

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORALA  
HELD APRIL 12, 2021 AT THE FCMS AT 6 PM.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Holley with the following members present:

Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin, Mayor Holley.

Absent: Councilwoman Mathis.

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Wallace-Patton.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.

The first item on the Agenda was the approval of the minutes of the March 8, 2021 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 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 Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The second item on the Agenda was the approval of accounts payable for April 12, 2021 and permission to pay bills as needed. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton made the motion to approve the accounts payable for April 12, 2021 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. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The third item on the Agenda was the approval of appointing Michael Scroggins to the Airport Authority Board. Councilwoman Robbins made the motion to approve the appointment. 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. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The fourth item on the Agenda was the appointment of Sarah Goolsby to the Southeast Mental Health Board for a 6-year term. Councilwoman Inabinett 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 Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The fifth item on the Agenda was the approval of an Advisory Council consisting of: Chris Thomasson, Betty Strickland, Cornelia Thrash, Sheila Rowe, Wade Farmer. Councilwoman Inabinett made a motion to approve and Councilwoman Robbins seconded the motion. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The sixth item on the Agenda was the approval to give a \$1 raise per hour to these parts time police officers: Koerner, Jackson, Givens. 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 Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The seventh item on the Agenda was the approval to give a \$1 raise per hour to part time Lake employee Neitzke. Councilwoman Inabinett made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Robbins seconded the motion. Mayor called for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Councilwoman Wallace-Patton, Councilwoman Robbins, Councilwoman Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The eighth item on the Agenda was the approval to hire Ms. Fountain at the Senior Center as part time helper. Councilwoman Wallace-Patton 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. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The ninth item on the Agenda was the approval of a full-page ad for \$125 for the 24<sup>th</sup> of June booklet for the City. Councilwoman Robbins 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 Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The tenth item on the Agenda was the approval of Resolution 20210412 for Sales Tax Holiday. 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. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The eleventh item on the Agenda was to discuss/approve the Abatement process package. This item was tabled until more information and discussion could be attained.

The twelfth item on the Agenda was the approval of opening a new bank account for City rental security deposits. Councilwoman Inabinett 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 Inabinett, Councilwoman Franklin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Holley shared the following points of interest of city news: The Advisory Council meeting will be held on April 13, 2021 at 10 AM in the Council Chambers. Airport Authority received \$800K for the access road at the Airport. The Industrial Board will meet on April 15, 2021 at 2 PM at FCMS and the Planning & Zoning Board will meet at 6 PM on April 15, 2021 at the FCMS. ALDOT is bidding out at the end of the month for repaving the streets and hope to start the

repaving process in July. Utilities has been working on the roads/leaks out by Sue's beauty shop at the expense of approximately \$45K-Thank you to Utilities. The 24<sup>th</sup> of June committee is meeting at 6 PM tonight and will have the usual activities: Carnival, parade, beauty pageant and there more parade participants needed. Secretary Taylor appointed Chris Inabinett as Director of State Bureau of Investigations.

District Reports were called for:

**Councilwoman Wallace-Patton** A couple of calls received regarding the abatement for houses that are run down and over grown with weeds and/or has a lot of trash on the property. Ms. Ruby called to say that her road is washed out again and needs to be patched. Senior Center new director Dominica McGraw is doing very well. The notice was received to open the doors starting Monday, April 19, 2021 after being shut down due to COVID-19 since March of 2020. There are some restrictions-the Seniors cannot eat at the center but can do activities at the center. The new helper, Ms. Fountain, is working out well too. There is still a need for a kitchen aid that would be employed through SARCOA. This person had to have low income and be 55 or older. This person can work under contract for 2 years. Autism Awareness is this month of April. Sonya Jones makes t-shirts to promote Autism Awareness.

**Councilwoman Robbins** Finance report was provided. No calls received. A new trailer on Poplar St and a storage type building on Virginia Ave that the City Inspector knows about. On March 14, 2021, a training session was held at RJE building for the Fire department. They staged a landing zone for airflight. The nurse crew talked to EMS about how to move a person from the ambulance to the helicopter. The pilot taught the EMS/fire fighters how to kill the engine on the helicopter if the pilot was unable to do so. Fire Chief is getting bids/quotes on replacing the HVAC system at the Fire department. Both fire trucks are paid for. There were only two structure fires last month. Very excited about the LEAD graduation and a shout out to Samantha and Taylor for their time-thank you to both of them.

**Councilwoman Inabinett** Lake Jackson is doing well. There were only three open rentals spots last week. Wade is doing a wonderful job. Police: No comments. There are complaints regarding the sidewalks that need work from the First Baptist Church down to Dr. Vishwanath's office. Also, the alley behind the race track building is not open and when will it be open? Mayor Holley stated the abatements are a long process and he wants the business owners to be responsible for keeping their areas clean.

**Councilwoman Franklin** Library and Court are doing well. There have been complaints of speeders and stop sign runners at Elm and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue that needs action taken. The Library has a live rodent in the supply closet but the City has taken care of it already. There are some old books that came from the Depot that needs to be moved out of the Library.

**Councilwoman Mathis** No report-absent.

**Street** No report.

**Police Chief** No report per Officer Jackson.

LEAD/Projects Presentation. The two teams gave their presentation, Taylor Smith and Samantha McDaniel gave their presentation. The completion certificates were given to the

graduates of the LEAD program: Hazel Bryant, Carol Morgan, Nancy Chance, Evan Robbins. The Mayor presented Taylor and Samantha with certificates for a job well done.

A 24<sup>th</sup> of June briefing was given by a committee member: All of the standard events will take place. The Carnival will be in town all week, Saturday prior to celebration week, June 19, 2021, there will be the Alligator Trot, the beauty pageant and fishing tournament. The weekly events will be: Monday-Anything Goes parade, Tuesday-? Wednesday-Gospel sing, Thursday-Kids events, Friday-Chalk contest/sock hop, Saturday-Parade, water battle, car show, arts and crafts, street dance and fireworks.

Next Council Meeting will be May 10, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers.

Meeting adjourned.

Adopted and approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

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Terry Holley, Mayor

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Gina Hendriks, City Clerk