

A regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 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, Assistant City Clerk Deborah Guillotte, Chief of Police Bobby Varnes, Attorney Pat Floyd

Visitors: David Meyer, Joe Taylor, Caty Greene, George Coon, Diane Brewer, George Watkins, Mike Vroegop, Robin Vroegop, Charlie Kienzle, Carrie Kienzle, David Adlerstein, Anita Grove, Creighton Brown, Holly Brown, Dennis Winterringer, Major J. Hall, Col. R. Segar, Dan Tonsmeire, Carol Weyrich, Amy Datz, Michael Wetherington, Susan Clementson, Dan Garlick, Karen Ventimiglia, Jim Brown, Susan Macken, Curt Blair, Johnny McLaurin, Oryan Speed, Paula Martina, Martha McLaurin, Dorothy Cooper

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1) George Coon stated he wanted to make a clarification regarding his professional status. Mr. Coon stated he is a British architect, and he is not allowed to call himself an architect because it is a protected term in the United States and if he does commercial work, he works with a firm.

2) Amy Datz with Environmental Caucus of Florida presented a resolution for possible adoption by City Commission supporting a statewide ban on hydraulic fracturing, acid fracturing and any form of extreme well stimulation or resource extraction for oil and gas production in Florida. Ms. Datz reviewed briefly some of the effects this would have on the City.

Commission agreed for Ms. Datz to be placed on November agenda to discuss this item further.

3) Joe Taylor with Franklins Promise thanked the City for their support on the Conservation Corps Apalachicola Nature Trail and asked that they join them for a dedication and lunch Friday, September 18, 2015 at noon at the Kevin Road Trail Head. Mr. Taylor would like to come to a future meeting to discuss this project in more detail.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion carried: 5 to 0

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

Voting Nay: None

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

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

Motion carried: 5 to 0

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

Voting Nay: None

RESOLUTION 2015-09 - ADOPTION DECISION -FLORIDA SEAFOOD FESTIVAL PARADE

Attorney Floyd read Resolution No. 2015-09 in its entirety.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-09 made by Commissioner Elliott, second by Commissioner Ash.

Motion carried: 5 to 0

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

Voting Nay: None

PLANNING & ZONING

No report given.

BUILDING PERMITTING SERVICES - ADVERTISE FOR CONTRACT SERVICES

Ms. Mathes requests to advertise for RFP's for building inspection services.

Motion to advertise for RFP's for building inspection services made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried: 5 to 0

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

Voting Nay: None

WATER PLANT UPGRADE AUTHORIZATION

Ms. Webb requests authorization to move forward with the Water Plant Upgrade. Ms. Webb stated project will be funded through BP money and excess funds from the Wet Weather Holding Pond project.

Motion to authorize Ms. Webb to proceed with Water Plant Upgrade made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried: 5 to 0

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

Voting Nay: None

LIBRARY PROJECT - AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

Ms. Webb requests authorization to advertise for construction manager for Library Project.

Motion to proceed to advertise for construction manager for Library Project made by Commissioner Cook, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried: 5 to 0

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

Voting Nay: None

CHESTNUT CEMETERY – HISTORICAL SOCIETY MOU TO ADMINISTER GRANT

Ms. Webb outlined Memorandum of Understanding between City of Apalachicola and Apalachicola Area Historical Society. Ms. Webb stated the MOU would allow the Historical Society to administer the Chestnut Street Cemetery Preservation grant.

Motion to authorize Mayor Johnson to sign MOU between City of Apalachicola and Historical Society allowing Historical Society to administer Chestnut Street Cemetery Preservation grant made by Commissioner Cook, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried: 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

STORM WATER PROJECT REVISED TASK ORDERS - AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR TO SIGN

Ms. Webb outlined the Storm Water Project Revised Task Orders and requests authorization for Mayor Johnson to sign.

Motion to authorize Mayor Johnson to sign Storm Water Project Revised Task Orders made by Commissioner Cook, second by Commissioner Elliott.

Motion carried: 5 to 0

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

Voting Nay: None

DOT HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION - \$350,000 – AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY

Ms. Webb requests authorization to apply for the \$350,000 DOT Highway Beautification Project.

Motion to authorize Ms. Webb to apply for the \$350,000 DOT Highway Beautification Project made by Commissioner Cook, second by Commissioner Elliott.

Motion carried: 5 to 0

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

Voting Nay: None

EPA WATER QUALITY GRANT - \$300,000 – AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY

Ms. Webb requests authorization to apply for \$300,000 EPA Water Quality grant.

Cindy Clark outlined the purpose for applying for the EPA Water Quality grant.

Motion to authorize Ms. Webb to apply for the \$300,000 EPA Water Quality Grant made by Commissioner Cook, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried: 5 to 0

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

Voting Nay: None

CIYT CLERK

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

Motion carried: 5 to 0

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

Voting Nay: None

2) Ms. Mathes announced the first budget public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Community Center.

Ms. Mathes stated the Commission agreed on the rollback rate of 9.3543 which means there is no tax increase.

ATTORNEY FLOYD

Attorney Floyd gave updates on Waste Pro contract, Denton Cove litigation, and status of Sanchez appeal.

OTHER VISITORS & COMMENTS

- 1) Carol Weyrich addressed her concern about the Family Dollar Store matter.

- 2) Dorothy Cooper addressed concerns with mobile homes and modular homes in the City of Apalachicola.

Ms. Webb stated mobile homes are only allowed in zone R-3, which is 22nd to 25th Avenue.

Discussion held.

There being no further business meeting adjourned.

Van W. Johnson, Sr., Mayor

Deborah Guillotte, Assistant City Clerk