



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
October 21, 2014**

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, October 21, 2014. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Councilmember Betterton gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert M. Leyde, City Clerk, performed the roll call and noted that six Councilmembers were present and a quorum was present with the following members of the City Council in attendance: Dave Smith, William D. Jordan, Hermon T. Graham, Barry Morris, Blake Edwards and Andrew Betterton.

AMENDED AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 21, 2014

5:00 P.M.

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1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
 2. Invocation - Councilmember Betterton
 3. Pledge of Allegiance
 4. Roll Call - President Jordan
 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 time 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 256-760-6400 for questions on Consent Agenda items prior to the Council meeting.

- (a) Approval of minutes of the October 7, 2014 meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with the Shoals Chamber of Commerce to advertise and promote the City, sponsored by Mayor Haddock. **(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (c))**
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Shoals MPE to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to repair leaks in the plumbing on the West side of Braly Municipal Stadium in the amount of \$9,284.25, to be paid from Account #260-44675, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Keeton Electric Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install a new 100 amp electrical service pole, install new wiring, and provide conduits for other services at the new modular scale house at the Florence Sanitary Landfill, in the amount of \$3,300.00, to be paid from Account #1053-43200, sponsored by David Koonce. **(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12(d))**
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with John H. Johnson, d/b/a Johnny's Home Restorations, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to repair interior and exterior walls, ceiling, and provide other various repairs needed at Pope's Tavern, in the amount of \$20,100.00, to be paid from Account #117-43600, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Joe Pitts, d/b/a Joe Pitts Tree Service, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to remove a large tree and clean up debris in the Florence Cemetery in the amount of \$2,600.00, to be paid from Account #265-43400, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (h) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Gann's Discount Siding, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to build up the roof to add pitch and install 26 gauge snaplock metal roofing at the Fire Department Training Center, in the amount of \$9,800.00, to be paid from Account #117-42200, sponsored by Chief Willett.
- (I) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Ordinance approving the vacation of a portion of a utility easement at Lot 4, Oakfair Riverview Estates Subdivision, as requested by adjoining property owners Tyler and Jessica Killen, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (b) Ordinance approving the sale of approximately 12.64 acres of surplus property located on Darby Drive, and being part of Tax Parcel 15-07-36-0-001-003.002, to Riverhill Foundation, Inc., and approving a Purchase Contract between the City and Riverhill Foundation, Inc., sponsored by Mayor Haddock and Bill Musgrove.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with the Shoals Chamber of Commerce to advertise and promote the City, sponsored by Mayor Haddock. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (c))**
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Keeton Electric Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install a new 100 amp electrical service pole, install new wiring, and provide conduits for other services at the new modular scale house at the Florence Sanitary Landfill, in the amount of \$3,300.00, to be paid from Account #1053-43200, sponsored by David Koonce. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11(e))**

13. General Business:

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

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Beautification Board	Linda Van Sandt	08/05/2008	11/01/14
	Patricia Bulls-Butler	01/03/2012	11/01/14
Historical Board	Billy Richardson	12/17/2005	12/17/14
	David Curott	02/07/2012	12/17/14
	Bradley Dean	12/20/2011	12/17/14
Housing/Construction Appeals Board	Fitzgerald Hill	09/06/05	09/30/14
Parks & Rec	Bill Burke	01/06/09	10/30/14
	Mike Williams		12/01/0910/30/14

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

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

Council member Betterton
Council member Smith
Council member Morris
Council member Graham
Council member Edwards
Council member Jordan

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan noted that it was decided at the earlier work session to move Consent Agenda Item 11 (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with the Shoals Chamber of Commerce to advertise and promote the City, sponsored by Mayor Haddock to Regular Agenda Item 12 (c) and to move Consent Agenda Item 11(e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Keeton Electric Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install a new 100 amp electrical service pole, install new wiring, and provide conduits for other services at the new modular scale house at the Florence Sanitary Landfill, in the amount of \$3,300.00, to be paid from Account #1053-43200, sponsored by David Koonce to Regular Agenda Item 12 (d).

There being no further changes, President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the amended agenda. Councilmember Betterton moved for approval of the amended agenda. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion.

There being no discussion, a vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor Haddock presented a Proclamation designating the month of October 2014, as “Pro-Bono” month and the week of October 26 thru November 1 as “Pro-Bono” week. This Proclamation was received by Florence Attorney Jeff Austin.

Mayor Haddock along with Tina Kitchens, Parks & Recreation Director and Fran Davis, Senior Center Supervisor, recognized the local winners of the 2014 Alabama Masters Games at the District and State levels.

Mayor Haddock noted that the “Christmas Lighting in Wilson Park” will be Friday, December 5 and that the annual Christmas parade will be held on Friday, December 12.

Report of Department Heads: None

Report of Standing Committee: None

Public Hearing: None

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

Consent Agenda:

President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda items. Councilmember Betterton moved for approval of the ordinances and resolutions as follow, to-wit:

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

Ayes: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance approving the vacation of a portion of a utilities easement at Lot 4, Oakfair Riverview Estates Subdivision, as requested by adjoining property owners Tyler and Jessica Killen, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Smith moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Smith moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion.

There being no discussion, a vote taken on the motion resulted as follows:

Ayes: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance approving the sale of approximately 12.64 acres of surplus property located on Darby Drive, and being part of Tax Parcel 15-07-36-0-001-003.002, to Riverhill Foundation, Inc., and approving a Purchase Contract between the City and Riverhill Foundation, Inc., sponsored by Mayor Haddock and Bill Musgrove. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Graham moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Morris moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance. Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion.

Discussion:

President Jordan read from a memo the following restrictions and conditions regarding the property that will be set forth in the deed of conveyance. President Jordan stated that the City may buy the parcel back from the Riverhill Foundation for \$474,000.00 if the Foundation has not constructed a school on the parcel within eight years of the closing date. President Jordan further stated the parcel may only be used for a nursery/daycare/kindergarten, school, church, clinic (medical or dental), nursing home/assisted living, community theater or museum.

Councilmember Morris made comments in support of the proposed ordinance. Councilmember Morris noted that if a school is not built in eight years then the City can buy back the property for the same price.

Councilmember Graham noted that there are members who serve on both the Riverhill Foundation Board and the Deibert Foundation Board. Councilmember Graham further noted that Deibert Park will be protected.

President Jordan thanked Mayor Haddock for his work regarding the sale of this property.

There being no further discussion, a vote taken on the motion resulted as follows:

Ayes: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with the Shoals Chamber of Commerce to advertise and promote the City, sponsored by Mayor Haddock. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Smith moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Bill Musgrove, City Attorney, noted that this contract is for one year and at the end of the year the Council can decide at that time to renew for another year. Mr. Musgrove also stated that the agreement can be renewed for four one-year terms.

Councilmember Morris made comments in support of the proposed resolution. Councilmember Morris stated that the Council is pledging their support to help the Shoals Chamber to implement a plan to bring more jobs to our area. Councilmember noted that at the end of the year, the Chamber will present a report to the Council and at that time the Council will decide if the contract will be renewed.

Benchmarks for the campaign follows, to wit:

There being no further discussion, a vote taken on the motion resulted as follows:

Ayes: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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Councilmember Smith moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Graham moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion.

There being no discussion, a vote taken on the motion resulted as follows:

Ayes: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards

Noes: None

Abstain: Andrew Betterton

Councilmember Betterton left the meeting.

General Business:

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Business from the Public (5-minute time limit):

Mr. Augie Hendershot, Candidate of Lauderdale Sheriff, appeared and made general comments regarding the Sheriff's race.

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments regarding the dedication of Welton Reynolds Circle that took place last week which honored the former City Councilmember.

Mr. Trelayne Hill, West Florence, appeared and made comments regarding the lights at Lewis Field. Mr. Hill stated that the lights need to be turned on for football practice.

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Smith thanked everyone in attendance to tonight's meeting. Councilmember Smith also made comments regarding the dedication of Welton Reynolds Circle.

Councilmember Morris had no comments

Councilmember Graham expressed his condolences to the Linville family. Councilmember Graham noted that Mr. Linville was the football coach at Deshler High School.

Councilmember Graham reminded everyone that the District 3 Community meeting will be held on Thursday, October 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Broadway Recreation Center.

Councilmember Edwards congratulated the Seniors on their achievements at the 2014 Master Games.

President Jordan thanked Councilmember Smith for his work honoring former Councilmember Welton Reynolds.

Councilmember Morris presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

