

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORALA
HELD FEBRUARY 9, 2026 IN THE AUDITORIUM AT FLORALA MUNICIPAL COMPLEX.

Public hearing for vacating a street at property on Alabama Street owned by Truman Ella Heirs c/o Dorothy Dyess at 5:45 PM. Workshop at 6:00 PM-discussed assistant fire chief; revision of SOG; EMS lease agreement and amending weed ordinance.

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

Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins, Mayor Burleson. Absent: None.

The invocation was given by Councilman Robbins.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Councilman Carter and all present.

The first item on the Agenda was the approval of the minutes of the January 12, 2026 Council meeting. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2026 meeting and Councilwoman Inabinett seconded the motion. Mayor Burleson called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Carter, 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 January 26, 2026 meeting. Councilman Robbins made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2026 meeting and Councilwoman Franklin seconded the motion. Mayor Burleson called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Abstained: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The third item on the Agenda was the approval of the Special Call meeting minutes of the February 2, 2026 meeting. Councilman Robbins made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2026 meeting and Councilwoman Inabinett seconded the motion. Mayor Burleson called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Abstained: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The fourth item on the Agenda was approval of the accounts payable February 9, 2026 and to pay bills as needed. Councilman Robbins made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Inabinett seconded the motion. Mayor Burleson called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The fifth item on the Agenda was the approval of Ordinance 20260209 amendment to Ordinance 98-1-5(2). Councilwoman Inabinett made the motion to approve and Councilwoman

Franklin seconded the motion. Mayor Burleson called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Nays: Councilman Carter. Motion carried.

The sixth item on the Agenda was approval of Resolution 20260209-Vacating alleyway on property on Alabama Street. Councilman Robbins made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Franklin seconded the motion. Mayor Burleson called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The seventh item on the Agenda was a request to approve WastePro increase of \$1 per can-going from the current cost of \$25 to \$26 per first can. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve and Councilman Robins seconded the motion. Mayor Burleson called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The eighth item on the agenda was approval to renew the WastePro contract for another three years. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Franklin seconded the motion. Mayor Burleson called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The ninth item on the Agenda was the approval EMS lease agreement between City of Florala and Carol Pool and Joe Nowlin for \$1,000 for the first month and \$500 per month until the title of the building is clear and the City of Florala can purchase the property with a clear title. All monies paid during this time for lease will be put toward the purchase price of the property. The lease contract will be amended to state this, by our city attorney. Councilwoman Inabinett made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Wallace-Patton seconded the motion. Mayor Burleson called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The tenth item on the Agenda was the offer to purchase the theater property by Ron Hargrove for \$45,000 cash and the building would be cleaned up in 90 days and look like a new building in 180 days. Councilman Robbins made the motion to table this until all was in writing and Councilwoman Wallace-Patton seconded the motion. Mayor Burleson called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Abstained: Councilman Carter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The eleventh item on the Agenda was the recommendation from Fire Chief Jones for Michael McClelland to be Assistant Fire Chief. Mr. McClelland spoke to the mayor and council about his experience for the position. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Franklin seconded the motion. Mayor Burleson called for the vote. **ROLL CALL**

VOTE: Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin. Abstained: Councilman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The twelfth item on the Agenda was the approval of the revise Statement of Guidelines (SOG) for the fire department. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Franklin seconded the motion. Mayor Burleson called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin. Abstained: Councilman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The thirteenth item on the Agenda is approval of the use of the RJE parking lot for fire college training on the following dates: March 2-6: Propane training, September 21-25: drug simulator training, October 5-9: mobile burn training, October 26-30: confined space training. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Franklin seconded the motion. Mayor Burleson called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin. Abstained: Councilman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The fourteenth item on the Agenda is approval for recommendation for the vacant position on the Recreation Board of Teisha Davis. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Franklin seconded the motion. During discussion, it was asked who did the interview-the interview was done by phone by Dominica McGraw. Mayor Burleson called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin. Abstained: Councilman Carter. Nays: Councilman Robbins. Motion carried.

The fifteenth item on the Agenda is approval for WIFI at the RJE building to support the security cameras approved an earlier meeting. Councilwoman Inabinett made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Wallace-Patton seconded the motion. Mayor Burleson called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The sixteenth item on the Agenda is approval for Blinks service at the kiosk and pocket park for cameras. Councilwoman Inabinett made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Wallace-Patton seconded the motion. Mayor Burleson called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The seventeenth item on the Agenda was request from Sylvia Wallace-Patton to be able to pay the deposit on the city property she is renting for her hair salon over a three-month period and have paid the \$500 by the end of April. Councilwoman Franklin made the motion to approve and Councilman Carter seconded the motion. Mayor Burleson called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Abstained: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The eighteenth item on the Agenda was approval of the lease program for the police department vehicles. This would entail trading in three Dodge Chargers police vehicles for three pickup trucks for four years at \$14K per truck. Payments will not start until a year and one day after receipt of vehicles. Councilman Carter made the motion to approve and Councilman Robbins seconded the motion. Mayor Burleson called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The nineteenth item on the Agenda was request/presentation from Robin Doyle to close the alleyway behind her house. Ms. Doyle stated that someone had cut down heritage camelias and wants to preserve the area of that alleyway. All property owners butting up to that alleyway will have to be notified and all agree for this to be closed. A public hearing will have to be held.

The twentieth item on the Agenda was a request to add an EMS Resolution. Councilwoman Inabinett made a motion to approve and Councilman Robbins seconded the motion. Mayor Burleson called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The twenty-first item on the Agenda was approval of EMS Resolution. Councilwoman Inabinett made a motion and Councilman Robbins seconded the motion. Discussion regarding this resolution was that there wasn't enough information, service covers 2/3 of county and possibility to open bids for another EMS contractor. The vote went forward to table this item until further information could be gathered. Mayor Burleson called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The twenty-second item on the Agenda was a request from Councilman Robbins to amend the Agenda to add an item. Councilwoman Inabinett made the motion and Councilwoman Franklin seconded the motion. Mayor Burleson called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The twenty-third item on the Agenda was a request from Councilman Robbins: I, Council Member Evan Scot Robbins, move that the City Council formally direct the Mayor, in coordination with the City Clerk and City Attorney, to initiate an **independent administrative review** of the Police Department. This review shall include, but not be limited to: the handling and disposition of citizen complaints, adherence to established department policies, procedures, and standard operating guidelines, supervisory practices and internal accountability measures, leadership oversight and administrative effectiveness. I further move that all relevant records, reports, body-worn camera footage, policies, and documentation related to this review be preserved and made available to the reviewing authority. The purpose of this motion is to ensure accountability, transparency, and the proper functioning of the

Police Department in the best interest of the City, its employees, and the public. Findings and any recommended corrective actions shall be reported back to the City Council upon completion of the review. Councilwoman Inabinett made a motion to approve and Councilman Robbins seconded the motion. Mayor Bureson called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilman Robbins. Nays: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Franklin. Motion failed.

The twenty-fourth item on the Agenda was a request from Councilman Robbins to amend the Agenda to add an item. Mayor Bureson called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The twenty-fifth item on the Agenda was a request from Councilman Robbins to go into Executive Session. Mayor Bureson called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Nays: Councilman Carter. Motion failed-not unanimous.

Community notes and events: Boys basketball tournament to be held at Florala High School; Cancer Freeze was a success and there was a lot of participation; Recreation Board meeting will be at 2 PM on Sunday; Valentine's Day is on February 14th.

District Reports:

Councilwoman Wallace-Patton Eric already report on operations. Cancer Freeze did a good job cleaning up. No issue with the street; no report for the cemetery. The cemetery does need help from the families to support the clean up efforts; no complaints from the district; a lot of projects going on; the gym will be 75% finished by Sunday.

Councilman Carter No complaints for the district-need to slow speeders on 331. Senior Center is feeding 16 in house and 25 homebound.

Councilwoman Inabinett New pavilions at the lake look good; they are starting work on the cabin this week; lake staff did a good job on Saturday in support of Cancer Freeze; Eucalyptus needs to be cleaned up; sign on Gilmore Avenue is still missing; people are blocking cars at the lake near the kiosk.

Councilwoman Franklin Complaints about county addressing-the state is looking at this; the street is doing good on filling in the potholes; Library meeting on January 14th-the library was awarded a grant; books sales at the library brought in \$110.40-the leftover books were donated; check on audit from FY2019 to see if it was voted on; an Ordinance is needed to get quarterly reports from all boards to avoid delaying audits; daycare update-the Mayor spoke with her this morning and she should be providing credentials by the end of this month.

Councilman Robbins No complaints; the flag at the RJE building needs to be replaced; PD-new vehicle was received this week; complaints with the police department; Court-doing well.

Mayor Recreation Board meeting is at 2 PM at the Senior Center on Sunday.

Public Comments Chief McGraw: open door policy for anyone that needs to speak with me. Robin Doyle: Making reports to the police department with no follow up for five years about being chased by dogs. 100% transparency is needed. No police record of calls-Officer Lockett

has no records-need prevention. McGraw responded: Dog owner was written two tickets, dogs were caught the second time.

Patty Hughes: I had a medical event and called 911-it took forty-five minutes for an ambulance to get to me.

Patty Wood: Why not go into executive session to find out what is going on? It has to be unanimous.

Next Council meeting is March 9, 2026.

Jeff Burleson, Mayor

Gina Hendriks, City Clerk