

A regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola was held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012 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 Mitchell Bartley, Commissioner Frank Cook, City Administrator Betty Webb, City Clerk Lee Mathes, City Attorney Pat Floyd, Chief of Police Bobby Varnes

Visitors: Mark Curenton, Liz Kelsey, Mike Standley, Sally Williamson, Shirley Taylor, Anita Grove, Clarice Powell, Lynn Wilson, Bill Spohrer, Lee Smith, Dieter Ambos, Robin Vroegop, Joe Taylor, Ginny Griner, Fran Edwards, Carrie Kienzle, Susan Clementson, Paulette Moss, David Adlerstein, Caty Greene, Gail Johnson, Jim Bachrach

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve October minutes made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Elliott.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

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

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

PLANNING & ZONING REPORT

Sally Williamson gave verbal report.

No September meeting was held due to lack of quorum.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Ms. Webb stated SRF Loan and Affordable Housing Proposal is not ready for discussion at this time, and recommends holding a special meeting to discuss these items.

Commission set special meeting for November 20th at 6:00 PM.

Ms. Webb stated that City Hall has officially moved to the Avenue E office. Payment drop box is still currently located at Bay Avenue site until it can be moved but it is checked daily. Riverkeepers and Seafood Festival have both expressed interest in renting office space at the Community Center. Commission meetings will continue to be held at the Community Center.

Ms. Webb stated the City has various projects ongoing and a work space is needed at times for the engineers and contractors. Also, a work space is needed for auditors. Ms. Webb suggests either dedicating a room at the Community Center, or dedicating a space upstairs at the Avenue E office.

ATTORNEY FLOYD REPORT

Attorney Floyd updated Commission on Restore Act and outlined Resolution 2012-06. Attorney Floyd stated a meeting will be held on November 19th at 5:00 PM at the Carrabelle Annex to discuss the Restore Act.

Discussion held.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2012-06 made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Elliott.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

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

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

OTHER VISITORS & COMMENTS

1. Anita Grove presented to Commission a newspaper article from *Boston Globe* featuring Apalachicola, and the holiday schedule of events.

MAYOR & COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

1. Commissioner Bartley stated he would like for the County to get on board with the River Wars.

Attorney Floyd stated he will write letter encouraging County and other groups to get active in the fight.

2. Commissioner Elliott stated the City is still having a problem with trash pickup, and asked if it was the same contractor.

Ms. Webb stated it has been discussed to put the garbage/trash service out for bid.

Commissioner Elliott stated limbs are hitting the school buses on Avenue B & 12th Street.

Ms. Webb stated she will get with Robert Coursey.

3. Commissioner Ash asked if the problem regarding Bill McCartney rental space had been resolved.

Mayor Johnson recommends following suit with Ms. Webb's plan to designate a project work space.

4. Mayor Johnson stated that Hulon Glass has resigned from the Housing Authority Board. Leroy King, Hoyt Thompson, and Roy Horton are the tenants that have shown interest in serving on the board.

Motion to appoint Leroy King to Housing Authority Board made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Ash.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

Commissioner Ash stated she would like a copy of the revised by laws.

Ms. Webb stated a copy will be distributed when they are finalized.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Van W. Johnson., Sr., Mayor

Lee H. Mathes, City Clerk

