

A regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola was held on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 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 Frank Cook, City Administrator Betty Webb, City Clerk Lee Mathes, City Attorney Pat Floyd, Chief of Police Bobby Varnes

Visitors: Geoffrey Hewell, Sally Williamson, Ann Seaton, Gene Schley, Shirley Taylor, Liz Kelsey, Ted Snyder, Cindy Clark, Joe Taylor, Mike Standley, Uta Hardy, Annette Fagan, Yvonne Tolliver, Tom Morgan, Judy Luten, Clarice Powell, Susan Richardson, Susan Clementson, Dieter Ambos, Leslie Coon, Anita Grove Robin Vroegop, Tom Daly, Jim Bachrach

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

* Shirley Taylor – Library Board Replacement – Ms. Taylor stated that Roderick Robinson has resigned from the Library Board. Philaco Club is submitting applicants Valentina Webb and Melissa Bloodworth Chandler for the replacement.

Motion to appoint Melissa Bloodworth Chandler to the Library Board made by Commissioner Elliott, second by Commissioner Ash.

Motion carried 4 to 0.

Voting Aye: Elliott, Ash, Cook, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion carried 4 to 0.

Voting Aye: Ash, Cook, Elliott, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

PLANNING & ZONING REPORT

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

Motion carried 4 to 0.

Voting Aye: Cook, Elliott, Ash, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

* Ms. Webb presented directional signage maps to the Commission. Ms. Webb stated the maps are dedicated to the business community and are to be placed in the kiosks in the downtown area.

* Ms. Webb submitted Planning & Zoning Board applications to Commission. Ms. Webb stated there are 2 board seats and 1 alternate seat vacant. Recommendation can be made at next meeting.

* Ms. Webb presented monthly department report to Commission.

* Motion to approve Attorney Floyd invoice for payment made by Commissioner Cook, second by Commissioner Elliott.

Motion carried 4 to 0.

Voting Aye: Elliott, Ash, Cook, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

ATTORNEY FLOYD REPORT

Attorney Floyd updated Commission on Restore Act.

Discussion held regarding Restore Act.

OTHER VISITORS AND COMMENTS

* Ms. Webb thanked those individuals who worked on the directional signs for the kiosks.

* Geoffrey Hewell gave update on rabid fox in area.

* Tom Morgan expressed concern on Franklin Promise thrift store.

Ms. Webb stated that Franklin Promise did not request to address thrift store tonight because they wanted extra time to address all the concerns. The thrift store will be discussed at the Community Pride meeting again before coming back to the Commission for a decision.

* Sally Williamson asked what is the criteria that determines how many members are to serve on a given board.

Ms. Webb stated that different criteria determine how many members are appointed to each board. The Planning & Zoning Board can hold a meeting with four members present.

* Clarice Powell spoke on thrift store. Ms. Powell stated her main concern is the fact that it is going to be an upscale thrift store and not service the people in the community that really need it. Ms. Powell stated because all the other agencies that help the community are at the Community Service Center, she feels the thrift store should also be located in the same center.

Leslie Coon stated the thrift store is about servicing the people that need to be served.

Ms. Webb stated the thrift store will be discussed at Community Pride which meets every 4th Thursday of each month.

MAYOR & COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

* Commissioner Ash asked if all the rental agreements for the City facilities have been finalized.

Ms. Webb stated she is waiting on the Historical Society and Raney House.

Commissioner Ash asked about the Harbor Master Building.

Ms. Webb stated the Ainer Building will be deeded back to the City, and she is trying to get U.S. Fish and Wildlife to relocate to the Ainer Building.

Commissioner Ash asked about the Riverfront Park dock repairs.

Ms. Webb stated that FEMA is scheduled to be here Wednesday and Thursday.

* Mayor Johnson stated the budget workshop scheduled for Thursday, September 6, 2012 at 6:00 PM has been rescheduled for Thursday, September 6, 2012 at 9:00 AM.

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There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Van W. Johnson, Sr., Mayor

Lee H. Mathes, City Clerk