

**CITY OF FLORENCE  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
April 2, 2013**

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, April 2, 2013. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Major Wilson 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.

**AGENDA**

**CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 2, 2013**

**5:00 P.M.**

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1. Meeting called to order - President
  2. Invocation - Major Wilson
  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 760-6400 for questions on Consent Agenda items prior to the Council meeting.

- (a) Approval of minutes of the March 19, 2013 Meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Engineers of the South, Inc., to provide professional engineering services necessary to replace the deteriorated and collapsed sections of the sanitary sewer along Lawrence Avenue, to be paid according to a fee schedule, paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Butler Construction Company, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the construction of a new 40' x 40' metal storage building at the Coffee-O'Neal Park/Sports Complex, in the amount of \$48,900.00, to be paid from budgeted Fund 188, Account #1020-44725, sponsored by Todd Nix.

- (e) Resolution authorizing the city to enter into a contract with American Imperial Fence, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the construction of two (2) new batting cages at the Coffee-O'Neal Park/Sports Complex, in the amount of \$20,622.00, to be paid from budgeted funds Account #1147-44410, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Daffron & Associates, Inc., to provide hosting facilities for the City of Florence's inquiry and payment website using Daffron developed applications and specifically pertaining to the eBusiness Solution, sponsored by Steve Price.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to apply for State ESG FY 2013 funds in the amount of \$200,000 through the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) on behalf of the Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Help Center, and the Salvation Army, matching funds to be provided by each agency, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (h) Resolution to designate as an "Authorized Borrower Representative" Beth Jordan, Chief Accountant, Electricity, and Vance Young, Controller of Utilities, for the Second Supplemental Trust Indenture dated March 1, 2013, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (i) Resolution to approve U. S. Army military hardware to be placed in Veterans Park by the American Legion Post II, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
- (j) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Kennedy-Douglass Volunteers, Inc., to conduct the Arts Alive Festival in Wilson Park during the month of May 2013, in the amount of \$1,500.00, \$750.00 to be paid from the Mayor's Special Projects Account #398-41111 and \$750.00 to be paid from the Council's Special Projects Account #398-41112, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
- (k) Resolution to appoint Katy Beth Carr as a member of the Florence-Lauderdale County Port Authority Board of Directors, sponsored by the City Council.
- (l) Resolution to reappoint Thomas G. Pigg as an alternate member of the Housing and Construction Codes Appeals Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (m) Resolution to reappoint William T. Wynne as an alternate member of the Housing and Construction Codes Appeals Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (n) Resolution to reappoint Jack B. Reid as a member of the Housing and Construction Codes Appeals Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (o) Resolution to reappoint W. Fitzgerald Hill as a member of the Housing and Construction Codes Appeals Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (p) Resolution to advance and reimburse Travel Expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Ordinance to lease Suite 310 in the Florence-Lauderdale Government Building located at 102 S. Court Street, Florence, AL, to Congressman Mo Brooks, for a term of two years commencing on February 1, 2013 and ending on January 30, 2015, sponsored by Dan Barger.
- (b) Resolution to vacate Lots 25 and 26 and a portion of Lots 17-24 in Block "O", Blue Grass Subdivision and Lots 28, 29 and all of Lot 30 lying North of New Lee-Jackson Highway in Block 4 and all of Lots 35 and 36 in Block 5, Muscle Shoals Heights Subdivision, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.

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>
Agri-Business Center	Vacant		
Civil Service Board	Vacancy	05/04/04	04/13
Riverbend Center	Vacancy	05/15/01	04/01/13
Regional Library Board	Drucilla Gambrell	05/05/98	01/28/13
Zoning Adjustments	Sandy Nolan	08/21/07	05/17/13

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

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

Councilmember Smith  
Councilmember Graham  
Councilmember Morris  
Councilmember Edwards  
Councilmember Betterton  
Councilmember Jordan

16. Motion to Adjourn.

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

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

Noes: None

**Message from the Mayor:**

Mayor Haddock's comments follow, to wit:

**Report of Department Heads:** None

**Report of Standing Committee:**

Councilmember Graham, Chairperson of the Utility Committee, report follows, to wit:

**Public Hearing:** None

**Business from the Floor Pertaining to Items on the Consent or 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

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Councilmember Edwards moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

President 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 Edwards moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance.

Councilmember Morris seconded the motion.

**Discussion:**

President Jordan extended his appreciation to Congressman Brooks for moving his office to downtown Florence.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith  
William D. Jordan  
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Blake Edwards  
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Noes: None

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Councilmember Smith moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

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 Morris moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Betterton 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

General Business:

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

Mr. Justin Michael, 215 Birch Terrace, appeared and made comments regarding the new recycle bins that the City will be distributing to citizens. Mr. Michael stated that he did not understand fully the concepts of the recycling program. Mr. Michael noted that according to an article published in the TimesDaily Newspaper, the new recycle bins will have a bar code and that the City will be able to track who recycles and the volume that each citizen recycles. Mr. Michael questioned the Council about mandatory recycling.

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and apologized to Councilmember Graham for his comments that were made during Councilmember Graham's comment period at the last City Council meeting regarding ECM Hospital.

Mr. Simpson made extensive comments regarding the "War on Drugs" in our Nation.

**Council Reports and/or Comments:**

Councilmember Smith made comments regarding the Salvation Army. Councilmember Smith stated that he has talked in length with the Salvation Army and that he hopes the City will be able to help them out more financially.

Councilmember Graham stated that he had attended the last class with the Florence Police Academy for Citizens. Councilmember Graham further stated that he has a great appreciation for the Police Department's S.W.A.T. Team.

Councilmember Graham reminded everyone of the District 3 Community meeting on April 25, at 6:00 p. m. at the Broadway Recreation Center.

Councilmember Morris had no comments.

Councilmember Edwards thanked all the volunteers who take the time to help our community. Councilmember Edwards also made comments regarding the Florence Police Academy for Citizens.

Councilmember Betterton thanked President Jordan for his leadership in moving forward on the Capital Projects list. Councilmember Betterton also expressed his appreciation to those who received Proclamations from Mayor Haddock tonight. Councilmember Betterton reiterated Mayor Haddock's comments regarding the tournament this weekend at the Sportsplex.

President Jordan thanked everyone for their attendance to tonight's meeting. President Jordan also thanked the volunteers who were recognized tonight.

President Jordan made comments regarding the nomination for the Civil Service Board at the earlier work session. President Jordan stated that there were a number of good applications for the Civil Service Board.

Councilmember Betterton presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK