

A public hearing and special meeting of the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola was held on Thursday, November 12, 2015 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, Assistant City Clerk Deborah Guillotte, City Attorney Pat Floyd, Officer Pam Lewis

Visitors: Joe Taylor, Boyd Howze, Tom Daly, Jaime Liang, Liane Brewer, Despina George

Mayor Johnson opened public hearing.

CONTINUANCE OF PUBLIC HEARING FROM NOVEMBER 3, 2015 REGULAR MEETING – ORDINANCE NO. 2015-05 – FY 14/15 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Commissioner Ash questioned decrease in property rent revenue, increase in supplies and travel in general government line items, and LOGT expenses.

Ms. Mathes stated property rent decreased due to cancellation of Verizon rental agreement and cancellation of the anticipated barge rental relating to shelling program; increase in supply line item was due to City hosted events; increase in travel line item was due to excess travel to accept City awards; and LOGT expenses was mainly due to storm water repairs. Ms. Mathes explained budget amendment process.

Public comment received.

No further comments, public hearing closed and special meeting opened.

SPECIAL MEETING

ADOPTION DECISION – ORDINANCE NO. 2015-05

Attorney Floyd read Ordinance No. 2015-05 by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 BUDGET

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-05 amending FY 2014/2015 budget made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Elliott.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

ADOPTION DECISION – RESOLUTION 2015-15 – FRANKLIN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Attorney Floyd read Resolution 2015-15 in its entirety.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2015-15 made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES

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

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

ATTORNEY FLOYD

1. Scenic Byway Contract

Ms. Webb explained the City's participation in the Scenic Byway Program. Ms. Webb stated that Scenic Byway wants to construct an informational sign across from the Three Servicemen Statute. Ms. Webb stated the main problem she saw with the contract was that Scenic Byway wanted the City to maintain the sign.

Attorney Floyd stated contract will be discussed further at December regular meeting.

2. Building Official Contract

Attorney Floyd distributed draft contract to Commission for review only. Attorney Floyd stated that he and Ms. Mathes met with EPIC to discuss contract details. The City currently has a resolution adopted in 2004 that sets building permit fees, however these fees will need to be reassessed. Attorney Floyd stated that some changes will need to be made to contract, and can be approved at December meeting.

Discussion held regarding contract details.

Public comments received.

Mayor Johnson asked Ms. Mathes to survey surrounding cities to find out how they handle building official duties and how much they pay for the service.

3. Library Construction Manager Contract

Attorney Floyd stated he has reviewed contract but some changes still need to be made. The amount to be paid to the construction manager is 8% of the total cost of construction.

Mayor Johnson asked that local contractors be given preference if possible.

Commissioner Ash stated she is not comfortable voting on a contract which she hasn't had the chance to properly review.

Ms. Webb stated that negotiations for a guaranteed maximum price cannot be discussed until a signed contract is in place. The deadline to submit is December 23rd so timing is of the essence.

Motion to approve Library Construction Manager Contract contingent upon Attorney Floyd further review and authorize Attorney Floyd to make necessary changes to contract made by Commissioner Elliott, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 4 to 1.

Voting Aye: Cook, Elliott, Bartley, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Van W. Johnson, Sr., Mayor

Lee H. Mathes, City Clerk

