

A special meeting of the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola was held on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 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 Anita Grove, City Administrator Lee Mathes, Deputy Clerk Janelle Paul, City Attorney Pat Floyd, Chief Bobby Varnes

Visitors: Joe Taylor, Pam Richardson, Augusta West, Diane Brewer, John Alber, Dodie Alber, Richard Hall, Holly Brown, Creighton Brown, Christina Moore, David Adlerstein, Robin Vroegop, Mike Vroegop, Bonnie Davis, Ann Blount, Harriet Soffes, Dave Watts, J. Bruner, Melissa Hand, Alisa Hendels, Liz Perkins, Ralph Schiefferle, Kristi Partington, Valentina Webb, Peter Olson, Bella Rudo, Ramon Valenzuela, Deborah Miller, D. Gallan, Susan Richardson, Candace Springer, Ed Springer, Despina George, Sharon Morgan, Tom Morgan

Special meeting opened by Mayor Johnson, followed by prayer and pledge.

SPECIAL MEETING

Tour of Homes

Bella Rudo presented Tour of Homes tickets to Commission and thanked the City for their assistance.

Adoption Decision – Resolution 2018-04 – Honoring Willoughby & Marie Marshall

Attorney Floyd read Resolution No. 2018-04 in its entirety.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-04 made by Commissioner Bartley, seconded by Commissioner Grove.

Motion carried 5 to 0

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

Voting Nay: None

Open and Award Bid – Matchbox Roof

Attorney Floyd opened bids and announced the following bid results:

Streamline Roofing & Const.	\$80,660
Garrison Design & Const.	\$111,613 (base bid)
Centennial Roofing Corp.	\$126,850
Rowe Roofing	\$203,700 (base bid)
	\$134,600 (upper roof)

Discussion held.

Ms. Mathes reminded the Commission that the roof needs to be completed by June 15, and paperwork closed out by June 30th.

Mayor Johnson reminded Commission that the City only has \$80,000 to pay for this.

Motion to accept and award Matchbox Roof Project to Streamline Roofing & Construction for \$80,660 made by Commissioner Ash, seconded by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried 5 to 0

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

Voting Nay: None

HCA Update

Val Webb gave verbal update on HCA activities. Ms. Webb stated HCA unexpectedly lost \$25,000 in grant funding due to lack of state funds, which put HCA in need of City funding assistance. Ms. Webb requests a one-time \$25,000 allocation to HCA so the HCA Board can revamp the programs and make HCA self-sufficient.

Commissioner Ash stated the City is financially strapped at this point.

Mayor Johnson recommends that Ms. Webb meet with Ms. Mathes and Commissioner Ash to discuss options.

Commissioner Grove stated the HCA Board is really doing great things with the programs.

Budget/Personnel Discussion

Mayor Johnson stated he feels it is time the City look into hiring a City Manager. Mayor Johnson stated an experienced City Manager can bring new ideas, come up with new revenue sources, and led the City in dealing with the many issues we now face. Mayor Johnson stated there is approximately \$17,000 left of Cindy Summerhill's salary, which is enough to bring the City Manager on board by August. Mayor Johnson stated his advisory committee which consists of Augusta West, Jim Bachrach, Tom Morgan, George Mahr, and Bill McCartney have discussed this, and feel this is doable.

Commissioner Ash stated she wants to see a plan or projection before she can make a decision.

Mayor Johnson stated that he wanted to make it clear that this was absolutely no reflection on Ms. Mathes and her abilities as City Administrator. Mayor Johnson continued stating that this will not displace any employee or affect anyone's current salary.

Fire Department Certifications

Commissioner Ash stated she has emailed the college and has not received a response.

Commissioner Grove stated she will contact the Fire College and see what can be found as far as certifications. Commissioner Grove stated the Auxiliary Group has offered to assist with training costs.

Harbor Master Lease - Florida Geotourism

John Alber addressed the Commission regarding Florida Geotourism lease to occupy the Harbor Master House.

Attorney Durrant, attorney for Mike and Robin Vroegop, addressed the Commission and outlined terms of lease.

Discussion held concerning subletting, use of space, and contract terms.

Motion made to take the leases presented on December 14, 2017, March 6, 2018, and April 24, 2018, incorporates languages, sort out differences with the various versions and come back for final approval at May meeting made by Commissioner Bartley, seconded by Commissioner Elliott.

Motion carried 3 to 2

Voting Aye: Elliott, Bartley, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: Ash, Grove

Other Business

1. Commissioner Elliott asks if the City rented its equipment to private individuals, if the equipment was being used in a City owned facility.

Mayor Johnson stated the City is not in the rental business.

2. Chris Moore addressed the Commission stating it's been four weeks and two days since the submittal of the updated Topographical Survey, and she's had no response.

Attorney Floyd reminded the Commission that this needs to be addressed at a regular meeting, not a special meeting.

Ms. Mathes stated she hasn't received the report from the engineer, but will contact him tomorrow to get an update.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Van W. Johnson, Sr., Mayor

Janelle C. Paul, Deputy Clerk