

A regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 6:00 PM at the Apalachicola Community Center, #1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, Florida.

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem 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 Taylor, Mike Standley, Mary Alice Neylim, Liz Kelsey, George Coon, Anita Grove, Caty Greene, Jim Waddell, Paulette Moss, George Watkins, Mark Friedman, Susan Richardson, David Adlerstein, Uta Hardy, Robin Vroegop, Mike Vroegop, John Haugen, Marabeth Farmer, Johnny McLaurin, Bob McLaurin, Deanna McLaurin, Jim Bachrach

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve August minutes made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 4 to 0.

Voting Aye: Ash, Bartley, Cook, Mayor Pro-Tem Elliott

Voting Nay: None

### **APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

Motion to approve July bill list made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 4 to 0.

Voting Aye: Bartley, Cook, Ash, Mayor Pro-Tem Elliott

Voting Nay: None

### **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT**

Anita Grove submitted written report to Commission. Ms. Grove stated that Bike Florida has requested the use of Battery Park and the Community Center for March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Ms. Grove stated that approximately 700 people will be attending this event. Ms. Grove requests waiving the Community Center rental fee for this event.

Commissioner Ash would like for the group to submit a copy of their liability insurance.

Motion to waive the rental fee for the Community Center for the Bike Florida event to be held on March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Bartley.

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Motion carried 4 to 0.

Voting Aye: Cook, Ash, Bartley, Mayor Pro-Tem Elliott

Voting Nay: None

#### **TRAFFIC SAFETY TEAM REPORT**

Jim Waddell gave verbal report to Commission. Mr. Waddell stated there is a 100% beautification grant for state rights of way that can be applied for in July 2012 for funding in 2013.

Commissioner Bartley asked when a decision had to be made.

Mr. Waddell stated within the next month or so. The City will have to identify a project and have a project budget.

Ms. Webb stated the City is in the process of annexing the FCT property on Hwy 98 and that would be a good project.

Motion to authorize Ms. Webb and Mr. Waddell to investigate grant and get City in position to apply when time arrives made by Commissioner Cook, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried 4 to 0.

Voting Aye: Ash, Bartley, Cook, Mayor Pro-Tem Elliott

Voting Nay: None

Commissioner Elliott asked how the tree trimming at intersections is proceeding.

Ms. Webb stated every intersection will be addressed in the winter, but problem areas are being addressed now.

#### **FRANKLIN'S PROMISE REPORT**

Joe Taylor submitted written report to Commission.

#### **HISTORIC APALACHICOLA, INC. REPORT**

Paulette Moss submitted written report to Commission.

#### **LIBRARY REPORT**

Caty Greene submitted written report to Commission.

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#### **PLANNING & ZONING REPORT**

Motion to confirm July planning and zoning minutes made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 4 to 0.

Voting Aye: Bartley, Cook, Ash, Mayor Pro-Tem Elliott

Voting Nay: None

Commissioner Ash stated she would like to know when the workshops will held to discuss the portable buildings once the workshops are scheduled.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

George Watkins submitted verbal report.

Ms. Webb stated the last bid for the installation of new roof should be in by the end of the week.

Mike Vroegrop discussed equipment and supplies that can be purchased with the Fire Fighters Assistance Grant.

Motion to authorize Mr. Vroegrop to work with Ms. Webb to submit Fire Fighters Assistance Grant made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 4 to 0.

Voting Aye: Cook, Ash, Bartley, Mayor Pro-Tem Elliott

Voting Nay: None

### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

\* Ms. Webb outlined Revolving Loan Committee recommendations as follows:

Funding Awards: Mel Livingston - \$100,000; Thomas Hedrick - \$45,000; David Walker - \$10,000

Dixie Theatre: reduce interest rate to 4% to be in line with all other loans

Love Center Church Annex: re-amortize loan to \$250.00 per week until paid in full

Caroline's Diner – set 60 day deadline to settle on new terms or pay debt in full, if they do not comply within timeframe begin foreclosure proceedings.

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Motion to accept Revolving Loan Committee recommendations made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Ash.

Motion carried 4 to 0.

Voting Aye: Ash, Bartley, Cook, Mayor Pro-Tem Elliott

Voting Nay: None

\* Ms. Webb stated 3 proposals have been received for CDBG grant administration services. Commission will rank at special meeting next week.

\* Motion to authorize payment for Attorney Floyd invoice made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 4 to 0.

Voting Aye: Bartley, Cook, Ash, Mayor Pro-Tem Elliott

Voting Nay: None

### **ATTORNEY FLOYD REPORT**

Attorney Floyd updated Commission on B&S and ACOE litigation.

### **OTHER VISITORS AND COMMENTS**

None

### **MAYOR & COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

Commissioner stated she just wanted to clarify that the liability insurance amount for the high school was incorrectly stated in newspaper article, and facts should be correct before they are presented to the public.

Attorney Floyd stated he is researching the library full time employee matter.

Mark Friedman stated he presented insurance numbers as they were given to him.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

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James L. Elliott, Mayor Pro-Tem  
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Lee H. Mathes, City Clerk