

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORALA
HELD JUNE 8, 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 Inabinett, Councilwoman Mathis, Councilman Burleson, Mayor Holley. Absent: None.

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 March 9, 2020 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wallace-Patton. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Mathis. Abstain: Councilman Burleson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The second item on the Agenda was the approval of the letters for cancelled Council Meetings for April & May due to COVID-19. Councilwoman Mathis made the motion to approve the letters. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wallace-Patton. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Mathis, Councilman Burleson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The third item on the Agenda was the approval of accounts payable for April 13, 2020. 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, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Mathis, Councilman Burleson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The fourth item on the Agenda was the approval of accounts payable for May 11, 2020. 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, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Mathis, Councilman Burleson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The fifth item on the Agenda was the approval of accounts payable for June 8, 2020. Councilman Burleson made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Inabinett. Mayor called for the vote **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Mathis, Councilman Burleson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Holley shared the following points of interest of city news: Birthday celebration with a drive by parade for Sybil Mason. She celebrated her 100th birthday. Seniors 2020 graduates were celebrated with banners for each Senior posted in Downtown Florala and PHS posted banners in front of the school. Friends of Lake Jackson purchased flowers and put in three new flowerbeds at the Lake with the help of Lake Manager Wade Masters. Board of Adjustment meeting on 18 June at 5 PM to vote on removal of a tree at Ronnie Gamble's property. A new swim area rope was added at Lake Jackson and the large pavilion is now open to the public. State to refund City expenses for COVID expenses reported through 31 December 2020. The black light posts in the Downtown area are being repaired by Buddy York. Notice of election will be announced July 7, 2020. Deadline to qualify for candidacy is by 5 PM on July 21, 2020. Congratulations to Sara Goolsby on her retirement from the Florala Nursing Home and congratulations to the new Director Christi Bryant. The grant from the Solon Dixon Foundation for the Middle School upgrades/repairs for \$80,000 was awarded to the City of Florala which will get us closer to the goal of hosting a multitude of activities such as: family movie night, open mic night, virtual movies, trips, etc. There will be local artwork displayed at the entrance and down the hallways and the rooms can be rented out for events. Activities can be coordinated with the Recreation Board. Some of the items that the award will cover are: adding handicap accessibility, preserving the columns, new curtains, a sound system and new lighting. Randy Taylor's wife also has donated a handicap ramp to be used. I also ask that you all support local businesses.

The sixth item on the Agenda was the approval of hiring Officer Greg McGraw as Assistant Police Chief with a salaried pay. Councilman Burleson 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, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Mathis, Councilman Burleson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Holley briefed on the City finance report and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic effects on the City budget.

The seventh item on the Agenda was the approval of hiring Street Department worker Josh Newby as a regular employee. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Inabinett. Mayor called for the vote **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Mathis, Councilman Burleson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Holley announce the run-off election is scheduled for July 14, 2020 for State Officials and this would be held at the Rodney J. Evans Building.

Mayor Holley announced that the office of City Hall would re-open to the public once the contractors have finished the protective glass shield at the counter.

The eighth item on the Agenda was the approval of Resolution 20200608-Sales Tax Holiday. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by

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

The ninth item on the Agenda was the approval of Resolution 20200608A-CDBG Grant. 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, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Mathis, Councilman Burleson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The tenth item on the Agenda was the approval of adopting existing Ordinance 20190128-Fees for Election. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Inabinett. Mayor called for the vote **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Mathis, Councilman Burleson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Holley provided an update on the Floral Medical Complex. Dr. Kraft and IT personnel came to look at the facility for upgrades that would be needed prior to them coming into the facility. Dr. Kraft is looking at August or September to be in the clinic. There will be a doctor on site regularly. Dr. Kraft is from Geneva and the nurse practitioner is from Samson.

District Reports were called for:

Councilwoman Wallace-Patton Checked with Senior Director Debra Gibbs and there were approximately 23 in meals handed out and 40 homebound meals delivered. Very satisfied with the job Mrs. Gibbs is doing. She is working short-handed because SARCOA is not hiring a replacement in the kitchen at this time due to COVID-19. No complaints from the district.

Councilwoman Robbins No calls. Lots of down limbs and trees. Extra trash out by the roads. Finance payroll breakdown has been provided for March, April, May and June. The library is not open to the public at this time. They are having a virtual reading program and Lori Diamond is doing the readings. A computer is set aside at the library (once it opens) to complete the Census. Floral is in the 40 percentiles.

Councilwoman Inabinett The lake needs signs that say no parking on the grass. The 18-wheeler is continuing to park at the boat ramp by the airplane. The rescue boat sticks out into the street where they are parking it at the firehouse. The replica of the firehouse needs to be brought back to the firehouse as it has been at the house in Lockhart for several months waiting to be repaired. Mayor Holley stated that the police went to ask the truckers (2) to move from parking at the lake. He also asked that each Council member think about how the City can get people to pay the fee for use of the lake. People are currently not paying as they should.

Councilman Burleson Aron said court is good but funds are down. The speed bump on 3rd Street is coming apart. A lot of dog complaints in the district. The Police is good-reports of speeding through town and running stop signs in town-especially at 4th Street and the 4 way stop by Nick's Auto Service.

Councilwoman Mathis Call from elderly resident on Prescott Road and McPhail Farm Road that wants the speed limit lowered to 35 mph. The Cemetery has a new flag pole.

Street Mayor Holley contacted ALDOT and they are supposed to come and look at the traffic issues that we are having. Maybe use a camera at the 4 way stop and through town. The stop sign at Simply Chic is being impeded by large vehicles parking in front that need to be parking on the side street. The Street Department can't keep up with the trash and debris pickup because there is way too much.

Police Chief Bedsole recommended Greg McGraw for Assistant Police Chief and to start June 9, 2020.

Next Council Meeting will be July 13, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned.

Adopted and approved this 13thth day of July 2020.

Terry Holley, Mayor

Gina Hendriks, City Clerk