

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CALL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORALA HELD NOVEMBER 20, 2023 IN AUDITORIUM AT 3:30 PM.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM by Mayor Robbins with the following members present:

Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Bryan, Councilwoman Inabinett (in late), Councilwoman Franklin, Mayor Robbins.

Absent: Councilman Robbins.

The invocation was given by Councilman Bryan.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Councilwoman Franklin and all present.

The first item on the Agenda was the Oath of Office to swear in new Councilman John Bryan for District 2. Councilman Bryan was sworn in by Aron Jenkins, Court Clerk Magistrate.

The second item on the Agenda was approval of Ordinance 20231120-Wall Avenue property. Mayor asked for a motion to approve and no Council member made a motion so this item was not voted on at this time. A discussion was held with Councilwoman Wallace-Patton stating that the meeting minutes provided from the City and the Utilities did not match. The deed that is on file at the courthouse was also provided. Mayor stated that this needed to be resolved as there is a business that wants to lease that property and has already come before the Council to make his business proposal. This item will be on the Agenda for next meeting.

The third item on the Agenda was approval to lease the property at 805 Fir Street to Healing Tools for Warriors. This is a non-profit organization that benefits veterans. The proposal is for \$600 per month for a year, then \$700 per month for the second year. Operations can have the building ready (water meter) after Thanksgiving. Mayor asked for a motion to approve and no Council member made a motion so this item was not voted on at this time and will be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

The fourth item on the Agenda was approval of closure of Wall Avenue for snow and Santa after the Christmas parade on December 9, 2023. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve and the motion was seconded by Councilman Franklin. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Bryan, Councilwoman Franklin, Mayor Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The fifth item on the Agenda was the approval of the Planning and Zoning abatement letter to go into the newspaper. 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, Councilman Bryan, Councilwoman Franklin, Mayor Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The sixth item on the Agenda was the approval to purchase candy for Council and Mayor at City sanctioned parades. 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, Councilman Bryan, Councilwoman Franklin, Mayor Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The seventh item on the Agenda was the approval to advertise Crestview and Destin, the RJE building as a lakeside venue. 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, Councilman Bryan, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The eighth item on the Agenda was the discussion of operations work orders to let the Council know that when they get a call for an issue that needs to be addressed by the city, that they can fill out a work order and turn it into City Hall so that they workers will have it to address the item that needs to be done.

The ninth item on the Agenda was for the Mayor to re-assign the committee liaison responsibilities to the Council members. District 1 has cemetery and recreation board; District 2 has the senior center; District 3 has the lake; District 4 has the library, District 5 has the court and police, and the Mayor has finance and the fire department.

Next Council meeting is on December 11, 2023.

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Gina Hendriks, City Clerk

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Gayle Robbins, Mayor