

A regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 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 Lee Mathes, City Clerk Deborah Guillotte, Attorney Pat Floyd

Visitors: Cassie Garry, Uta Hardy, Shannon Lease, Mindy Parker, Jim Brown, Carrie Jones, Anita Grove, Marisa Getter, Susan Macken, Lisa Gardi, David Lloyd, Linda Jones, Helen Willis-Escobar, Matt Gardi, David Meyer, Robert Graham, Kathy Robinson, Cindy Clark, Rick Delp, Charles Elliott, Danny Itzkovitz, Joe Taylor, Pam Lewis, Augusta West, Dan Garlick, George Coon, Leslie Coon, Sandra T. Furbee

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

Presentation of Plaque – Honoring Helen Escobar - Mayor Johnson acknowledged and presented Helen Escobar with a plaque honoring her for all the good work in donating her personal time and funds for the youth in our community.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES

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

Motion carried: 4 to 0

Voting Aye: Ash, Cook, Elliott, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

APPROVAL OF JULY BILL LIST

Motion to approve July 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

BDI – TASK ORDER STRUCTURAL EVALUATION OF SBR STEEL TANKAGE -

Rick Delp with BDI reviewed Task Order for Structural Evaluation of SBR Steel Tankage and requested approval to proceed.

Motion to proceed with Task Order for Structural Evaluation of SBR Steel Tankage made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried: 4 to 0

Voting Aye: Ash, Cook, Elliott, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None
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Attorney Floyd asked Mr. Delp to have engineers note what repairs are needed due to aging and what is not.

Mr. Delp stated everything will be prioritized, and testing of some material may be required.

CITIZENS BOARD APPOINTMENT – City Commission Appointing Board Governing Alcohol Consumption on City R-O-W and Hours of Operation – Mayor Johnson stated this board is to review current ordinances on above issues and update if deemed necessary. Individuals recommended for committee are Charles Elliott, Cassie Gary, Danny Itzkovitz, Beth Wright, John Croom, Augusta West and John Solomon. Chief Varnes will be City representative on Committee.

Motion to appoint Charles Elliott, Cassie Gary, Danny Itzkovitz, Beth Wright, John Croom, Augusta West, John Solomon and Chief Varnes to Alcohol consumption on City ROW Committee made by Commissioner Elliott, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried: 4 to 0
Voting Aye: Ash, Cook, Elliott, Mayor Johnson
Voting Nay: None

ADOPTION DECISION – Resolution 2016-12 – Florida Seafood Festival Road Closure -
Attorney Floyd read Resolution 2016-12 by title as follows:

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA REQUESTING U.S. HIGHWAY 98 BE CLOSED DURING THE PERIOD OF THE FLORIDA SEAFOOD FESTIVAL PARADE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016 AND AGREEING TO ASSIST IN TRAFFIC CONTROL DURING SUCH PERIOD OF RE-ROUTING.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-12 made by Commissioner Cook, second by Commissioner Elliott.

Motion carried: 4 to 0
Voting Aye: Ash, Cook, Elliott, Mayor Johnson
Voting Nay: None

PLANNING & ZONING

Motion to confirm July Planning and Zoning minutes made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried: 4 to 0
Voting Aye: Ash, Cook, Elliott, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

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CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1) Motion to approve payment for Attorney Floyd invoice made by Commissioner Elliott, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried: 4 to 0

Voting Aye: Ash, Cook, Elliott, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

ATTORNEY FLOYD

Attorney Floyd updated Commission on litigation regarding Denton Cove and City of Apalachicola vs. State of Georgia.

VISITORS COMMENTS

1. Leslie Coon stated there are 3 lights on Commerce Street not working and asked that this be reported for repair.

2. Leslie Coon asked when TTHM project is scheduled for completion.

Ms. Mathes stated December 2016.

3) Leslie Coon inquired of status of CRA Committee.

Ms. Mathes stated that she had not been involved with that Committee, but will check with Chair to see when vacancy will be filled and if there is a scheduled meeting.

5) Susan Macken thanked City for getting the new boat lift working at the Mill Pond.

MAYOR & COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

No Comments

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Van W. Johnson Sr., Mayor

Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk