

A regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola was held on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 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: Liz Kelsey, Mike Standley, Anita Grove, Geoffrey Hewell, Joe Taylor, John Solomon, Fe Daniels, Thomas Shuler, David Adlerstein, Jill Sonke, Jenny Lee, Caty Greene, Margie Solomon, Ashley Teat, Jim Bachrach, Anita Grove, Geoffrey Hewell

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

* Jill Sonke, University of Florida Arts & Medicine Program, outlined projects the team is working on while in Apalachicola.

Ms. Webb stated the unveiling of the Holy Family garden will be held on Friday, and lunch will be served.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

APPROVE MAYOR PROCLAMATION – PAINT THE TOWN PURPLE

Mayor Johnson stated dates of event has changed and will approve proclamation when new date has been determined.

PLANNING & ZONING REPORT

Motion to confirm December and January Planning & Zoning minutes made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

* Ms. Webb stated the Florida Seafood Festival Board would like to rent 2 office spaces in the Community Center at the same rental rate of \$100 which they are paying at the Tigers Building.

Motion to rent 2 office spaces in the Community Center to the Florida Seafood Festival Board at \$100 per month made by Commissioner Cook, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

* Motion to authorize payment for Attorney Floyd's invoice made by Commissioner Cook, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

ATTORNEY FLOYD REPORT

* Attorney Floyd updated Commission on Scipio Creek Project, Shelling Project, and Restore Act.

* Attorney Floyd stated a change order had to be done to Poloronis' contract (Restroom Project) due to deviation of the language in the bond. CDBD representative was contacted, and verified there was no problem with the bonds.

Motion to approve change order to Poloronis' contract made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

Commissioner Bartley asked when Restroom Project will start.

Ms. Webb stated Poloronis was given the notice to proceed either Friday or Monday. Notice to proceed has also been issued for Scipio Creek Haul Out Project.

OTHER VISITORS & COMMENTS

* Geoffrey Hewell asked the status on the contractor for the Scipio Creek Project.

Ms. Webb stated once final clearance has been given to advertise for subs, then work should be able to start after that.

* David Adlerstein asked about representation on the Restore Act Council.

Attorney Floyd stated he will meet with Mr. Adlerstein, and update him on Restore Act.

* Geoffrey Hewell asked the status on the fire inspections presented by Ashley Teat.

Ms. Webb stated the next step was to take it to Planning & Zoning. It is on the agenda for Monday's meeting.

MAYOR & COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Ash asked the status of the Library moving funds to the Community Foundation Trust.

Ms. Webb stated she will meet with Caty Green on this issue.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Van W. Johnson, Sr., Mayor

Lee H. Mathes, City Clerk

