

**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
January 7, 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, January 7, 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.

AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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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 December 17, 2013 meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with C. J. F. Construction, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the Parkway Drive Sewer Relocation Project, in the amount of \$37,675.00, to be paid from Water Department funds and reimbursed by the Electricity Department, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Mobile Container Services, Inc., to refurbish dumpster containers for the Solid Waste Department, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, to be expensed to Account #256-43125, sponsored by David Koonce.

- (e) Resolution to approve a Grant Assistance Agreement with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) for grant funding in the amount of \$315,000.00, to be used for energy efficiency upgrades at the Wilson Lake Water Treatment Plant, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (f) Resolution to appropriate \$80,000.00 from the City's Workers' Compensation Fund to settle a workers' compensation claim filed against the City by Sam Parker, sponsored by Alanna Sullivan and Bill Musgrove.
- (g) Resolution to appoint Margaret Lobo to the Lauderdale County Regional Library System Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (h) Resolution to reappoint Jason B. Lenz to the Housing and Construction Codes Appeals Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (i) Resolution to reappoint E. Burt Norton to the Housing and Construction Codes Appeals Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (j) Resolution to appoint Fran Nunnally to the Florence Historical Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (k) Resolution to appoint Royce F. Helgemo to the Florence Historical Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (l) Resolution to reappoint Dr. Joseph W. Flippen to the Florence Historical Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (m) Resolution to appoint Gina Jones to the Florence Beautification Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (n) Resolution to reappoint Eva Scull to the Florence Beautification Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (o) Resolution to reappoint Delores (Dee) Hubbert to the Florence Beautification Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (p) Resolution to advance and reimburse Travel Expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

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		
Beautification Board	3- Vacancies		
Parks and Recreation	Randy Chapin	12/19/06	10/30/13
	Rick Collins	02/02/93	10/30/13
Scope 310	Reginald Owens	04/03/01	07/21/13
	Vacant		

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

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

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

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Edwards moved for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Betterton 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 thanked the Salvation Army for extending their hours during the severe cold weather. Mayor Haddock also thanked Highland Baptist Church for opening their facility to public that may not have adequate heat during the cold weather.

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 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

Regular Agenda: No items

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

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments regarding State and local government. Mr. Simpson stated that there are wicked people in government positions that cast a bad light on our government. Mr. Simpson further stated that our State and County governments have problems. Mr. Simpson stated that we as Christians need to take a stand for what is right. Mr. Simpson further stated that this City has a good Mayor and Council.

Mr. John Hargett, North Wood Avenue, appeared and made comments regarding government. Mr. Hargett stated that government is most dangerous when it is doing good things. Mr. Hargett further stated that property rights are the very essence of human rights. Mr. Hargett wished everyone a happy New Year.

Council Reports and/Ordinance Comments:

Councilmember Morris wished everyone a happy New Year.

Councilmember Graham thanked all City crews for their efforts in restoring services during this extremely cold winter weather. Councilmember Graham also reminded everyone of the District 3 Community meeting on January 30, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Broadway Recreation Center.

Councilmember Edwards echoed Councilmember Graham's comments regarding City employees. Councilmember Edwards also wished everyone a happy New Year.

Councilmember Betterton thanked those who are looking out for their neighbors during this cold weather.

Councilmember Smith wished everyone a happy New Year.

President Jordan also thanked the City employees.

Councilmember Graham presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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