

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORALA  
HELD MAY 10, 2021 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 6 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 Franklin,  
Councilwoman Mathis, Mayor Holley.

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 April 12, 2021 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Franklin. Mayor called for the vote.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The second item on the agenda was the approval of accounts payable for May 10, 2021 and permission to pay bills as needed. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve the accounts payable for May 10, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Robbins. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The third item on the Agenda was to appoint Tori Russell to the Community Advisory Council. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to approve the appointment. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Franklin. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The fourth item on the agenda was an update from the meeting of the Downtown Development Board report given by guest speakers, Hazel Bryant and Nancy Chance, for the board.

The fifth item on the Agenda was the approval of moving Wesley Simpson to position of regular full-time employee. Councilwoman Robbins made a 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 Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The sixth item on the Agenda was the approval to hire as Police Officer Rachel Cross as a full-time, certified officer. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve and

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

The seventh item on the Agenda was the approval to hire as Police Officer Natalie Brown as a full-time, non-certified officer. 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 Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The eighth item on the Agenda was the approval of Resolution 20210510 Florala Municipal Airport. 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 Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The ninth item on the Agenda was Shelia Franklin speaking on traffic issue on Elm & 4<sup>th</sup> St.

Mayor Holley shared the following points of interest of city news: Florala High School Wildcats participate in the State track meet. Zane Weeks got 2<sup>nd</sup> in State and Howell got 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Morris was awarded a plaque for being the first line of defense at the Veteran's building in Andalusia at the County Commission Office.

District Reports were called for:

**Councilwoman Wallace-Patton** Old timer's day went well. The Seniors really enjoyed it. Meals could not be eaten in the facility but the activities are open to participation. The SARCOA audit went well and hope to fully open the center beginning of June.

**Councilwoman Robbins** Meeting with Airport Authority. Financial payroll breakdown has been provided. There is always a financial report in your packet to show you the total of the City funds in each account. A big problem in this district is when you turn right onto 9<sup>th</sup> Street there are barrels in the road from a Utility repair in the road. No complaint calls. Between 6<sup>th</sup> Street to 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue the trash that had not been picked up for a period of time was finally picked up. A sign needs to be posted saying "No dumping". Fire department has received two bids for replacing the HVAC unit at the fire station. The wreck and pursuit in the recent wreck had rescuers going way too fast through town.

**Councilwoman Inabinett** No report-absent.

**Councilwoman Franklin** Copies of meeting minutes for Library and financial reports provided to Council. Library and Court are doing well. There has been a question regarding the leash law for dogs.

**Councilwoman Mathis** Councilwoman Mathis said as a member of the Downtown Development board, I ask that you all take into consideration all that Hazel and Nancy said. Councilwoman Mathis said she is for purchasing the Wells Fargo building for tourism. A complaint received regarding Percy's Park. The airplane toy is broken (large spring) and Mayor

Holley stated that this has been broken three times previously and repair welded. Too many adults are using this children's ride. No report for the Cemetery or the Recreation Board.

**Street** One of the lawnmower's quit working after nine years. The lowest bid received was from Stateline Equipment.

**Police Chief** Chief Bedsole said he spoke with the regional manager about the new police cars. The cars are due to Prattville Friday and Florala should have four cars within two weeks. Officer Cheshire seized \$60K and a pistol from a local drug dealer. Chief wrote twenty-six citations.

The tenth 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 Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried. Time noted: 7:38 PM

The eleventh item on the Agenda was the motion for the Council to come back to regular Council meeting from Executive Session at 8:15 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 Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The twelfth item on the Agenda was to approve the purchase of a new lawnmower for the City from Stateline Equipment for \$7,449. Councilwoman Robbins 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 Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Next Council Meeting will be June 14, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers.

Meeting adjourned.

Adopted and approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.

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Terry Holley, Mayor

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Gina Hendriks, City Clerk