

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORALA
HELD JUNE 14, 2021 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 6:30 PM.

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 Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis, 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 May 10, 2021 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wallace-Patton. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Abstained: Councilwoman Inabinett. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The second item on the agenda was the approval of accounts payable for June 14, 2021 and permission to pay bills as needed. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve the accounts payable for June 14, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Franklin. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The third item on the Agenda was the first reading of Ordinance 20210614-Yard Sales. A discussion followed regarding time frame and cost of permit for yard sale, garage sale or parking lot sale.

The fourth item on the agenda was request from 24th of June committee representative Jamie Jackson for road closures and police assistance for all 24th of June events that requires road closures and police assistance. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The fifth item on the Agenda was the approval of closing City Hall for the lunch hour of noon until 1 PM. Councilwoman Inabinett made a motion to approve and Councilwoman Franklin seconded the motion. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The sixth item on the Agenda was the approval to provide a community outreach event space, free of charge for use by Youth Advocate Program in a central, indoor location. Councilwoman Franklin made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Inabinett seconded the motion. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The seventh item on the Agenda was the approval to use \$100K from the Lake Jackson account to put with the grant that the lake received for \$260K, thus giving the lake project a \$360K budget. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Wallace-Patton seconded the motion. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The eighth item on the Agenda was the approval of Council in the parade using golf cart. Councilwoman Mathis made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Wallace-Patton seconded the motion. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The ninth item on the Agenda was the approval of 24th of June usage of the RJE building for Friday and Saturday (25th & 26th) with the condition that the Masonic committee will clean the building afterwards. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Mathis seconded the motion. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The tenth item on the Agenda was the approval of take-home cars for Police Officers that live more than 10 miles from town with a reduction in pay of \$1 per hour. Councilwoman Franklin made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Inabinett seconded the motion. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Holley shared the following points of interest of city news: Alzheimer's Awareness- Mayor read a letter from the Alzheimer's association.

District Reports were called for:

Councilwoman Wallace-Patton Calls from residents on Central Y about how dark the street is and that there are streetlights out. Residents want to know if Alabama Power can get them working. There are roads with trash and mattresses that still have not been picked up. Senior Center is now fully open and the seniors love it. Tuesday and Thursday are bingo days. The

center is currently serving 52 meals: 36 in house and 16 homebound. The new director is doing well.

Councilwoman Robbins Thank you to Chris Jackson and Mayor Holley for working on 7th Street and 6th Avenue. Two complaints received regarding property at Caton and Longview. There are a lot of reeds and in talking with the property owner, he said that he would clean up the property and the reeds would be used as fishing rods. Research needs to be done on that property because owner states that Billy McDaniel gave the easement to that property on behalf of the City. A financial report was provided for payroll as well as all City accounts. The fire department has received three bids on replacing the HVAC and are waiting on a fourth. Fire Chief Cheshire spoke about the roof on the firehouse needing to be repaired and ceiling tiles inside need to be replaced. He will request bids for the roof. Cheshire also stated that the whole HVAC unit does not need to be replaced, only the compressor. There are not enough funds in the account to pay for the repairs and replacement of HVAC.

Councilwoman Inabinett The Lake is doing well. Police department-Chief will address. From Eucalyptus to the Cemetery is not being cleaned up. Three houses along Eucalyptus need to be cleaned up or abated. There is also a hole with barrels around it that needs to be fixed (near Judy Burton's house). Not sure who needs to address this, City or Utilities.

Councilwoman Franklin The Library has received a grant for \$18,360 to replace all of the computers in the Library!! This is so good for us! The leak in the meeting room is still an issue. The French drain out back was never installed so it is believed to be a contributing factor to the issue. All is well with Court. Street concerns: Gum Street needs work and Goldenrod needs the pot holes filled in. Nick's garage is an eye sore with all of the vehicles parked outside. Can a fence be put up?? The curbing's at the four-way stop need to be repaired.

Councilwoman Mathis Cemetery covered previously. There is a lot of work needed by the beauty shop in the drainage ditch. The drainage ditch needs to be cleaned out because it is full of dirt and will not drain. There are complaints about buildings in town and how bad they look. The buildings near the newspaper office need cleaned up. All of the sidewalks on Fifth Avenue need to be pressure washed. The old trailer out on Fifth Avenue near Sue's house needs to be dealt with as well.

Street Mayor Holley stated one of the debris trucks is down for repair (the freightliner). The City is behind on trash pickup. The truck for the lake needs to be replaced and another truck is needed for the City. Utilities also needs a truck so we will be checking with surplus/salvage in Montgomery to see what they have available.

Police Chief Chief Bedsole is going to contact the Sherriff's department to see if the cleanup crew that they have can work in Floral on the street clean up that is needed. Chief spoke to the handout he gave regarding striping for the four new police vehicles. This will cost about \$500 per vehicle. Only one bid has been received and he is waiting on two more bids. The drug task force has been working in our area. There have been thefts to storage buildings recently and some of the suspects are from our area and Paxton. Officer Brown will be going to Academy at end of August. Chief to contact three former officers that did not work out their contract and owes the City for the remainder of their contract. If no response received once notified this last time, charges will be taken.

The eleventh item on the Agenda was the Mayor asked to go into Executive Session for Economic Development. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to go into Executive Session. 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 Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried. Time noted: 7:54 PM.

The twelfth item on the Agenda was the motion for the Council to come back to regular Council meeting from Executive Session at 8:33 PM. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to come back into regular session. 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 Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The thirteenth item on the Agenda was to approve an increase to the original offer on the Wells Fargo building by \$25K, thus making the City's offer \$525K. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Franklin. Mayor called for the vote **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The fourteenth item on the Agenda was to grant Mayor Holley permission to pursue property for Economic Development for \$175K. 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 Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The fifteenth item on the Agenda was to give permission to the City to sell property on Third Street that was previously purchased by the City for a hotel that never came to fruition, as residential property. 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 Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The sixteenth item on the Agenda was to approve the contracting of a Marketing and Communications person under a contract for twelve months at \$1,200 per month. 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 Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Next Council Meeting will be July 12, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers.

Meeting adjourned.

Adopted and approved this 12th day of July 2021.

Terry Holley, Mayor

Gina Hendriks, City Clerk