

A public hearing and regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola was held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Apalachicola Community Center, #1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, Florida.

Present: Mayor Van Johnson, Commissioner Brenda Ash, Commissioner Mitchell Bartley, Commissioner Frank Cook, City Administrator Betty Webb, City Clerk Lee Mathes, Officer Wesley Creamer, Attorney Pat Floyd

Visitors: Richard Delp, Deborah Belcher, George Coon, Diane Brewer, George Watkins, Bobby Brown, Beth Wright, Jan Thomas, Despina George, David Adlerstein, E. D. Watson, J. D. Sutton, Walter Robinson, Jody Rosenbaum, Anita Grove, Ted Mosteller, John Solomon, David Meyer

Public hearing opened by Mayor Johnson followed by prayer and pledge.

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE NO. 2015-05 – FY 14/15 BUDGET AMENDMENT

No public comment.

Mayor Johnson stated that public hearing will be continued on November 12, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

REGULAR MEETING

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Bobby Brown – Road Closure for Street Dance – MLK between 8th & 9th Street

Mr. Brown stated he is requesting approval to hold street dance on MLK between 8th & 9th Street on Saturday, November 7th. Conditions will be the same as in previous years.

Motion to authorize Mr. Brown to hold street dance on November 7th on MLK between 8th & 9th Street with same conditions as in previous years made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 4 to 0.

Voting Aye: Ash, Bartley, Cook, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER BILL LIST

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

Motion carried 4 to 0.

Voting Aye: Bartley, Cook, Ash, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

CDBG SEWER EXTENSION REHAB PROJECT – RFQ PROPOSAL

AWARD DECISION FOR ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

Ms. Mathes stated that Roumelis Planning & Development Services, Inc. was the only proposal received.

Motion to accept Roumelis Planning & Development Services, Inc. proposal for administration services for CDBG Sewer Extension Rehab Project made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried 4 to 0.

Voting Aye: Cook, Ash, Bartley, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

AWARD DECISION FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

Ms. Mathes stated that Baskerville-Donovan, Inc. was the only proposal received.

Motion to accept Baskerville-Donovan, Inc. proposal for engineering services for CDBG Sewer Extension Rehab Project made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried 4 to 0.

Voting Aye: Ash, Bartley, Cook, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

PLANNING & ZONING

Motion to confirm September Planning and Zoning minutes made by Commissioner Cook, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried 4 to 0.

Voting Aye: Bartley, Cook, Ash, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

CITY CLERK

Motion to authorize payment for Attorney Floyd invoice made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Barley.

Motion carried 4 to 0.

Voting Aye: Cook, Ash, Bartley, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

ATTORNEY FLOYD

Attorney Floyd stated the City has received an amended complaint regarding Denton Cove which alleges discrimination against Planning & Zoning Board for not approving the site plan. The hearing is scheduled for November 30th.

Commissioner Ash stated the complaint has shifted to Planning & Zoning.

Diane Brewer stated the hearing is set for November 30th, but what type of procedure is that.

Attorney Floyd stated they have filed a motion to force planning and zoning to approve whatever the site plan is and any other permits so they can move forward. The City doesn't own the property, but in order for them to get a development permit they will have to show proof of ownership of the property.

Despina George asked about the reverter clause relating to when the streets and alleys were closed.

Attorney Floyd stated the City does not have a contract with Denton Cove, the official map of the City shows no streets and alleys, and the title to the land states that it is owned by the Franklin County School Board.

Public comment received and discussion held.

OTHER VISITORS & COMMENTS

1. John Solomon, Florida Seafood Festival, presented Commission with hats and passes to the festival. Mr. Solomon thanked the City for all the hard work, and presented Mayor Johnson a letter of appreciation commending the Public Works Department and Robert Osburn for all their hard work.

Ms. Mathes stated a copy of the letter would be placed in Mr. Osburn's personnel file.

2. George Watkins stated that the Blues In the Lot Festival held in October advertised that proceeds would benefit the Apalachicola Fire Department. Mr. Watkins stated the Fire Department has not received any of the proceeds, and something should be done because that is false advertising.

Attorney Floyd stated a letter should be written stating if the Fire Department was the beneficiary then proceeds should have been given to the Fire Department, otherwise that is false advertising and inappropriate to state such a fact in order to attract visitors.

3. Jody Rosenbaum stated the Main Street Sock Hop and Car Show Event will be held on Friday and Saturday, November 13th and 14th.

MAYOR & COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Bartley stated that before the City proceeds with the firing range, we need to make sure it isn't illegal to discharge firearms in that area.

Ms. Webb stated this has already been brought to her attention and she is checking into this.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Van W. Johnson, Sr., Mayor

Lee H. Mathes, City Clerk