

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE APALACHICOLA CITY COMMISSION HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019,
6:00 PM AT THE APALACHICOLA COMMUNITY CENTER.**

PRESENT: Mayor Van W. Johnson, Sr.
Commissioner Jimmy Elliott
Mayor Pro Tem Brenda Ash
Commissioner Anita Grove
Commissioner Mitchell Bartley

Ron Nalley, City Manager
Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk
Pat Floyd, City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and Attorney Floyd gave the invocation. Council members led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Mayor Johnson called for a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Brenda Ash made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Anita Grove seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

PRESENTATIONS

Augusta West stated that the purpose of this meeting is to give citizens the opportunity to become acquainted with the proposed Water Improvements Project and to ask questions or provide comments. Ms. West introduced Kyle Andree, Engineering Project Manager of Inovia Consulting Group; SheNeena Forbes, Area Specialist, Rural Development, United States Department of Agriculture; and Mary Gavin, Technical Assistance Provider, Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project.

Kyle Andree gave an update of the City's current consent order with Florida Department of Environmental Protection for violations of the Disinfection Byproducts (DBP) limits from the treatment plant on Chapman Road, stating Inovia was retained as the Engineer for the City of Apalachicola to obtain the following: Permits for the design of improvements to comply with the Consent Order, help secure funding, and provide construction administration during implementation. Mr. Andree reviewed the Water Quality Issue concerning total Trihalomethanes (TTHM), solution determination, recommended solution (Granular Activated Carbon Filter), additional system improvements, benefits of proposed improvements and project implementation. Inovia is now finalizing updated construction plans, and will provide bidding services to select the contractor to perform the work. It is anticipated that the bidding process will take approximately three months and the site work can begin within thirty days of the bid being awarded. The construction duration is expected to last approximately six months.

Mary Gavin and SheNeena Forbes discussed the proposed Water System Improvements Project including funding, the environmental impacts, the proposed service area, and alternatives to the proposed project.

Mary Gavin stated that the State and Area staff of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (RD) will administer the loan and grant on behalf of the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) to the City of Apalachicola. Ms. Gavin gave an update on the Letter of Agreement for a \$1.7 million federal funding package for drinking water improvements. Ms. Gavin stated this package consist of a \$1,230,730 grant and a \$474,000 long-term low interest loan to fund the installation of the

improvements required by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to address the total Trihalomethane (TTHM) compliance issue in the municipal water. Once the City is back in compliance, the Consent Order and \$100 per day fines will stop.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Johnson opened the floor for public comment.

Citizens expressed concerns with the current levels of TTHM, the quality, taste and smell of the water, projected operating costs, the lifespan of filters and their hopes that this will be a definite solution to correcting problems within the water system.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2019-06 AND APPROVING LETTER OF CONDITIONS

Attorney Floyd read Resolution 2019-06 in its entirety:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE INCURRENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, ENLARGING, AND/OR EXTENDING ITS FACILITY TO SERVE AN AREA LAWFULLY WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION TO SERVE.

Commissioner Brenda Ash made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-06, authorizing and providing for the Incurrence of Indebtedness for the purpose of providing a portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing, enlarging, and/or extending its facility to serve an area lawfully within its jurisdiction to serve. Commissioner Anita Grove seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Anita Grove made a motion to approve the Letter of Conditions from USDA for a Rural Development Grant in the amount of \$1,230,730 and a Loan in the amount of \$474,000 for Water System Improvements. Commissioner Jimmy Elliott seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jimmy Elliott made a motion to authorize Mayor Johnson to execute the necessary documents. Commissioner Anita Grove seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Johnson expressed his sincere thanks to Augusta West for all the hard work in preparing the USDA Rural Development Grant.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

Van W. Johnson, Sr., Mayor

Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk