

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORALA HELD JUNE 10, 2024 IN THE AUDITORIUM AT FLORALA MUNICIPAL COMPLEX.

Workshop was held from 6:00-6:30 PM for topics of discussion: Police-approve new hire contract/amount of years, vehicle take home policy, 1326 Sixth Street property, city owned/leased properties.

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

Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Bryan, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins, Mayor Robbins.

The invocation was given by Mayor Robbins.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.

The first item on the Agenda was the approval of the minutes of the May 20, 2024 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Franklin made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2024 meeting and Councilwoman Inabinett seconded the motion. Mayor Robbins called for the vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Bryan, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The second item on the Agenda was the approval of the Special Call meeting minutes of the May 24, 2024 Council Meeting. Councilman Robbins made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2024 Special Call meeting and Councilwoman Franklin seconded the motion.

Mayor Robbins called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Bryan, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The third item on the Agenda was the approval of the Special Call meeting minutes of the May 30, 2024 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 30, 2024 Special Call meeting and Councilwoman Franklin seconded the motion.

Mayor Robbins called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Bryan, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The fourth item on the Agenda was the approval of the Special Call meeting minutes of the June 3, 2024 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2024 Special Call meeting and Councilwoman Inabinett seconded the motion.

Mayor Robbins called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Bryan, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The fifth item on the Agenda was approval of the accounts payable June 10, 2024 and to pay bills as needed. Councilman Robbins made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Franklin seconded the motion. Mayor Robbins called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Bryan, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The sixth item on the Agenda was approval amend Ordinance 2021-04-Municipal Parking. The amendment added parks manager or representative to have authority to have a vehicle towed if it was parked in an undesignated area. Councilwoman Inabinett made the motion to approve and Councilman Bryan seconded the motion. Mayor Robbins called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Bryan, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The seventh item on the Agenda was approval to amend the budget for operations: to move \$5,000 from line item 213-large equipment repairs to line item 211-small equipment repairs. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Franklin seconded the motion. Mayor Robbins called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Bryan, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The eighth item on the Agenda was approval of adding a security monitor in the city clerk's office that feeds off of the current system. The estimated cost is \$225. Councilwoman Inabinett made the motion to approve and Councilman Robbins seconded the motion. Mayor Robbins called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Bryan, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The ninth item on the Agenda was approval to provide a space for mental health to meet with any person for mental health counseling. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve and Councilman Robbins seconded the motion. Mayor Robbins called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Bryan, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The tenth item on the Agenda was the approval of renewing all five certificates of deposit: GOB Capital Improvement, Rebuild Alabama gas tax, 4 cent gas tax, 7 cent gas tax, American Rescue Plan, for another ninety (90) day at Southern Independent Bank. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Franklin seconded the motion. Mayor Robbins called for the vote **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Bryan, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The eleventh item on the Agenda was the approval of work time change for Operations workers to 6 AM to 2:30 PM to start on 6/12 thru 8/21. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Inabinett seconded the motion. Mayor Robbins called for the

vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Bryan, Councilwoman Franklin. Abstained: Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The twelfth item on the Agenda was the update on the dance camp classes that was approved last meeting for renting the cafeteria for \$100 to Frank Jones. The update is that the classes will be held on July 17-20 and July 22-27 from 2-5 PM.

The thirteenth item on the Agenda was approval of rent/lease of property at 1326 Sixth Street. After much discussion, Councilman Robbins made the motion to offer the property for lease for one year at \$600 per month to Mr. Watkins with the city making a contract for council to view/approve at next council meeting on July 8th. Councilman Robbins made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Wallace-Patton seconded the motion. Mayor Robbins called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Bryan, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The fourteenth item on the Agenda was an update on the properties that the council voted to vacate the alley at the last council meeting. The notice has been in the newspaper for two weeks and has two weeks to go, then there will be a public hearing.

The fifteenth item on the Agenda was the announcement by Mayor Robbins that a group called Team Florala will be assembled. The mission is: enhance the overall quality of life and appearance of the community. The goal is: promote sustainable beautification practices and preservation of historical property. The team leader will: recruit volunteers; identify beautification projects; create public and business awareness to support beautification efforts. And to celebrate achievements: recognize and celebrate business and/or residential projects and/or activities. This group is an extension of the Alabama Community of Excellence (ACE) and efforts have already been started on Fifth Street with the planting of rose bushes

The sixteenth item on the Agenda was an update of the 2024 Summer Youth Program. A job description was provided to the City Council and this would hire four youths for five weeks for eight hours per day at \$10 per hour. Director of Operations, Chris Jackson, interviews four youths on June 10, 2024. The youths are: Jeffrey Crowder, Landon Prescott, Christopher Taylor, and Cameron Ansley. They will start on June 12th and work for five weeks.

The seventeenth item on the Agenda was approval of new hire police contract that was presented and discussed with the council/mayor in the workshop session. Councilwoman Inabinett made the motion to approve and Councilman Robbins seconded the motion. Mayor Robbins called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Bryan, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The eighteenth item on the Agenda was approval to add an item to the agenda: request to put a basketball goal up at the RV park at Lake Jackson. Councilman Robbins made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Franklin seconded the motion. Mayor Robbins called for the vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Bryan, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Community notes and event-Mayor Robbins:

Mayor Robbins stated: the 24th of June pageant was a winner-the children and young ladies were beautiful and the pageant was presented very professionally; David Willis resigned as the part-time as needed van driver for the senior center and Cindy Bass has been hired to fill that position at \$9 per hour; the baseball team had an outstanding season and will be recognized at the July 8th meeting; Florala Municipal Airport was inspected on May 16th and meets all requirements for issuance of property license-the next step is to apply for a grant and then start breaking ground for the new terminal; Mayer and Councilwoman Inabinett attended the Covington County Economic Development Commission meeting today in Andalusia and they are looking at Florala now that all Mayors were in attendance: Florala, Andalusia and Opp; the Economic Development will be working closely with the Industrial board in the future.

District Reports:

Councilwoman Wallace-Patton Cemetery- grass cutting is happening, and they have volunteers-no meeting of the board recently; Recreation board has had registration for the new season and have new uniforms-last meeting not attended; the youth sold doughnuts to raise money, we need to promote the youth; no complaints for the district.

Councilman Bryan Senior Center is doing well; feeding a good amount of people; no complaints for the district.

Councilwoman Inabinett No complaints for the district; the lake is losing money because the kiosk is not installed yet; Otis is doing a super job and lake is looking gorgeous; a basketball goal would be an asset in the RV park; Mayor Robbins the other items for the park have been ordered.

Councilwoman Franklin Library has the next board meeting on July 10 at 9 AM; summer reading is the third Thursday of the week and started on June 6; Alabama Archives in History came and spoke-there were 21 kids and 16 adults in attendance; the residents on 2nd Avenue said thank you for the speed bumps.

Councilman Robbins No complaints from the district; minor issues that was personally found and will be addressed in the next ten days; nothing to report on the court-Aron is handling everything very well; Police is doing well other than a brick being thrown through one of the police cruiser's windshield.

Mayor Robbins: Financial reports have been provided and the rental properties list that was requested at the last meeting was also provided and reviewed during the workshop.

Public Comments: Lisa Windham wanted to let everyone know that Raychon Coleman is on his way to Spain to participate in the basketball club and he is also part of the baseball team that will be recognized at the next council meeting and thank you all for doing a great job.

Next Council meeting is July 8, 2024

Gayle C. Robbins, Mayor

Gina Hendriks, City Clerk