

A workshop and regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola was held on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 5:30 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 Clerk Deborah Guillotte, Chief of Police Bobby Varnes, City Attorney Pat Floyd

Visitors: Billy Carter, John Solomon, Betty Webb, Robert Graham, Anita Grove, Judy Hall, Holly Brown, Creighton Brown, Don Ward, Mindy Parker, Marie Lee, Elton Warner, Joe Taylor, Holden Foley, Tristen Foley, Karl Sanford, James Wagner, Danny Itzkovitz, Fred Vogt, Jim Bachrach, Rose Griffin, Hatch Wefing, Cindy Wefing, Despina George, Terry Corcoran, Pam Corcoran, Cassie Gary, Beth Wright, Augusta West, Jeff Lockley, Bonnie Davis, Kris Thornton, Kaedne Robinson, Kayla Talley, Joseph Ingram, David Adlerstein, David Meyer, William Cox

WORKSHOP – 5:30 PM – Master Meter AMR Water Meter Change Out Program

Workshop opened by Mayor Johnson.

Billy Carter, Empire Pipe & Supply representative, outlined the Master Meter AMR Water Meter Program. Mr. Carter detailed meter costs, meter capabilities, increased water revenues, and compared manual read time versus radio read times.

Discussion held.

No further discussion. Workshop closed and regular opened by Mayor Johnson followed by prayer and pledge.

REGULAR MEETING

Recognition of Visitors

a) **Klin Meetup** - Wendy Parker representing Klin Meetup reviewed September and October events. Ms. Parker explained that Klin Meetup is a series of family fieldtrips in our community with the specific purpose of increasing male involvement in young children's lives. The series also highlights working businesses and community services in our neighborhoods.

b) **John Solomon** - John Solomon updated Commission on Seafood Festival events and distributed hats to Commission and Chief of Police. Mr. Solomon announced Tyndall will be doing a fly over to get festival on opening day and that entry tickets will be given to Commission once they are received.

Mayor Johnson announced he will be out of town for the Seafood Festival but Commissioner Ash will be performing the Mayor's duties for opening day.

c) **Jim Bachrach** - Jim Bachrach announced that Tana Kendrick has been selected as one of the winners of the 2016 Pinnacle Award.

Commission Approval/Disapproval – Meter Change Out Program

Motion to approve proposal on radio meter change out program as outlined made by Commission Bartley, second by Commissioner Ash.

Motion carried: 5 to 0

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

Voting Nay: None

Approval of September Minutes

Motion to approve September's minutes made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Elliott.

Motion carried: 5 to 0

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

Voting Nay: None

Approval of August Bill List

Motion to approve August bill list made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried: 5 to 0

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

Voting Nay: None

Hiring for Public Works Position

Greg Harris, Public Works Supervisor, recommends Gene Boone for Public Works position.

Motion to hire Gene Boone to fill Public Works position made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried: 5 to 0

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

Voting Nay: None

Affordable Housing Ownership Program

Mayor Johnson announced visitors from Mississippi with the CCFC.

Kaedne Robinson outlined CCFC’s role in the program.

Holden Foley requests approval for the Phase I and Phase II Pilot Projects that will serve as the foundation to provide for the continuance of a twofold long-range Affordable Housing Ownership Program in the City of Apalachicola to benefit its low income residents.

Phase I: Provides a grant match toward a complete affordable housing ownership package to construct one – 1500 to 1800 square foot “single-family” residence contingent upon certain requirements being met by the selected future homeowner. This phase will provide a \$20,000 grant match allocation toward a complete affordable housing ownership package. The sole purpose of this allocation is to be used toward the purchase of a buildable lot within the City, inclusion for the cost of infrastructure and building lot preparation needs will be acceptable (i.e.: electric, water/sewer connections, survey, clearing; etc.).

Phase II: Provides a loan match and surplus property donation toward a complete affordable housing ownership package to construct two – 800 to 1000 square foot workman style cottages that will serve as two affordable owner-residential units. This phase will provide an \$80,000 loan allocation and the contribution of two dedicated building sites, suggested property owned by the City of Apalachicola located west of 24th Avenue in Block 222. This loan allocation and property will be utilized solely toward a complete affordable housing ownership package.

Discussion held

Motion to pursue Affordable Housing Ownership Program proposals Phase I and Phase II Pilot Projects made by Commissioner Elliott, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried: 5 to 0

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

Voting Nay: None

Commissioner Ash asked that Attorney Floyd provide all legal details and documentation prior to moving forward with project.

Alcohol Advisory Committee Report

Augusta West, Chairman of the Alcohol Advisory Committee, distributed a draft amendment to the Commission with their recommendations for updates to existing ordinances in reference to

alcohol on sidewalks and hours of operation and asked that Attorney Floyd review. Ms. West thanked everyone that served on this committee.

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Discussion held.

Mayor Johnson thanked the committee for all their recommendations.

FDOT Traffic Signal Maintenance & Compensation Agreement

Mayor Johnson tabled for next month's meeting.

Red Ribbon Week Proclamation

Attorney Floyd read the Red Ribbon Week Proclamation in its entirety.

Motion to approve Red Ribbon Week Proclamation made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Ash.

Motion carried: 5 to 0

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

Voting Nay: None

Waste Pro Disposal Fee Increase

Attorney Floyd stated the City entered into an agreement with Waste Pro in 2007. Waste Pro has not passed along the increase in disposal fees since entering into the contract. Waste Pro is now passing the increased disposal fee along to the City.

Mayor Johnson asked Attorney Floyd to inform Waste Pro that they are not fulfilling their contract.

Mayor Johnson tabled until next month's meeting.

First Reading Ordinance No. 2016-03 – FY 15/16 Budget Amendment

Attorney Floyd read Ordinance No. 2016-03 by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA
AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 BUDGET

Motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 2016-03 made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried: 5 to 0
Voting Aye: Cook, Bartley, Ash, Elliott, Mayor Johnson
Voting Nay: None

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Adoption Decision – Resolution 2016-14 – Golf Cart Fee

Attorney Floyd read Resolution 2016-14 in its entirety.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-14 made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried: 5 to 0
Voting Aye: Cook, Bartley, Ash, Elliott, Mayor Johnson
Voting Nay: None

Adoption Decision – Resolution 2016-15 – Tree Application Permit Fee

Attorney Floyd read Resolution 2016-15 in its entirety.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-15 made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Ash.

Motion carried: 5 to 0
Voting Aye: Cook, Bartley, Ash, Elliott, Mayor Johnson
Voting Nay: None

Planning & Zoning

a) Encroachment – Hatch Wefing – 123 Avenue M – 12’ x 19’ for Privacy Fence

Hatch Wefing stated he is requesting an encroachment of 12’X19’ for privacy fence. Mr. Wefing stated P&Z has approved application contingent upon Commission approval for encroachment.

Motion to approve 12’X19’encroachment for privacy fence located at 123 Avenue M made by Commissioner Elliott, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried: 4 to 0
Voting Aye: Cook, Bartley, Elliott, Mayor Johnson
Voting Nay: Ash

Commissioner Ash asked what the protocol for after the fact encroachments are, and stated she does not approve this.

Ms. Webb stated the City has an encroachment agreement when someone encroaches onto City property. The city has the right to void this encroachment if the City needs the property for utilities, etc.

Joe Taylor stated P&Z approved fence style and design contingent upon encroachment.

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b) Confirm August 8th & August 29th Minutes

Motion to confirm August Planning & Zoning minutes made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried: 5 to 0

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

Voting Nay: None

City Clerk

Motion to approve payment of Attorney Floyd's invoice made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried: 5 to 0

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

Voting Nay: None

Attorney Floyd

Attorney Floyd updated Commission on FL vs GA, Denton Cove, and TTHM litigations.

Other Visitors & Comments

1) Jeff Lockley stated he applied to cut down 2 trees. Mr. Lockley stated one was approved, but the pine tree on City ROW wasn't, and would like to know the next step.

Betty Webb stated the next step would be to take it before the Planning & Zoning board.

2) Joe Taylor with the Conservation Corp of the Forgotten Coast requests approval to stage Living Shoreline project at the Mill Pond site for about two months.

Motion for approval to stage the bagging of oyster shells for the Living Shoreline Project at the Mill Pond made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried: 5 to 0

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

Voting Nay: None

3) William Cox stated there is a water leak on Market across from Gibson Inn. It will be necessary to cut a portion of shoulder of road, but no permit is required by the State.

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Mayor Johnson asked that repairs be made ASAP.

Mayor & Commissioner's Comments

1) Mayor Johnson announced that the new Colonel of the Corp of Engineers will be touring the City of Apalachicola on October 14, 2016 and in the past the City has joined in with Franklin County to have a luncheon in order for the Colonel to hear concerns. Mayor Johnson requests \$400.00 to cover City's portion of the luncheon.

Motion to approve \$400 for the Corp of Engineer lunch made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried: 5 to 0

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

Voting Nay: None

2) Mayor Johnson announced the ground breaking for the Apalachicola Margaret Key Library will be on site at 10:30, October 14, 2016 and would like City Commission to make plans to attend.

3) Mayor Johnson stated he had talked with Senator Montford's office in an attempt to put together a request for legislative appropriations of funds for improvement and expansion of infrastructure for the old high school complex for recreation. We need to prioritize these projects when asking the State for these monies and in conjunction to this try to find some federal monies also. The Comp Plan Recreation Element also needs to be reviewed and amended, and a Recreation Committee needs to be appointed per the element. Mayor Johnson requests the Commission be prepared to make appointments to recreation committee at next meeting.

Motion for commitment from the Commission to prioritize recommendations as outlined by Mayor Johnson made by Commissioner Elliott, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried: 5 to 0

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

Voting Nay: None

There being no further business meeting adjourned.

Van W. Johnson, Sr., Mayor

Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk