

A regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola was held on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 6:00 PM at the Apalachicola Community Center, #1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, Florida.

Present: Mayor Van Johnson, Commissioner Jimmy Elliott, Commissioner Brenda Ash, Commissioner Mitchell Bartley, Commissioner Frank Cook, City Administrator Betty Webb, City Clerk Lee Mathes, Chief of Police Bobby Varnes, City Attorney Pat Floyd

Visitors: Joe Byron Blan, III, Mike Standley, Anita Grove, Clarice Powell, Shannon Stallings, Geoffrey Hewell, Sally Williamson, Joe Taylor, Marie Marshall, Carrie Kienzle, George Coon, Charlie Kienzle, Leslie Coon, Sandi Hengle, Alan Venn, Carol Barfield, David Adlerstein, A. L. Speed, Norma Hewell

Regular meeting opened by Mayor Johnson followed by prayer and pledge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve February minutes made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

Voting Aye: Elliott, Ash, Bartley, Cook, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

FRANKLIN'S PROMISE COALITION – FUND FOR GULF COMMUNITIES DISCUSSION

Joe Taylor outlined the Fund for Gulf Communities program.

Discussion held concerning program.

PLANNING & ZONING REPORT

Motion to confirm January Planning & Zoning minutes made by Commissioner Elliott, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

Voting Aye: Ash, Bartley, Cook, Elliott, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

1. Ms. Webb welcomed UF students. Ms. Webb stated she would like to utilize them next year for landscaping projects at Holy Family.

2. Ms. Webb stated the surplus property list has been compiled and is ready for advertisement.

Commission agreed to advertise surplus property list.

3. Ms. Webb stated she would like to advertise for auditing services, employee health insurance, and the 5 year continued water tank maintenance program.

Motion to authorize Ms. Webb to advertise for auditing services, employee health insurance, and water tank maintenance program made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Elliott.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

Voting Aye: Bartley, Cook, Elliott, Ash, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

4. Ms. Webb stated she has advertised for board vacancies and has received a few new applications.

Commission would like to receive copies of applications and decision will be made at next meeting.

5. Ms. Webb stated a committee for the Seniors Program for Holy Family has been assembled. Members are Yvonne Tolliver, Gladys Gatlin, Annette Fagan, Karla Ambos, Ellen Stitt, Sally Williamson, David Walker, and Pam Mahr. Holy Family will be open from 10am – 2 pm weekdays for the senior program and H'Cola might be doing some activities at night.

6. Ms. Webb stated that the City's water system recently failed to meet one of its many drinking water standards test and was required to mail public notices to all utility customers. Ms. Webb presented to the Commission a water system facts and information sheet outlining the problems and solutions to correct the problems.

7. Ms. Webb submitted written department reports to the Commission.

8. Motion to authorize payment for Attorney Floyd's invoice made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

Voting Aye: Cook, Elliott, Ash, Bartley, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

ATTORNEY FLOYD REPORT

Attorney Floyd updated Commission on ACOE brief, drug policy, and revolving loan issues.

OTHER VISITORS AND COMMENTS

1. George Coon stated in December 2010 the Commission voted to write letter to Progress Energy regarding franchise and power poles. Mr. Coon asked if letter has ever been written.

Attorney Floyd stated letter was written.

2. Carol Barfield stated a stop sign is needed on 9th Street.

Ms. Webb stated hopefully by next meeting we will have a consensus of where speed bumps and stop signs need to be placed or posted.

Geoffrey Hewell asked if the speed limit has to be same throughout the entire City.

Attorney Floyd stated the City can have various speed limits throughout various parts of the City.

Mayor Johnson asked Ms. Webb and Chief Varnes to look at 9th Street from Avenue E to Avenue M and Water Street for possible lower speed limits.

MAYOR & COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

None

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Van W. Johnson, Sr., Mayor

Lee H. Mathes, City Clerk