

MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORALA HELD APRIL 10, 2023 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 6:30 PM. A WORKSHOP WAS HELD PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT 6:00 PM FOR AUDIT REVIEW.

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

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

Absent: None.

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 March 13, 2023 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2023 meeting. 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, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The second item on the Agenda was approval of Special Call meeting minutes of March 21, 2023. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Inabinett. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The third item on the Agenda was the approval of accounts payable for April 10, 2023 and permission to pay bills as needed. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve accounts payable. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Inabinett. Mayor called for the vote **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The fourth item on the Agenda was the approval to rescind the approval for the 5K Autism Run on April 15<sup>th</sup> due to the event being cancelled. 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, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The fifth item on the Agenda was the approval of the wine license for Tom Thumb. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Inabinett. Mayor called for the vote **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The sixth item on the Agenda was speaker Pat McDougald to give an update on the Cemetery Board and all of the good things that have been happening at the cemetery.

The seventh item on the Agenda was slotted for Sherriff Blake Turman but he did not make the meeting.

The eighth item on the Agenda was to re-appoint Ray Bundy to the Industrial board. Councilwoman Mathis 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, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The ninth item on the Agenda was to re-appoint John Coverstone to the Industrial board. 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 Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The tenth item on the Agenda was the approval of Resolution 20230410-Sales Tax Back-To-School holiday. 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 Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The eleventh item on the Agenda was the approval of Resolution 20230410-2-Title VI for the Senior Center. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve and 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, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The twelfth item on the Agenda was the approval of Resolution 20230410-1-for the sale of the Cypress Street property. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Robbins. After a brief discussion, due to not having a public meeting prior to this, the item was tabled until a public meeting could be held. Mayor called for the vote **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The thirteenth item on the Agenda was a presentation regarding the grant award of \$36,130 from Firehouse Sub for the rescue boat. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to approve acceptance based on the uses of the boat that Chief Jones stated in his presentation 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, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Holley shared the city news: There will be a meeting on April 11 @ 6:30 PM at the library for the Airport Authority; April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at the library will be the bid opening for the Airport Authority; there will be a Special Call Council meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM; the banquet for seniors of FHS will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM; April 27<sup>th</sup> will be the meeting in the auditorium for the Strategic Plan review at 5:30 PM.

District Reports were called for:

**Councilwoman Wallace-Patton** Sherriff Turman left message that he couldn't make it due to illness. No complaints and report was given prior by Senior Center director Dominica McGraw stating that the Florala Co-Op said they would donate whatever was needed to plant a garden at the center for the seniors.

**Councilwoman Robbins** Thank you to Chief Jones and Robert Thomas for the information. Trash needs to be picked up in the district. Requested that the laminate purchased for the Wall Street facility be used in the fire

department because the flooring there needs to be replaced. Mayor Holley said it would be considered. Financial reports were given out and well as a highlight report of areas of the budget.

**Councilwoman Inabinett** The lake is advertising for help. Working on projects at the lake and quotes for a new tractor that is needed to at the lake to help with clean up, move gravel, cross ties, etc.

**Councilwoman Franklin** The court and library are good. There is a library board member meeting on April 12 at 9 AM. No district complaints. Thanked the city workers for helping out with an issue-worked out very well.

**Councilwoman Mathis** Thankful of Pat McDougald's report on the cemetery. David Bass, president of the recreation board, have not been meeting and won't be until football starts again. Recreation board should be more than just football. Mayor Holley stated that we have not received the information needed, bank statements, for the auditor to complete his audit.

**Street Department** The department is working hard to keep up with the trash. We lost one of our workers. Copies of all that is done weekly is turned in on a weekly basis, if anyone wants a copy.

**Interim Chief McGraw** All is going well with police department. We need to run an ad for certified and uncertified officers. We need at least two more officers.

Next Council meeting is on May 8, 2023.

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Gina Hendriks, City Clerk

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Terry Holley, Mayor