

**CITY OF FLORENCE  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
January 20, 2009**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Florence, Alabama, was held in the City Hall Auditorium in Florence at 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 20, 2009. President Barnhart called the meeting to order. Councilmember Morris gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert M. Leyde, City Clerk, performed the roll call and noted that all six Councilmembers were present and a quorum was present with the following members of the City Council in attendance: Sam Pendleton, Jr., William D. Jordan, Hermon T. Graham, Barry Morris, James H. Barnhart and Andrew Betterton.

**AGENDA**

**CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**JANUARY 20, 2009**

**5:00 P. M.**

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1. Meeting called to order - President Barnhart
  2. Invocation - Dr. Barry Morris
  3. Pledge of Allegiance
  4. Roll Call - President Barnhart
  5. Approval of Agenda
  6. Message from Mayor
  7. Reports of Department Heads
  8. Reports of Standing Committees
  9. Public Hearings: None
  10. Business from floor pertaining to items on the consent and regular agenda (5-minute limit).
  11. Consent Agenda:

All matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been distributed to each member of the Florence City Council for reading and study, are considered to be routine, and will be enacted by one motion of the Council with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda by request. Please call 760-6400 for questions on Consent Agenda items prior to the Council meeting.

Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 6, 2009.

Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

Resolution authorizing the City to enter into an Agreement with the Lauderdale County Department of Human Resources to participate in the JOBS Program as a worksite sponsor to provide job experience for participants, sponsored by Barry Brewer.

Resolution authorizing the City to enter into an Agreement with ANCO, a Division of Chem-Aqua, Inc., to provide a monthly professional water treatment program, in the amount of \$206.66 per month for a period of 12 months, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Dan Barger.

- (a) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Trans Cycle Industries, LLC, for transformer disposal and decommissioning for the Electricity Department, to be paid according to a fee schedule, paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.

Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Southwest Electric Company, Inc., to provide thermal cleaning, dehydration, and other field services on substations for the Electricity Department, to be paid the unit price amount of \$160.00 per hour for two people, necessary equipment and per diem costs, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.

Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Verizon Wireless, for cellular telephone service for the Electricity Department, at the negotiated rate of \$.08 per minute for a three year period, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.

Resolution authorizing the City to enter into an Agreement with Miranda M. Haddock to transcribe investigation tapes of the Florence Police Department, in the amount of \$2.00 per page, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Chief Singleton.

Resolution to appoint Dick Smith to the Florence-Lauderdale Port Authority, sponsored by the City Council

Resolution to advance and reimburse Travel Expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Irons.

12. Regular Agenda:

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution authorizing the City to approve the revised and amended 1995 One Cent Sales Tax Capital Fund Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget adopted on October 7, 2008, sponsored by Dan Barger.

- (b) Board Openings within the next 90 days or less:

Board

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Agri-Business		Vacant	
Beautification Board		Vacant	
Tree Commission		Vacant	

14. Business from the public (5-minute time limit).

15. Council Members reports and/or comments (5-minute limit).

- Councilmember Betterton
- Councilmember Pendleton
- Councilmember Jordan
- Councilmember Graham
- Councilmember Morris
- Councilmember Barnhart

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Barnhart asked for a motion for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Jordan moved for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Morris seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.  
Herman T. Graham  
William D. Jordan  
Barry Morris  
James H. Barnhart  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

**Message from the Mayor:**

Mayor Irons recognized Ms. Cadie Palmer, a strong supporter and very active volunteer for the Florence Animal Shelter. Mayor Irons along with Vinny Grosso, Head Supervisor at the Animal Shelter presented Ms. Palmer with a Certificate of Appreciation and a plaque. Mayor Irons noted that Ms. Palmer has spent hundreds of hours organizing a volunteer program that resulted in increased adoptions, healthier animals and a shelter environment that is inviting and overall a happier place to visit. Mayor Irons also noted that Ms. Palmer will be leaving at the end of the month and will spend four years in China as a mission worker. Mayor Irons also recognized the many volunteers that Ms. Palmer has enlisted to volunteer at the animal Shelter.

Mayor Irons made comments concerning the inauguration of President Barack Obama. Mayor Irons stated that this is an historical day in history. Mayor Irons stated that he and Councilmember Pendleton attended a program at Harlen School concerning today's inauguration. Mayor Irons also stated that the school did an outstanding job of instilling the importance of today to the students. Mayor Irons encouraged everyone to pray for our new President. Mayor Irons stated that President Obama has a tremendous responsibility in dealing with the problems facing this country. Mayor Irons stated that we need to encourage and support our new President.

**Reports of Department Heads:** None

**Reports of Standing Committees:** None

**Public Hearings:** None



**Business from the Floor Pertaining to Items on the Consent or Regular Agenda: None**

**Consent Agenda:**

President Barnhart asked for a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda items.

Councilmember Betterton moved for approval of (a) Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 6, 2009 and (b) Confirmation of payment of bills by the City Treasurer; and

The ordinances and resolutions as follow, to-wit:

Councilmember Morris seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.  
Hermon T. Graham  
William D. Jordan  
Barry Morris  
James H Barnhart  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

**Regular Agenda:**

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution authorizing the City to approve the revised and amended 1995 One Cent Sales Tax Capital Fund Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget adopted on October 7, 2008, sponsored by Dan Barger. Said resolution follows to wit:

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing resolution.

Councilmember Pendleton seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: Hermon T.

Graham  
William D. Jordan  
Barry Morris  
James H Barnhart

**This resolution did not receive immediate consideration. Therefore, it will be carried over until the next City Council meeting.**

**Board Openings:**

President Barnhart noted that the City Council at it's earlier work session nominated David Beasley to the Agri-Business Board, Kelly LaBiche to the Beautification Board and Preston Hillis to the Tree Commission. President Barnhart stated that these nominations will appear on the agenda at the next City Council meeting. President Barnhart also noted that Councilmember Jordan will retain his position on the Park Authority Board.

Board Openings within the next 90 days or less:

Board

Member

Appointed

Expire

Agri-Business

Vacant

Beautification Board

Vacant

Tree Commission

Vacant

**Business from the Public (5-minute time limit):** None

**Council Reports and/or Comments:**

Councilmember Betterton stated that he echoed Mayor Irons' comments concerning President Obama. Councilmember Betterton also stated that we need to keep President Obama and all of our leaders in our thoughts and prayers.

Councilmember Pendleton stated that he also echoed Mayor Irons' comments concerning President Obama. Councilmember Pendleton made comments concerning the outstanding program that he and Mayor Irons attended today at Harlan School. Councilmember



Pendleton stated that they performed a mock inauguration and that everything was very realistic.

Councilmember Pendleton noted that there will be an Ice Breaker Community meeting on Thursday, January 22 at 6:00 in the Mount Moriah Family Life Center. Councilmember Pendleton encouraged citizens to attend. Councilmember Pendleton stated that there will be another Ice Breaker Community meeting in February for those who are unable to attend the meeting on Thursday night.

Councilmember Pendleton thanked Representative Tammy Irons for putting the rebuilding of the College Street Bridge as a priority.

Councilmember Jordan stated that the Finance Committee met last week to discuss the Capital Projects 2008-2009 Budget and another meeting is scheduled for next week.

Councilmember Graham stated that he also echoed Mayor Irons' comments concerning President Obama. Councilmember Graham encouraged everyone to pray for President Obama.

Councilmember Graham noted that there will be a Community Meeting on Thursday, January 29, at 6:00 P.M. at the Broadway Recreation Center. Councilmember Graham encouraged the citizens of District 3 to attend.

Councilmember Morris read a prepared statement that follows, to wit:

President Barnhart thanked Councilmember Morris for his comments.

Councilmember Morris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.  
Hermon T. Graham  
William D. Jordan  
Barry Morris  
James H Barnhart  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Jordan presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK