

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING & SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA CITY  
COMMISSION HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018, 5:00 P.M. AT THE APALACHICOLA COMMUNITY  
CENTER

PRESENT: Mayor Van W. Johnson, Sr.  
Mayor Pro Tem Brenda Ash  
Commissioner Jimmy Elliott  
Commissioner Mitchell Bartley  
Commissioner Anita Grove

Ron Nalley, City Manager  
Lee Mathes, Director of Administrative Services  
Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk  
Bobby Varnes, Chief of Police  
Pat Floyd, City Attorney

ABSENT: N/A

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Van Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and Attorney Pat Floyd gave the invocation. Council members led the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVE THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Mitchell Bartley made a motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Anita Grove seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. ORDINANCE NO. 2018-05 AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 ANNUAL BUDGET**

Attorney Floyd read Ordinance 2018-05 by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 BUDGET

Mayor Johnson opened the floor for public comment.

Despina George stated her concern of how the 2017-2018 Budget was over-budgeted.

Mr. Nalley stated the City has been in a financial situation for years and we hope to make this better in the years to come.

Mayor Johnson stated this is why we hired a City Manager to help find ways to resolve these issues.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**B. ORDINANCE NO. 2018-06 FLOATING STRUCTURE ORDINANCE**

Attorney Floyd read Ordinance 2018-06 by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA CITY COMMISSIONERS AMENDING CHAPTER 5 OF THE CITY CODE; PROVIDING RESTRICTIONS ON THE ANCHORING OR MOORING OR UTILIZATION FOR HABITATION OF FLOATING STRUCTURES; REQUIRING A LICENSE AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEE; REQUIRING IDENTIFICATION ON FLOATING STRUCTURES; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES; AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF FLOATING STRUCTURES; PROHIBITING THE SALE, DISTRIBUTION OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON OR IN CONNECTION WITH FLOATING STRUCTURES; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTICE DATE.

Mayor Johnson opened the floor for public comment.

No Public Comments were made at this time.

Public Hearing Closed.

Mayor Johnson opened Special Meeting.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Johnson opened the floor for public comment.

- Diane Brewer gave update on Historic Squares Projects. Ms. Brewer distributed paperwork to the board stating Gorrie Square Survey has been completed and is being recorded. Ms. Brewer stated this is not just a boundary survey, it covers streets, alleys, r-o-w, buildings and any improvements on Gorrie Square. Ms. Brewer stated a complete correct legal description with metes and bounds is also included. Ms. Brewer stated at this time, there have been four surveys of the six City squares.

Commissioner Ash stated she would like to have these surveys on the website.

Attorney Floyd inquired where Ms. Brewer got her legal description for the survey and wants to make sure it is the official City map. Attorney Floyd would like this reviewed before filing to make sure not surveyed by another survey company.

Ms. Brewer stated she searched and didn't find a survey for Gorrie or City Square and this is why we are having them done now.

- Despina George announced the Audit Committee met last week and reviewed 2016-2017 audit. At this time, there has been no exit audit meeting to review the draft audit. I would suggest the City Board meet with the Audit Committee when we have our final exit on Thursday.

Commissioner Grove stated that herself and Commissioner Ash are on the board and will be at this meeting.

Mr. Nalley stated he spoke with the auditor today with the list of items that were questioned and we provided two of the items on the list this morning. The City is putting steps together to correct these issues in the future and I hope we will be in better shape. Mr. Nalley stated our auditor made the comment these are not dire issues as is being stated and there is still a lot of work to be done by the City.

Commissioner Ash stated the City is not taking this issue lightly, we are taking all necessary methods to move forward and get the City on the right financial track.

Mayor Johnston stated that the report Mr. Nalley gave on the water and sewer revenues, shows that we are making strides in the right direction and moving forward.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. ORDINANCE NO. 2018-05 AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 ANNUAL BUDGET**

Attorney Floyd read Ordinance 2018-05 in its entirety:

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 BUDGET.

Commissioner Brenda Ash made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-05 Amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Annual Budget. Commissioner Jimmy Elliott seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

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Commissioner Brenda Ash made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-06 Floating Structure Ordinance. Commissioner Jimmy Elliott seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. RESOLUTION 2018-14 HONORING 1968 FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM**

Attorney Floyd read Resolution 2018-14 in its entirety.

Commissioner Jimmy Elliott made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-14 Honoring 1968 Football State Championship Team. Commissioner Mitchell Bartley seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**ADJOURN THE MEETING**

With no further business, Commissioner Mitchell Bartley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6 p.m. Commissioner Jimmy Elliott seconded and motion carried 5-0.

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Van W. Johnson, Sr., Mayor

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Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk