

A workshop and regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola was held on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at 6:00 PM at the Apalachicola Community Center, #1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, Florida.

Present: Mayor Van Johnson, Commissioner Brenda Ash, Commissioner Frank Cook, City Administrator Betty Webb, City Clerk Lee Mathes, Police Officer Pam Lewis

Visitors: Jim Waddell, Mark Tarmey, Aaron Boyette, George Coon, Mike Standley, Arthur Hollenbeck, Ralph Richards, Fred Sawyer, Anita Grove, Geoffrey Hewell, Norma Hewell, Steve Rash, Dieter Ambos, Milton Strickland, George Mahr, George Watkins, Susan Clementson, Liz Kelsey, Carrie Kienzle, Charles Kienzle, Paulette Moss, Joe Taylor, Caty Greene, Jerry Hall, John Hankin, David Adlerstein, Roy Solomon, Marabeth Farmer, Clarice Powell, Uta Hardy, Sandi Hengle, Bruce Ballister, Sally Williamson, Robin Vroegop, Lee Rivers, Tom Daly

WORKSHOP – SCIPIO CREEK PROJECT

Jim Waddell updated Commission on Scipio Creek Project progress. Mr. Waddell outlined stages and specifics of project. Mr. Waddell stated meetings have been held with various groups and organizations to receive input, and this is an opportunity to hear from the public and Commission.

Mayor Johnson stated he wanted to make sure the commercial shrimpers have input on this project.

Mr. Waddell stated he has already met with them to discuss their concerns.

Ralph Richards stated the two enclosed boat sheds are nice, but feels that money could be better utilized in other areas in the marina.

Arthur Hollenbeck offered suggestions for sand blasting area for boats.

Discussion held concerning rates, contractor to run facility, parking spaces, unloading facility, ice facility, and tree removal.

Mr. Waddell stated design is over 50% complete. Permit will be ready by July 2012, but would like to hold another public hearing in August.

REGULAR MEETING

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Jerry Hall – Revolving Loan Status – Mr. Hall stated that existing and emerging businesses should utilize the Revolving Loan Program. Mr. Hall would like to know the status of the Revolving Loan Fund.

Mayor Johnson stated that \$215,000 has been earmarked for the Scipio Creek Project.

Commissioner Ash stated the Commission is aware of the loan recipients who are in default, and is trying to get loans reorganized so repayment can be made.

Mayor Johnson stated he would like to look at a loan history for each loan recipient and address this at the next meeting.

Commissioner Ash stated the last Revolving Loan Committee meeting was held to discuss those borrowers delinquent in payments.

Geoffrey Hewell asked who approves the loans.

Ms. Webb stated the Revolving Loan Committee recommends, and the Commission approves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion carried 3 to 0.

Voting Aye: Ash, Cook, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Motion to approve April and May bill list made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 3 to 0.

Voting Aye: Cook, Ash, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

READDRESS SCIPIO CREEK RENTAL RATES

Ms. Webb stated Chief Varnes is not in attendance to address the rates. Ms. Webb stated she and Ms. Mathes will meet with Chief Varnes and have report ready at next meeting.

Ms. Mathes states that a lot of slip renters have taken advantage of the discount, and have paid a year in advance.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Anita Grove submitted written report.

TRAFFIC SAFETY TEAM REPORT

No report given.

FRANKLIN'S PROMISE REPORT

Joe Taylor submitted written report.

HISTORIC APALACHICOLA, INC. REPORT

Paulette Moss submitted written report.

LIBRARY REPORT

Caty Greene submitted written report.

PLANNING & ZONING REPORT

Tom Daly submitted verbal report.

Mr. Daly asked if anything could be done to deter boat traffic from using Bay Avenue as the main thorough fare to the Battery Park boat ramp.

Ms. Webb stated she will pass this request onto the Traffic Safety Team.

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

Motion carried 3 to 0.

Voting Aye: Ash, Cook, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

George Watkins submitted verbal report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Ms. Webb submitted written report for all departments.

ATTORNEY FLOYD REPORT

Attorney Floyd not present.

OTHER VISITORS & COMMENTS

Carrie Kienzle outlined next year's plans for the Tour of Homes.

MAYOR & COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Ash thanked the City as a whole – everybody seems to be working as a unit to make things work together.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Van W. Johnson, Sr., Mayor

Lee H. Mathes, City Clerk