

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORALA  
HELD NOVEMBER 12, 2024 IN THE AUDITORIUM AT FLORALA MUNICIPAL COMPLEX.

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. Absent: None.

The invocation was given by Marvin Williford, Jr.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Amanda Laird-Schofield.

The first item on the Agenda was the approval of the minutes of the October 14, 2024 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2024 meeting 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 second item on the Agenda was the approval of the Special Call minutes of the October 29, 2024 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 29, 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 third item on the Agenda was approval of the accounts payable November 12, 2024 and to pay bills as needed. Councilwoman Inabinett 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 fourth item on the Agenda was updates on the fire department from fire Chief Jones. Chief said that the new fire engine from Deep South in Seminary, Mississippi, is ready. He and another will be going there Sunday night to inspect the fire engine prior to delivery to Florala. Chief will pick a date to do the official blessing of the engine and push into the station, service. The heliport behind the old hospital will be ready by the end of December. The trees have been trimmed and the power pole has been installed. Looking to put orange cones on the power lines-this is done by Alabama Power. Fire college class for Firefighter II is in progress. The Christmas parade is on December 7<sup>th</sup> with December 14<sup>th</sup> as a back up date if it rains. There will be 2-3 nights of snow on Wall Avenue and the dates will be announced at a later time. Department received a 2018 F150 Super cab pickup truck from Walton County Fire & Rescue, with extraction services fully installed.

The fifth item on the Agenda was approval of contract between the city and Florala Medical Associates (Tracy Odom), starting December 1, 2024 using the building. 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 sixth item on the Agenda was the presentation of the ACE Star Award by Mary Jackson, ALM Director of Professional & Community Development, to recipient Carol Morgan-an ACE volunteer. Ms. Morgan participated in LEAD Florala, parking control center at the boat landing at Lake Jackson, part of the steering committee, Downtown Development Board and participates in community sessions for the Comprehensive Planning commission.

The seventh item on the Agenda was the approval of the counteroffer acceptance of \$25K on two lots on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, by Josh Menge. This item was voted to be tabled until further research into the sale of the property. Councilwoman Inabinett made the motion to table this item 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 the Florala High School agreement. This agreement details the responsibilities of both parties, Florala High School and City of Florala. Councilman Bryan 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 ninth item on the Agenda was the approval appointing Jaden Johnson to the Airport Authority to fulfill the unexpired term of Mike Scroggins. Jaden Johnson term will expire September 2027. 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 tenth item on the Agenda was the presentation of cheerleader rings to all of the participating cheerleaders of Tiny Mites and Pee Wees, by Recreation Board representative and Councilman, Evan Robbins. The Pee Wee cheerleaders won the championship again this year!

The eleventh item on the Agenda was the approval Florala High School Booster request to paint Wildcat prints on Josh Turner and Begonia leading up to the high school. Amber St. John will be responsible for the paw prints. Councilwoman Inabinett 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 twelfth item on the Agenda was the approval Friends of Lake Jackson selling and installing 2 X 6" plaques for "in memory of" at the pavilion near the wetlands as a fundraiser. The funds will pay for new signage in the wetlands park. Councilman Robbins made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Franklin seconded the motion. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Bryan, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The thirteenth item on the Agenda was approval to purchase new window treatments for the cafeteria using funds from the surplus of the kitchen equipment. 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 fourteenth item on the Agenda was approval to surplus the folding and stackable chairs. There are approximately 25 chairs available. Councilwoman Inabinett 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 events-Mayor Robbins: Proudly announce that Councilwoman Franklin achieved her Certified Municipal Official status and graduated at the Alabama League of Municipalities ceremonies in Orange Beach in October; Shop the Blocks will be held on December 7, 2024 on 5<sup>th</sup> Street-vendors are still needed.

District Reports:

**Councilwoman Wallace-Patton** The Recreation Board already presented the awards; no report for Cemetery Board; no complaints or reports for district one.

**Councilman Bryan** November 7<sup>th</sup>, there were twelve participants that went to the Peanut Festival in Dothan; seniors also participated in Halloween town handing out packs of homemade cookies; the center also provided transportation to doctor appointments; on November 27<sup>th</sup>, a Thanksgiving meal will be provided; all is going well.

**Councilwoman Inabinett** There are only two openings at the RV park; all the workers are doing an excellent job; there are complaints about cars being parked on the sides of the roads-mostly abandoned or on blocks-these need to be moved.

**Councilwoman Franklin** The city crew painted the lines at the library for parking lanes and fire lanes; the library is switching over the software system and will be closed Thursday and Friday; the bump sign near Barbara Smith's house on Lakeshore Blvd needs to be put back up. Halloween Town was good-we ran out of candy.

**Councilman Robbins** Court is fine-no complaints; no complaints for district five; follow up on speed limit signs-need to send a letter out to ALDOT regarding moving the signs-there was another bad accident in that area Thursday night.

**Fire Chief** Already reported.

**Police Chief:** No complaints; got to see the drone in use the other night, it was well used the night of the accident. Mayor said she spoke with someone at the County Commissioner's Office regarding the speeding out there and one truck was clocked at 65 mph.

**Public Comments:** None.

The fifteenth item on the Agenda was approval for council and mayor to go into executive with the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce for Economic Development session at 7:23 PM.

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 sixteenth item on the Agenda was approval for council and mayor to come back into regular council meeting from executive session at 8:09 PM. Councilwoman Inabinett 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 seventeenth item on the Agenda was approval for the fire department to have the training truck park in the parking lot of the Rodney J Evans building on December 2-6, 2024 for fireman training. Councilwoman Inabinett 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. Abstain: Councilman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The eighteenth item on the Agenda was approval for the fire department to have snow on Wall Avenue for three days (to be determined at a later date). 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 nineteenth item on the Agenda was approval of selling the surplus folding chairs at \$1 per chair. 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.

Next Council meeting is December 9, 2024

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