer need? City Clerk is working on the ads. Chief Jones has been Chief for 12 months now and in that time, he has: revised the SOP, started the Junior Firefighter program, an auxiliary program, and written several grants. On November 8, 2022, Samantha McDaniel was awarded the State of Alabama 2022 Ace Coordinator Star Award for 2022.

Councilwoman Inabinett The pier at Lake Jackson looks good since it has been repaired. There have been a lot of complaints regarding traffic at the lake and trash on the roads and not in the can. Police Chief is out today but the police are doing well.

Councilwoman Franklin Library had a meeting October 12, 2022. Court is doing well. It has been quiet in the neighborhood. The district needs help with maintaining the dirt roads.

Councilwoman Mathis No report.

Street The street department is working hard, filling pot holes and is in need of help by others.

Police Chief No report.

Next Council Meeting will be December 12, 2022 at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers.



Gina Hendriks, City Clerk



Terry Holley, Mayor