



**CITY OF FLORENCE  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
December 16, 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, December 16, 2014. President Jordan 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 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**

**DECEMBER 16, 2014**

**5:00 P.M.**

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1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
  2. Invocation - Councilmember Morris
  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 2, 2014 meeting.

- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with C & H Cooling & Heating, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install a remote air cooled condenser at Florence City Hall, in the amount of \$20,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account # 1147-41810, sponsored by Gary Williamson.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with CJF Construction, Inc., to provide labor, equipment and incidentals necessary to replace approximately 1,050 linear feet of galvanized waterline with 2" PVC in the area of Perry Street and Lincoln Street, in the amount of \$24,700.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #331.10, Distribution Mains & Appurtenances, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Johnson Contractors, Inc., to provide labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for construction of a New Truck Maintenance Shop at the Florence Electricity Department, in the amount of \$1,382,964.00, to be paid from Account #390 – Structures and Equipment, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a Reimbursement Agreement with the Tennessee Valley Authority to reimburse the City for the cost to lower a cable for additional line clearance, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into an Amendatory Agreement with the Tennessee Valley Authority regarding the Green Power Providers Programs, Contract #TV-70310A, Supplement No. 68, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (h) Resolution to approve a contract with the Boys and Girls Club of Northwest Alabama in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
- (i) Resolution to approve a contract with The Salvation Army in the amount of \$4,800.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
- (j) Resolution to approve a contract with the Cramer Children’s Center, Inc., in the amount of \$5,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
- (k) Resolution to approve a one year health insurance policy covering excess loss health insurance, Option 4, from Blue Cross of Alabama, sponsored by Alanna Sullivan.
- (l) Resolution to approve a Services Agreement between the City of Florence and Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC, through its Graystone Consulting Business, to provide consulting services for the City’s Pension Plan, sponsored by Alanna Sullivan.
- (m) Resolution to approve an Enrollment Agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama to administer the City’s Health Insurance Program, sponsored by Alanna Sullivan.
- (n) Resolution to approve a two year insurance policy covering long term disability, term life, and accidental death and dismemberment, from SunLife Financial, represented by Frey and Holder Insurance, sponsored by Alanna Sullivan.
- (o) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Ordinance to establish fees for Blackberry Trail Golf Course to become effective on January 1, 2015, sponsored by Todd Nix.

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution to amend the 1995 One Cent Sales Tax Capital Fund, Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget adopted on October 7, 2014, sponsored by Dan Barger.
- (b) Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Full-Menu Restaurant with On-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by IMAGINE THAT LLC, d/b/a IMAGINE THAT, located at 320 N. COURT STREET, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (c) Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Full-Menu Restaurant with On-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by HENDERSON WORLDWIDE LLC, d/b/a THE WILDWOOD TAVERN, located at 106 and 108 EAST MOBILE STREET, Florence, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (d) Board Openings within the next 90 days or less:

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Beautification Board	Ralph Jones	07/01/14	11/01/14
	John Baker	03/04/14	11/01/14
Historical Board	Billy Richardson	12/17/2005	12/17/14
	Bradley Dean	12/20/2011	12/17/14
	Tom White	08/05/14	12/17/14
Parks & Rec	Bill Burke	01/06/09	10/30/14
	Mike Williams	12/01/09	10/30/14

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

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

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

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Betterton moved for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Edwards 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 welcomed Boy Scout Troop #75 to tonight's meeting.

Mayor Haddock introduced Police Chief Ron Tyler. Chief Tyler presented "Live Saving" awards to several Police Officers for preventing a person from committing suicide by downing herself at McFarland Park.

**Report of Department Heads:** None

**Report of Standing Committee:**

Councilmember Edwards, Chairperson of the Public Works Committee, comments follow, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton, Chairperson of the Parks & Recreation Committee, comments  
follow, to wit:

**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

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance to establish fees for Blackberry Trail Golf Course to become effective on January 1, 2015, sponsored by Todd Nix. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

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

Discussion:

Councilmember Betterton made comments in support of the proposed ordinance.

Councilmember Betterton stated that this is the first fee adjustment since the golf course opened in 2000.

Councilmember Morris also made comments in support of the proposed ordinance.

Councilmember Morris stated that it is still a bargain even at the increased rates.

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 to amend the 1995 One Cent Sales Tax Capital Fund, Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget adopted on October 7, 2014, sponsored by Dan Barger. Said Resolution follows, to wit:



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.

**Discussion:**

President Jordan noted that this amendment in the amount of \$72,000.00 is to be given to the Florence/Lauderdale Public Library.

Councilmember Edwards made comments in support of the proposed resolution. Councilmember Edwards noted that our City is very proud of its library.

Councilmember Morris noted that symbols are important.

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 Betterton 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 Smith moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. 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  
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Noes: None

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

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

Ayes: Dave Smith  
William D. Jordan  
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Noes: None

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

Mr. John Hargett, 1406 North Wood Avenue, appeared and made comments in opposition to the City's recycling program. Mr. Hargett stated that he believes that recycling causes damage to the environment. Mr. Hargett further stated that the City needs to repeal and abolish the recycling program.

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.

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments regarding the Public meeting that was held last week in West Florence. Mr. Simpson stated that there were approximately one hundred people in attendance. Mr. Simpson further stated that Florence's Police Force is one of the best in the Nation.

Mr. Scott Perkins, Coffee Road, appeared and made comments regarding the recent article in the TimesDaily Newspaper concerning the Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Board.

**Council Reports and Comments:**

Councilmember Morris wished everyone a very Merry Christmas. Councilmember Morris also thanked the Boy Scouts for their attendance to tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Morris' comments regarding Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Board meeting follows, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards also thanked the Boy Scouts for their attendance. Councilmember Edwards congratulated members of the Florence Police Department that were honored tonight.

Councilmember Betterton also thanked the Boy Scouts for their attendance and hard work. Councilmember Betterton asked that everyone be careful as you are driving during the holidays.

Councilmember Smith wished Ms. Luci Wilson a very happy birthday. Councilmember Smith also wished everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Graham congratulated the Police Officers that were honored tonight. Councilmember Graham also thanked the Boy Scouts for their attendance. Councilmember Graham wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

President Jordan thanked the Boy Scouts and the public for their attendance to tonight's meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK