

A Regular Meeting of the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola was held on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Apalachicola Community Center, #1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, Florida.

Present: Mayor Van Johnson, Commissioner Brenda Ash, Commissioner Frank Cook, Commissioner Mitchell Bartley, City Administrator Lee Mathes, City Clerk Deborah Guillotte, City Attorney Pat Floyd, Chief of Police Bobby Varnes

Visitors: Anita Grove, Pam Richardson, Peter Gallant, Falan Goff, Carrie Kienzle, Creighton Brown, Holly Brown, Cindy Clark, Jim Bachrach, Bill McCartney, Jan Thomas, David Meyer, Shirley Taylor, Bob Lindsley, David Adlerstein, Helen Willis Escobar, Bonnie Fulmer, Ginger Tidwell

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

REGULAR MEETING:

AWARD PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Johnson recognized and presented Rev. John Sinks and Helen Willis Escobar with Volunteer Awards.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

1) Tour of Homes – Ginger Tidwell outlined the events of the Historic Apalachicola Home and Garden Tour on May 5-6, 2017, and presented Commission with tickets.

2) Library Board Appointment – Shirley Taylor stated Jody Rosenbaum has moved over to PALS leaving a vacancy on Library Board. Val Webb and Alma Pugh are the two applicants presented, and requests approval to appoint Val Webb at this time.

Motion to appoint Val Webb to the Library Board made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried: 4 to 0

Voting Aye: Cook, Bartley, Ash, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

Bob Lindsley, Chair of Library Board, requests permission to advertise for a Master of Library Science Librarian due to Caty Green retiring at the end of September.

Motion to authorize to advertise for a Master of Library Science Librarian made by

**Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Cook.
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Motion carried: 4 to 0

Voting Aye: Cook, Bartley, Ash, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

3) FAMU - Falan Goff reviewed monthly report and outlined upcoming events.

APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES

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

Motion carried: 4 to 0

Voting Aye: Cook, Bartley, Ash, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

APPROVAL OF MARCH BILL LIST

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

Motion carried: 4 to 0

Voting Aye: Cook, Bartley, Ash, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

ADOPTION DECISION - RESOLUTION 2017-08 - DOT AGREEMENT

Attorney Floyd read Resolution 2017-08 in its entirety.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2017-08 subject to review by Attorney Floyd made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried: 4 to 0

Voting Aye: Cook, Bartley, Ash, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

ADOPTION DECISION – RESOLUTION 2017-09 – GARBAGE/TRASH DISPOSAL FEE

Attorney Floyd read Resolution 2017-09 in its entirety.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2017-09 made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried: 4 to 0

Voting Aye: Cook, Bartley, Ash, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

FIRST READING – ORDINANCE NO. 2017-06 – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY SYSTEM

Attorney Floyd read Ordinance No. 2017-06 by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA PROVIDING FOR A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY SYSTEM, SPECIFYING TERMS AND PROCEDURES FOR SAID SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-04 and proceed with adoption process made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried: 4 to 0

Voting Aye: Cook, Bartley, Ash, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

PLANNING & ZONING

a) Motion to confirm April Minutes made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried: 4 to 0

Voting Aye: Cook, Bartley, Ash, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

b) Cindy Clark - City Planner – Cindy Clark reviewed monthly report and discussed some upcoming issues (parking mitigation) and requests input from the board on how to go forward.

Mayor Johnson suggests getting with P&Z and come up with recommendations and get back with the board on this issue.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1) Ms. Mathes announced that ECCC will be hosting a BBQ lunch at Holy Family Senior Center Thursday, May 4, 2017 from 11:00 – 12:00 followed by Bingo 12 – 1:00, everyone invited.

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

Motion carried: 4 to 0

Voting Aye: Cook, Bartley, Ash, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

ATTORNEY FLOYD

Attorney Floyd updated Commission on Cameron litigation, FL/GA litigation, and ongoing staff issues.

OTHER VISITORS & COMMENTS

1) Bill McCartney reviewed upcoming items to be discussed at the Workshop with City Staff at the Holy Family on Thursday, May 11, 2017, at 1:00 PM.

2) Bill McCartney discussed the RESTORE project application.

MAYOR & COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

1) Commissioner Ash discussed being over in the budget as of now and we need to look at possibly doing an amendment to budget.

Ms. Mathes stated she and Commissioner Ash will get a meeting time established.

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2) Commissioner Ash commented she had citizens come to her about concerns with Sylvester Williams Park beautification and not being kept up.

Ms. Mathes reported that the playground was updated, fences cleaned, etc. Ms. Mathes will look into this matter further to see what City can do with the field.

3) Mayor Johnson stated the PEARLS was a huge success and money was raised for preservation of the shotgun houses. Mayor Johnson requests approval for waiving one water tap fee and one sewer tap fee to help with the cost of the affordable housing program.

Commissioner Ash requested a cost analysis breakdown to review before a decision be made.

Creighton Brown will supply the needed information and report back to the Commission.

4) Mayor Johnson discussed a FAMU program of growing grapes in the spray field area. Mayor Johnson stated there will be no cost to the city and that he will be meeting with Dr. Humphries on May 9, 2017, to see if the city is interested.

There being no further business meeting adjourned.

Van W. Johnson, Sr., Mayor

Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk