

A regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola was held on Tuesday, September 2, 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, Attorney Pat Floyd, Officer Chase Richards

Visitors: Richard Delp, Liz Kelsey, George Watkins, Susan Macken, David Adlerstein, Joe Taylor, Caty Greene, Carrie Kienzle, Susan Clementson, E. P. Watson, Tim Mills, Ralph Richards

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

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

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

PLANNING & ZONING

Commissioner Bartley commented on 33 9th Street encroaching fence replacement.

Ms. Webb stated this matter will be revisited. Ms. Webb stated Mr. Roberts more or less replaced the fence instead of repairing the fence. Planning & Zoning approved fence based on him moving fence to property line since it was completely replaced and not repaired.

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

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Debris Removal Bid – Ms. Webb stated she recommends awarding the bid to Bergeron Emergency Services for disaster debris removal and disposal services. The County also uses this company for debris removal.

Motion to award disaster debris removal and disposal services bid to Bergeron Emergency Services made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

2. Resolution 2014-03 – Closing Hwy 98 for FSF Parade

Attorney Floyd read resolution 2014-03 in its entirety.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2014-03 requesting Hwy 98 be closed during the period of the FSF parade on November 1st made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

3. Motion to approve payment for Attorney Floyd invoice made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Elliott.

Motion carried 4 to 1.

Voting Aye: Bartley, Cook, Elliott, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

ATTORNEY FLOYD

Attorney Floyd gave update on resolution pertaining to navigational maintenance in Apalachicola River. Attorney Floyd stated process has been started to schedule hearing with Family Dollar.

OTHER VISITORS & COMMENTS

1. Ralph Richards addressed dredging issue. Mr. Richards stated big boats cannot move in and out due to shallow water.

Mr. Richards asked when Scipio Creek project will be completed.

Ms. Webb stated deadline to complete is December.

2. Cathy Greene updated Commission on meeting they had with Dr. Sanala concerning relocating his practice so the Library could move into the Chapman building. Ms. Greene stated Dr. Sanala expressed interest in moving his practice to Eastpoint if an appropriate facility can be located. Ms. Greene stated another alternative would be for a new library building next to Chapman building in the parking lot area if Dr. Sanala could not find a suitable facility to relocate to.

Susan Clementson stated Dr. Sanala has been very open to idea of him have a building of his own.

Ms. Greene stated if Dr. Sanala finds a suitable facility then the County will be willing to turn the Chapman Building over to the City.

Ralph Richards stated Dr. Sanala is the only doctor in Apalachicola.

Ms. Clementson stated the building Dr. Sanala envisions is not in Apalachicola.

Ms. Clementson stated the Library is sponsoring the Greek Heritage Dinner to be held September 26th at 6:00. Event is scheduled to be held at the old Economy Cash building.

MAYOR & COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

1. Commissioner Bartley would like to name the Project Impact program after Faye Johnson.

Motion to name Project Impact Program the "Faye Johnson Project Impact Program" made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Ash.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

2. Commissioner Elliott expressed concern about sound from boom boxes at night.

Officer Richards stated law enforcement used to enforce this issue under Florida Statutes, but now it's considered freedom of speech so law enforcement cannot enforce anymore.

Attorney Floyd stated he is working on an ordinance that will be enforceable but still constitutional without violating citizens' rights and offer due process.

3. Commissioner Elliott expressed concern about under age kids driving golf carts.

Attorney Floyd stated driver must have a valid driver's license.

Officer Richards stated the punishment is very minor.

Commissioner Elliott also stated that golf carts are driving on sidewalks.

4. Commissioner Cook and Betty Webb recognized Mayor Johnson for receiving the Golden Rule International Award.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Van W. Johnson, Sr., Mayor

Lee H. Mathes, City Clerk