

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORALA
HELD AUGUST 10, 2020 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL

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

Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Mathis, Councilman Burleson. Absent: Councilwoman Inabinett.

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Mathis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.

The first item on the Agenda was the approval of the minutes of the July 13, 2020 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burleson. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilman Burleson, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The second item on the Agenda was the approval of accounts payable for August 10, 2020. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve the accounts payable for August 10, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burleson. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilman Burleson, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Holley shared the following points of interest of city news: On September 2 the Rangers will be at Lake Jackson for water jump exercises and the Lake will be close to swimming and boating and attendees will observe social distancing guidelines. There are some restrictions for this military event where there are normally 95 jumpers this has been reduced to approximately 30 jumpers. The City is proud to have a new/used knuckle boom truck that was purchased for \$50K so now the City can run both trucks to pick up household and yard debris. New business opening for curbside service laundry on Wednesday where Country Corner Boutique used to be. Poll worker training is on Thursday at 9 AM at the RJE Civic Center. Testing of voting machines is on 19 August at 9 AM at the RJE Civic Center.

Next on the Agenda is the ACE Leadership presentation by Samantha McDaniel and Taylor Smith. Samantha gave a report on the recent visit to Florida by the ACE leader Nisa Miranda and some other professionals. A steering committee has been identified and consists of: Marvin Williford Jr, Kendall Williford, Sharae Coleman, Joe Barnes, Mitchell Davidson, and Josh Menge. Applications for leadership class were distributed via social media and paper copies at City Hall. The first leadership class taught by Taylor Smith will be held in September. The LEAD program will help to develop future leaders for the City of Florida. There are three objectives for this program: 1) To provide citizens with knowledge and tools that will enhance their ability to actively engage in local community and economic development concerns, 2) To maximize the number of citizens with leadership skills to navigate challenges and opportunities to create an

environment that promotes advancement of community and economic development, and 3) To engage and develop the leadership skills and community focus of young professionals, youth, and young families in our community. The Council was invited to participate.

The third item on the Agenda was the briefing from Hazel Lee Bryant to the Council and requesting Resolution 20200810-5-Asking for Apology from County Commissioner 3, Tony Holmes. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burleson. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilman Burleson, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Next item on the Agenda is an update on the Floral Medical Complex. There will be a meeting with Dr. Kraft tomorrow, August 11, to review the contract and then in week or two there will be a Special Call meeting to view and vote on contract. Projected start date for lease is September 1, 2020. Tracy Odom is the nurse practitioner. Possible meet and greet to be held prior to the clinic opening. The City will receive revenue from the rental of the clinic building in addition to the rent from Restore Therapy.

The fourth item on the Agenda was the approval of Resolution 20200810-Absentee Election Manager Pay. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burleson. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilman Burleson, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The fifth item on the Agenda was the approval of Notice of Appointment of Election Officers. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burleson. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilman Burleson, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The sixth item on the Agenda was the approval to Resolution 20200810-1-Appointing Election Officers. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mathis. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilman Burleson, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The seventh item on the Agenda was the approval of Certificate of Election District 3. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Robbins. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilman Burleson, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The eighth item on the Agenda was the approval of Resolution 20200810-2-District 3, Debra Inabinett, Elected Without Opposition. Councilman Burleson made the motion to approve. The

motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wallace-Patton. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilman Burleson, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The ninth item on the Agenda was the approval of Certificate of Election District 5. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wallace-Patton. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilman Burleson, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The tenth item on the Agenda was the approval of Resolution 20200810-3-District 5, Sue Mathis, Elected Without Opposition. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wallace-Patton. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilman Burleson, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The eleventh item on the Agenda was the approval of Resolution 20200810-4-Waste Pro Contract Extension. Councilman Burleson made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mathis. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilman Burleson, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

District Reports were called for:

Councilwoman Wallace-Patton Complaints about pot holes in the district. Senior Center has put out 24 curbside meals and 32 homebound meals per week. The workers are doing an outstanding job at the center. No other comments.

Councilwoman Robbins City finance report has been provided to Council members. Library is open by appointment only from 9 AM – 3 PM; please call before coming so they can sanitize. The resident on Caton Rd has been keeping the property clean since being contacted previously. The leak at the Library has been addressed.

Councilwoman Inabinett Absent.

Councilman Burleson Court going well. A hole in the road was reported near Headstart. Thank you for opening City Hall.

Councilwoman Mathis Cemetery is quiet. Water leak near Headstart needs to be repaired. Recreation board has started football practice. Prayer is needed for all kids and teachers going back to school. A prayer walk will be held. This Thursday is meet the Wildcats at Matthew Stadium on 13 August at 6 PM and admission is one bottle of liquid laundry detergent.

Street The City has bought a 2015 knuckle boom truck and will be running both trucks to catch up on trash and debris around the City. The City has started a regular maintenance system on a

rotational basis for all City vehicles (this does include Utilities as well). In 2021, the state will start resurfacing 5th Avenue (main road). The gas tax has been banked to build up funds so that with some grant money help, the City can have the State do some of the side streets while they have all of the equipment in the area. The City could get up to a 10-15% discount. The City is constantly working to fix pot holes.

Next Council Meeting will be September 14, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned.

Adopted and approved this 14th day of September 2020.

Terry Holley, Mayor

Gina Hendriks, City Clerk