

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRO TEM MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORALA HELD JULY 13, 2020 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL

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

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

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 June 8, 2020 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Inabinett. Pro Tem Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilman Burleson, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Pro Tem Mayor Robbins shared the following points of interest of city news: Prayers for the Holley family for the loss of their sister, Mary Jane Flowers. Glass partitions are being installed at City Hall and the Library. The City is paying for this and will be reimbursed from CARES ACT to include all items for sanitizing too. Run-off election is on 14 July at the RJE building. Qualifying for Municipal candidacy is open until 21 July at 5 PM, Monday – Friday. The election will be held on 25 August 2020. Allstars (Paxton) participated in the State tournament and made it to the next round. WSH and FHS are making plans for the safety and health procedures for the new school year. There is a \$297K grant from OCAP and Covington County is included. This will help with weathering homes (elderly) (334) 566-1712. July 30<sup>th</sup> is the last webinar for training for council members. Sgt Rodney Evans died 51 years ago on 15 July.

The third item on the Agenda was the approval to vacate subdivision streets. Councilwoman Mathis made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burleson. Pro Tem Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilman Burleson, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The fourth item on the Agenda was donation of \$1,000 to South Alabama Mental Health. Councilwoman Mathis made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burleson. Pro Tem Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilman Burleson, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Next item on the Agenda was speaker Samantha McDaniel for the ACE Program. Samantha briefed on the progress of the ACE award. The ACE committee was in town for a meeting with the Industrial Board and Airport Authority. The ACE committee was here for two days to discuss training for locals, encouraging dual enrollment for students, career changes for adults. A steering or advisory committee is needed and a list has been created to contact individuals for this committee.

The fifth item on the Agenda was the approval of Resolution 20200713-Community Memorandum of Understanding (ACE). Councilman Burleson made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Inabinett. Pro Tem Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilman Burleson, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The sixth item on the Agenda was the approval of hiring a part time Senior Citizen worker until the Senior Program is actively hiring again. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burleson. Pro Tem Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilman Burleson, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The seventh item on the Agenda was the approval to renew FHS Banner for \$100. Councilman Burleson made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wallace-Patton. Pro Tem Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilman Burleson, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The eighth item on the Agenda was the approval of Resolution 20200713A-Section 5310 SARCOA Van. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burleson. Pro Tem Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilman Burleson, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The ninth item on the Agenda was the approval to table the discussion of the Florala Hospital Complex. Councilman Burleson made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mathis. Pro Tem Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilman Burleson, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

An additional item to the agenda was the approval for the City to pay \$1,000 cash bond refund to Jesus Grossman until such time when the court investigation is complete. Councilman Burleson made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wallace-Patton. Pro Tem Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilman Burleson, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

District Reports were called for:

**Councilwoman Wallace-Patton** Senior Center is running well. Delivering 40 meals to the homebound and 24 meals from the center are delivered to the seniors curbside. Wallace-Patton said thank you to the council for voting to pay Ms. Shaly until the Senior Program opened back up to hiring in approximately September, COVID permitting.

**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 community room at the Library has leaked again and is being looked at for repair. Caton Rd. residence looks bad and needs cleaned up. Resident was told 9 days ago and it still isn't cleaned up. Virginia Ave is in bad shape (dirt road), as is 12<sup>th</sup> Ave, 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. Caton Rd has pot holes and needs to be repaired.

**Councilwoman Inabinett** No comments from the Fire department. Some homes on Fourth St by Lake Jackson need to be cleaned up. Pro Tem Mayor Robbins stated that she had talked with the property owner and the property owner could not find anyone to clean it up. The baseball field is not currently being used and it needs to be used for functions to raise revenue. Councilwoman Mathis stated that the Recreation board was supposed to be starting a Little League program. Residents are saying that the City doesn't want to cut the grass and there are two fields that can be used.

**Councilman Burleson** No comment on Court. Police Chief Bedsole is out with kidney stones. Report of complaints that City Hall is not open to the public yet. The Library and Senior Center are still closed as per the Library board direction and per SARCOA direction. A pole barn was built at the Lake and no one agreed to this. The funds came out of the lake account and the amount was not over \$5,000 which requires a council vote.

**Councilwoman Mathis** Recreation Board taking signups for football. There have been complaints about the building that the City owns on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue (SOCOM) and the brown paper hanging in the windows. The building was vacated June 30<sup>th</sup> 2020 per Councilwoman Robbins. The person renting the building was supposed to turn in the key and has not done so to date and Councilwoman Robbins agreed that it is an eye sore.

**Street** The boom truck has been repaired and is back in business. The grass all around town needs to be cut and the employees are working on this.

**Police** Office Rogers standing in for Chief Bedsole. Jesse Cowen (Academy candidate) passed the legal exam. The case with Jesus Grossman was settled and his \$1,000 cash bond needs to be disbursed to him. The 2 Ford Taurus police cars are worn out and the City needs to work replacement cars into the next budget. Requests have been made to put in speed bumps on Sgt, Josh Turner Blvd. Due to an editorial in the newspaper, a handout has been provided to show tickets given and tickets paid. The Police Department is currently two officers short.

Next Council Meeting will be August 10, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned.

Adopted and approved this 10th<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.

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Terry Holley, Mayor

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Gina Hendriks, City Clerk