

A public hearing and regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola was held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 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, City Attorney Pat Floyd, Chief of Police Bobby Varnes

Visitors: Gail Johnson, Caty Greene, George Watkins, George Coon, David Adlerstein, Walter Robinson, Uta Hardy, Chris Atkins, E. D. Watson

Public hearing opened by Mayor Johnson followed by prayer and pledge.

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE NO. 2014-04 – PRICE INCREASE GRAVE OPENINGS

Attorney Floyd read Ordinance No. 2014-04 by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA AMENDING THOSE PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 91-11 SECTION 1(B) PERTAINING TO THE PRICE OF OPENING AND CLOSING OF A GRAVE BY THE CITY IN THE CITY CEMETERIES; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

No public comment.

Public hearing closed and regular meeting opened.

REGULAR MEETING

ADOPTION DECISION – ORDINANCE NO. 2014-04 – PRICE INCREASE GRAVE OPENINGS

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-04 made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

ADOPTION DECISION – EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2014-05 – FY 13/14 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Attorney Floyd read Emergency Ordinance No. 2014-05 in its entirety as follows:

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA
AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 BUDGET.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola adopted Ordinance Number 2013-05 adopting the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 budget, and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes 166.241(4) requires municipalities complete budget amendments within 60 days after ending of fiscal year.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA:

1. City of Apalachicola Fiscal Year 2013-2014 budget is hereby amended by emergency Ordinance No. 2014-05.
2. This emergency Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

This Emergency Ordinance was read and adopted in open session on the 4th day of November, 2014 on motion by Commissioner _____, second by Commissioner _____.

Motion to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 2014-05 made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: Nay

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve October minutes made by Commissioner Elliott, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Motion to approve September bill list made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Elliott.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

PLANNING & ZONING

Ms. Webb stated a stormwater workshop will be held on November 10th at 5:00 PM.

Commissioner Ash asked for update on Library.

Caty Greene stated Franklin County School Board will be approving the transfer of deed to the City at Thursday's board meeting. Scope of work for Library construction has been changed to reflect a free standing building.

Attorney Floyd stated a parking lease with the doctor's office was also being addressed.

Discussion held regarding parking and location of Library on property.

Ms. Webb stated she will be attending the school board meeting on Thursday night.

Motion to confirm September Planning & Zoning minutes made by Commissioner Cook, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Ms. Webb stated CareerSource Gulf Coast has been awarded approximately \$4.5 million for another shelling program. Ms. Webb stated the City of Apalachicola will serve as payroll agent with City getting a 5% admin fee and funds will flow through CareerSource Gulf Coast. Ms. Webb stated participants will be contract labor and not employees. Ms. Webb stated she needs authorization for the Mayor to sign the contract between CareerSource and the City of Apalachicola.

Motion to authorize Mayor Johnson to sign contract between City of Apalachicola and CareerSource Gulf Coast for shelling program made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

2. Motion to approve payment for Attorney Floyd's invoice made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

ATTORNEY FLOYD

Attorney Floyd updated Commission on City vs. State of Georgia litigation. Attorney Floyd stated the hearing for Family Dollar has been rescheduled for January. Attorney Floyd stated he is working on negotiations with CVS, and will bring matter back before the Commission. Attorney Floyd updated Commission on Apalach Auto Repair matter.

OTHER VISITORS & COMMENTS

1. George Watkins asked if any pilings were going to be replaced at Scipio Creek during the project.

Ms. Webb stated the replacement of pilings was the number one alternate if there were excess funds after project completion. Ms. Webb stated she is waiting to hear from Ralph Richards on when he can hold a Scipio Creek Committee meeting.

MAYOR & COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

1. Commissioner Elliott stated there is some pilings at Battery Park that need to be replaced.

Chief Varnes stated he is in the process of getting cost estimates now and hopes to start replacing pilings in January.

2. Mayor Johnson stated he would like to rename the section of 13th Street that runs from Avenue G to Avenue L to Willie B. Speed Boulevard.

Motion to rename the section of 13th Street that runs from Avenue G to Avenue L to Willie B. Speed Boulevard made by Commissioner Elliott, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

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There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Van W. Johnson, Sr., Mayor

Lee H. Mathes, City Clerk