

A Regular Meeting of the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola was held on Tuesday, July 7, 2009 at 6:00 PM in the Apalachicola Community Center, #1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, Florida.

Present: Mayor Van Johnson, Commissioner Mitchell Bartley, Commissioner Jimmy Elliott, Commissioner Frank Cook, Commissioner Val Webb, City Administrator Betty Webb, Grants Manager Cindi Giametta, Building Official Gene Osburn, City Attorney Pat Floyd, Chief of Police Bobby Varnes, Harbor Master Jim Silva, Street Superintendent Marvin Croom, Public Works Foreman Wilbur Bellew, Water & Sewer Foreman William Cox, Project Impact Faye Johnson

Visitors: Sally Williamson, Liz Kelsey, Craig Gibson, Joe Taylor, Beverly Hewitt, Amanda Kollar, Nita Morgan, Drew Morgan, Darryl McKinley, Dixie Partington, Jerry Hall, Susan Clementson, Jim Waddell, Anita Grove, George Watkins, Caty Greene, Marjorie Soloman, Roy Soloman, David Adlerstein, Ralph Richards, Jerry Garlick, Tom Daly

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

### **LIBRARY REPORT**

Caty Greene submitted monthly report to Commission. Ms. Greene stated the library is now open until 6:00 PM on weekdays, and from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM on Saturday. An ice cream party has been scheduled for July 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

\* Jerry Garlick – Blues in the Lot – Request Use of Riverfront Park – Mr. Garlick stated the event is scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Garlick stated he would like to either block Avenue E between Water Street and Commerce Street or hold event at Riverfront Park. Mr. Garlick stated due to the fact the City has an ordinance prohibiting alcohol consumption on public property, request has been cancelled.

\* Faye Johnson – Project Impact Progress Report – Ms. Johnson updated Commission on Project Impact Program.

### **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT**

Anita Grove submitted monthly report to Commission.

### **TRAFFIC SAFETY TEAM REPORT**

Ms. Webb submitted report to Commission.

Attorney Floyd stated there is a concern with delivery trucks parking in the middle of the street.

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Jerry Hall stated there are no alleys in the downtown area, and the middle of the street is the only place for the delivery trucks to park while they are making their deliveries.

**PLANNING & ZONING REPORT**

Tom Daly submitted monthly report. Mr. Daly stated the Planning & Zoning Board has been discussing street closing process, sign ordinance, EAR based amendments, and water supply plan.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chief Varnes submitted monthly report. Chief Varnes stated the next neighborhood watch program meeting is scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Recreation Center.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Ms. Webb submitted monthly department reports to Commission.

Ms. Webb stated the Raney House has made a request for funds from the Oven Trust Account. Ms. Webb stated \$5,530.41 is available for withdrawal.

Attorney Floyd read Resolution 2009-05 by title at follows:

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA DECLARING AN EMERGENCY SITUATION FOR IMMEDIATE REPAIRS TO THE RANEY HOUSE; AUTHORIZING THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALLOWABLE FUNDS FROM THE OVEN TRUST; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion to approve Resolution 2009-05 made by Commissioner Cook, second by Commissioner Webb.

Motion carried.

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

Voting Nay: None

Ms. Webb stated that Anna-Maria Cannatella, Joe Taylor, and Callie Nichols submitted applications for the revolving loan cycle. Revolving loan committee recommends to award loan request to Anna-Maria Cannatella in the amount of \$50,000.

Motion to award revolving loan request to Anna-Maria Cannatella in the amount of \$50,000 made by Commissioner Webb, second by Commissioner Bartley.

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Motion carried.

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

Voting Nay: None

Ms. Webb stated a special meeting has been scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon with Mary Miles from USDA. The purpose of the meeting will be to deliver conditions of the USDA loan for the police/fire station. Ms. Webb stated the City has been awarded a grant from USDA for \$150,000, but the loan is \$506,000.

Ms. Webb submitted BDI monthly project status report.

Ms. Webb submitted copy of minutes for last years Oyster Roast approval.

Motion to authorize payment for Attorney Floyd's invoice in the amount of \$8,040.00 made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried.

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

Voting Nay: None

Marjorie Soloman asked about fixing the pot holes at corner of 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Hwy 98.

Ms. Webb stated a work order has been issued for that.

**WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT**

William Cox submitted monthly report to Commission.

**STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Marvin Croom submitted monthly report to Commission.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Wilbur Bellew submitted monthly report to Commission.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Motion to confirm May Planning & Zoning minutes made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Webb.

Motion carried.

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

Voting Nay: None

**GRANTS MANAGER REPORT**

Cindi Giametta submitted monthly report to Commission.

**ATTORNEY FLOYD REPORT**

- \* All agreements for engineers have been signed.
- \* ECT Agreement – ECT AIA agreement for police/fire station has been submitted to ECT for their review.
- \* Received extension of time on purchase of Willis property.
- \* Attorney Floyd gave report to Commission regarding WWTP complaint.
- \* Attorney Floyd updated Commission on school board lease.

**OTHER VISITORS AND COMMENTS**

- \* George Watkins asked about the status of purchasing the new fire truck.

Mayor Johnson recommends the Fire Department hold fund raisers to help City with Fire Department expenses.

- \* Beverly Hewitt asked about a fountain at Battery Park.
- \* Darryl McKinley asked about boat storage at Battery Park.
- \* Ralph Richards stated there are sailboats at the mouth of Scipio Creek.

Commission asked Attorney Floyd to check into this matter.

- \* Joe Taylor thanked City for their assistance with the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

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Van W. Johnson, Sr., Mayor

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Lee H. Mathes, City Clerk