

A regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola was held on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 6:00 PM at the Apalachicola Community Center, #1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, Florida.

Present: Mayor Van Johnson, Commissioner Jimmy Elliott, Commissioner Brenda Ash, Commissioner Frank Cook, City Administrator Betty Webb, City Clerk Lee Mathes, Chief of Police Bobby Varnes, City Attorney Pat Floyd

Visitors: Sally Williamson, Caty Greene, Ralph Richards, Carrie Kienzle, Joe Taylor, Tom Daly, Susan Clementson, George Watkins, Beth Wright, Uta Hardy, David Adlerstein, Margo Patel, Joy Rosenbaum, Will Rosenbaum, Barbara Smith, Gene Smith

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

Motion carried 4 to 0.

Voting Aye: Elliott, Ash, Cook, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

### **APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

Motion to approve October bill list made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 4 to 0.

Voting Aye: Ash, Cook, Elliott, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

### **PLANNING & ZONING**

1. Beth Wright – Approve/Disapprove Porch Encroachment

Motion to approve porch encroachment for Beth Wright located at 239 8<sup>th</sup> Street made by Commissioner Elliott, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 4 to 0.

Voting Aye: Cook, Elliott, Ash, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

2. Motion to confirm October Planning & Zoning minutes made by Commissioner Cook, second by Commissioner Elliott.

Motion carried 4 to 0.

Voting Aye: Elliott, Ash, Cook, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

1. Part-Time Library Position – Ms. Webb stated eight applications were received for this position. Caty Greene recommends hiring Michelle Boston for this position.

Motion to hire Michelle Boston to fill the part-time library position made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 4 to 0.

Voting Aye: Ash, Cook, Elliott, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

2. Resolution 2014-07 – Ms. Webb stated the Coast Guard is considering closing ANT Eufaula and discontinuing all navigation services on the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint river system. This resolution urges the Coast Guard to reconsider this action.

Discussion held concerning navigational system.

Attorney Floyd read Resolution 2014-07 by title as follows:

A RESOLUTON BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA, JOINING THE CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA, AND OTHER ENTITIES ALONG THE APALACHICOLA-CHATTAHOOCHEE-FLINT WATERWAY SYSTEM, IN URGING THE UNITED STATES COAST TO RECONSIDER ITS PROPOSAL TO CLOSE THE AIDS TO NAVIGATION TEAM STATION IN EUFAULA AND CONTINUE ALL NAVIGATION SERVICES ON THE APALACHICOLA-CHATTAHOOCHEE-FLINT RIVER SYSTEM.

Attorney Floyd added the following section to Resolution 2014-07:

WHEREAS, the City of Apalachicola and its residents are currently in the process of reestablishing the level of commercial navigation up and down the ACF and the presence of the US Coast Guard is necessary to enable this return to the historic use of the river system.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2014-07 with Attorney Floyd’s addition made by Commissioner Elliott, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 4 to 0.

Voting Aye: Cook, Elliott, Ash, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

3. Motion to approve payment for Attorney Floyd's invoice made by Commissioner Cook, second by Commissioner Elliott.

Motion carried 4 to 0.

Voting Aye: Elliott, Ash, Cook, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

### **ATTORNEY FLOYD**

1. Attorney Floyd stated the Family Dollar hearing has been cancelled for January and hoping for February. Attorney Floyd presented quasi-judicial procedures to the Commission.

2. Ms. Webb stated the City has received the deed from the School Board for the Library, and should be moving forward with this project.

### **OTHER VISITORS & COMMENTS**

1. Susan Clementson read a public statement regarding new location of library and why this site was chosen. Ms. Clementson stated the Library Board would like to hold informal meetings to get public input to see what citizens would like to see in the new Library.

2. George Watkins addressed the Commission with issues regarding Scipio Creek Project.

Discussion held concerning DACS barge location, parking, and various issues concerning Scipio Creek Project.

Ms. Webb stated a meeting still needs to be set with Scipio Creek Committee to discuss issues.

Commissioner Elliott asked who generally repairs plumbing problems at Scipio Creek.

Ms. Webb stated the City's Water & Sewer Department generally do repairs.

**MAYOR & COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

None

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