

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORALA
HELD JANUARY 12, 2026 IN THE AUDITORIUM AT FLORALA MUNICIPAL COMPLEX.

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 December 8, 2025 Council meeting. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2025 meeting 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 second item on the Agenda was approval of the accounts payable January 12, 2026 and to pay bills as needed. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton 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 third item on the Agenda was the audit updates given by Clerk Hendriks. Gibson and Carden out of Troy are the auditors for the city and they have caught the city up to 2022. The auditor is waiting on documentation from the Recreation Board in order to proceed with closing the 2022 audit and continuing onto year 2023. The bank statements have been requested but not received. Wells Fargo was the bank used by the Recreation Board at that time and they were contacted before the holiday to get the information. Our office heard from them today and they will be providing the information needed for the auditor to complete 2022.

The fourth item on the Agenda was the request by Mayor Burleson to surplus the contents of the theatre property after an inventory of the contents has been completed. Councilman Robbins 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 fifth item on the Agenda was the CO2 request from Jan Alred. The request was for the council to view the resolution that she presented opposing the development and implementation of carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) projects within the City of Florala.

Mayor advised that the council would review the resolution and it would be on the agenda at the next council meeting.

The sixth item on the Agenda was approval to request bids for repairing the Municipal Complex and painting the ceiling in the gymnasium. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve the request 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 install an autistic child area sign on 5th Street near the post office. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve and Councilman Carter 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 a request from Waterboard Chairman, Marvin Willifort, for the mayor and council to consider paying a percentage of the new truck for Chris Jackson since part of his work time is supporting the city. The truck cost is \$35,391.54 and the percentages presented were: 10%: \$3,539.16; 15%: \$5,308.74; 20%: \$7,078.31. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve and Councilman Robbins seconded the motion. After much discussion and agreement of paying 10%, Mayor Burleson called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Inabinett. Nays: Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Robbins. Motion carried.

The ninth item on the Agenda was the approval to enclose the lean to for the police department on Wall Avenue. The city workers will do the work. Councilman Carter 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 tenth item on the Agenda was the request to come before the council by Gay Burleson regarding the golf cart ordinance. Gay requested that the ordinance be amended to align with the state statute regarding the age allowed to drive a golf cart with a valid license, curfew time for teens and adults, requirements for children riding in golf carts. Councilman Robbins made the motion to approve the amendments to change the age of a golf cart driver to 18 with valid license, the curfew to be limited to drivers 21 and under, and no child under the age of 5 years old will be riding without state approved car seat. Councilman Robbins made the motion to approve and Councilman Carter 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 eleventh item on the Agenda was the presentation from lake manager, Otis Dixon regarding the statue of the cabin at the lake. Otis submitted a new floor plan for the cabin and request that it be advertised for the work needed to complete the cabin. Councilwoman Inabinett 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 twelfth item on the Agenda was the request from Sylvia Wallace-Patton to rent the property on 5th Avenue that is being vacated by The Loft (Carla McLaney), for her hair salon business. Councilman Carter made the motion to approve rental starting on February 1, 2026 with signed lease, 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 thirteenth item on the Agenda is request from Mayor Burleson to amend the agenda to add cameras at the kiosk at the lake for monitoring purposes because someone has ran into one of the arms and damaged the arm. Councilman Robbins made the motion to amend the agenda 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 fourteenth item on the Agenda is to add security cameras at the kiosk at the lake. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve 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 fifteenth item on the Agenda is request from Mayor Burleson to amend the agenda. Councilman Robbins made the motion to amend the agenda to add another item 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 sixteenth item on the Agenda is the request to remove Chad Carter as liaison to the Recreation Board. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve 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.

Community notes and events: January 18th MLK at 3 PM-donations welcome; January 19th MLK march at 11 AM starting at Carver Community Center; January 24th Cancer Freeze Pageant at

Walton High School at 2 PM; February 5th-Maddox Davidson performing at The Depot Thursday night; February 7th-Cancer Freeze 20th Anniversary starts at 7 AM on Saturday.

District Reports:

Councilwoman Wallace-Patton The street is dark and needs a light by Carver school, 11th Avenue and Dwight Stone; no report for operations; large trash pile has been picked up-people need to know that the trash needs to be separated and more than two pick ups in a month, they will have to pay; Cemetery needs help cleaning up lots-notification of families is in the paper to pay for lot upkeep.

Councilman Carter No comment for Recreation Board; Senior Center served 41 meals: 25 delivered and 16 in house; January 2 the Senior Director made soup for the seniors because SARCOA did not provide food that day.

Councilwoman Inabinett Otis already report on lake; sidewalks near Vishwanneth's office and the Depot needs to be edged; sidewalk near the fire department needs repaired; there are pot holes on the road near the cemetery; Gilmer road sign is missing; someone asked if the old fire truck at the city yard is still part of a grant and the city yard needs to be cleaned up.

Councilwoman Franklin No complaints at the library; still taking donations for the pantry; board meeting on Wednesday at 9 AM; complaints in the district about night cruisers on gold cart with no lights; signs needed for NO THRU TRUCKS; complaint about trash being thrown out on McPhail Farm Road-need to control this; review of financial report.

Councilman Robbins No complaints for court; police department numbers; 348 traffic tickets; 8 arrests; 3 crashes; 223 security checks; Durango was approved to purchase and should be delivered this week; no complaints for the district; Advocacy Day is next week; Representative Hammett's bill is now active against CO2.

Mayor Reviewed financials; stated there are five new members coming to the fire department and the department is doing well.

Public Comments Rachel Cook: are gold carts towed like cars? Yes, per council. Gay Burleson: clarification on the towing fees- DUI, no insurance, no valid driver's license car will be towed and \$100 fee; Drug seizure is a \$350 fee plus a fee to Nick's Towing service. A gold cart will be towed for the same infractions.

Next Council meeting is February 9, 2026.

Jeff Burleson, Mayor

Gina Hendriks, City Clerk