

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORALA HELD SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 6:30 PM. A WORKSHOP WAS HELD PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT 6:00 PM FOR AUDIT STATUS AND BUDGET REVIEW.

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 August 8, 2022 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Mathis made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2022 meeting. 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 second item on the Agenda was the approval of the minutes of the August 10, 2022 Special Call Council Meeting. Councilwoman Inabinett made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2022 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 Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The third item on the Agenda was the approval of accounts payable for September 12, 2022 and permission to pay bills as needed. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve the accounts payable for September 12, 2022 meeting. 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 fourth item on the Agenda was the presentation from Bethesda House representative, Alison Jackson-Wood. Once the presentation concluded with the request of a contribution, the Council voted to table the request until next meeting. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to table request to next 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 Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The fifth item on the Agenda was request from Chamber of Commerce President, Marvin Williford Jr, to get from police department and City, the support to close Fifth Street for the events of Halloween Town on October 27, 2022 and Shop the Blocks on December 3, 2022. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to approve and 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 sixth item on the Agenda was approval of request from Principal Whittaker at Florala High School to provide road closure of Fifth Avenue and police assistance for traffic control for the Homecoming Parade on September 23, 2022. Councilwoman Inabinett made the motion to approve and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mathis. 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 approval to use the boat launch area for the tailgate party and spirit bonfire pep rally on September 22, 2022 from 5:00 PM until approximately 8:30 PM; signage at boat ramp that the boat ramp will close at 5 PM; Police presence at the event; Florala Fire department for safety; additional garbage cans in the area of the event; accessible electricity from the pole nearest the boat launch for music; park restrooms to stay open until the end of the event. Councilwoman Mathis made the motion to approve and 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 eighth item on the Agenda was to approve the hiring of Dallas Eastman as non-certified police officer. Councilwoman Inabinett made the motion to approve and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mathis. 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 Resolution 20220912-Airport Authority Improvements. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to approve and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mathis. 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 Fire Department SOP for Auxiliary. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Franklin. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Councilwoman Mathis. Nays: Councilwoman Robbins. Motion carried.

The eleventh item on the Agenda was the approval of FY2023 Florala City Budget. Councilwoman Mathis made the motion to approve and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Franklin. After much discussion, it was voted to table the budget approval until a longer workshop could be scheduled before the end of the month, followed by a Special Call meeting, in order to approve the FY2023 prior to October 1, 2022. 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 twelfth item on the Agenda was the approval of the Board of Adjustments recommendation regarding the Charles Smith property known as Lil' Lake Jackson on Fifth Avenue. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to approve and 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 the approval to appoint Patrick McDougald to the Cemetery Board replacing Mary Robbins for the term that expires October 1, 2022. Councilwoman Mathis made the motion to approve and 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 the approval of Downtown Development Board to paint the handrails and lampposts on Fifth Avenue. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve and 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 fifteenth item on the Agenda was the opening of bids received for a dozer. There was only one bid received and the Mayor opened the bid. Bid was from REM in the amount of \$55,000. Councilwoman Inabinett made the motion to approve the purchase of the dozer and 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 sixteenth item on the Agenda was the approval to renew the City contract with Avenu for service of business licenses for the City. Councilwoman Inabinett made the motion to approve the contract renewal and 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 seventeenth item on the Agenda was the approval of the lease of the old SOCOM building, located at 23222 Fifth Avenue, to Restore Masters, LLC with a change in section four to add the word “not” in reference to the tenant leasing to a corporation. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve the lease agreement with the change and 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.

Mayor Holley shared the city news: City news to report was on the Agenda this meeting.

District Reports were called for:

**Councilwoman Wallace-Patton** Senior Center is doing well. There are a lot of activities being planned. Senior Center will be participating in the homecoming parade activities. Food service is up to 53 participants (33 outbound, 20 dine in). Instructor from Auburn University is coming in on Wednesdays to do a six-week course to teach the participants about diabetes. The participants are going on the van to the fair in Dothan in September from 8 AM – 2 PM. A packed lunch will be provided to the those going and those outbound. Complaint regarding the roads being muddy after work done by the water department but has since been cleaned up. There are still pot holes that need repair and complaints about the barrel in the middle of the road on Fifth Avenue.

**Councilwoman Robbins** No complaints. Rodney J Evans Dr right-of-way needs to be mowed. The curbing has been sprayed to kill the weeds. Thank you for improvements on Tenth Street. Financials have been provided to include all City account balances but this does not account for any outstanding bills. The Fire department

has already been reported on previously. The Fire department is prepared to go to W.S. Harlan School for Fire Prevention Week. The fire department has been in contact with the school to get a head count of the kids to provide fire prevention information to and is working with Headstart for a head count there.

**Councilwoman Inabinett** Complaints about garbage can lids at the lake. They are too heavy for some of the seniors and kids to lift. The lids need to be removed or replaced using a thinner material. Trash cans need to be located next to the doggie stations. Curb appeal is needed in the district-the grass needs edged.

**Councilwoman Franklin** Library is doing well. Court is going well. There were four wheelers going down the streets but the police have already taken care of this issue. When will pot hole repair be done? Mayor Holley responded that they work on the pot holes as weather permits. The pot holes have to be completely dry in order to repair them.

**Councilwoman Mathis** The cemetery still looks bad as of last week. The cemetery board needs to work on this. Recreation board is doing well and their finances are good-approximately \$18K in account pending any outstanding bills. The Recreation board has been busy with PeeWee football. The Kiwanis Park is looking much better. It is not in my district but, the subdivision east of the nursing home has really bad streets where the cul-de-sac is on that street. Mayor Holley stated that the street department has put lime on the streets in that area and it has helped a lot. I have talked with three new residents to the City and they are happy to be here.

**Street** Working on patching the pot holes as the weather permits. The water department have been working on the holes created by utility work.

**Police Chief** Received a letter from the District Attorney stating that Florala has been awarded \$7K from a drug seizure and should be receiving these monied in the next month, minus the processing fees.

Next Council Meeting will be October 10, 2022 at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers.

Meeting adjourned.

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Gina Hendriks, City Clerk

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Terry Holley, Mayor