

A regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola was held on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 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, Chief of Police Bobby Varnes, City Attorney Pat Floyd

Visitors: Geoffrey Hewell, Gail Johnson, Liz Kelsey, Dr. Abe Johnson, Carla Ambos, Anita Grove, Joe Taylor, George Coon, Tom Daly, Elinor Mount Simmons, George Watkins, Mark Tarmey, Clarice Powel, Curt Blair, Shirley Byrd, David Adlerstein, Jenny Billings, Fonda Davis, Jr., Soundra Davis, Fonda Davis, Jim Bachrach, Leon Bloodworth, Susan Clementson, Caty Greene, Beth Blair, Paulette Moss, Joe Kruchas

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

OLD BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Motion to approve August bill list made by Commissioner Cook, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

NEW BUSINESS

SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONERS

City Administrator Betty Webb sworn in Mitchell Bartley with the following Oath of Office:

I, John M. Bartley, Sr., do solemnly swear that I will support, protect and defend the Constitution of the government of the United States and the State of Florida and that I am duly qualified to hold office under the laws of the State of Florida and the Charter of the City of Apalachicola and that I will well and

faithfully perform the duties of the City Commissioner Seat 1 of the said City upon which I am about to enter, so help me God.

City Administrator Betty Webb sworn in Jimmy Elliott with the following Oath of Office:

I, James L. Elliott, do solemnly swear that I will support, protect and defend the Constitution of the government of the United States and the State of Florida and that I am duly qualified to hold office under the laws of the State of Florida and the Charter of the City of Apalachicola and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of City Commissioner Seat 2 of the said city upon which I am about to enter, so help me God.

Dr. Abe Johnson sworn in Van Johnson with the following Oath of Office:

I, Van W. Johnson, Sr., do solemnly swear that I will support, protect and defend the Constitution of the government of the United States and the State of Florida and that I am duly qualified to hold office under the laws of the State of Florida and the Charter of the City of Apalachicola and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of Mayor of the said City upon which I am about to enter, so help me God.

PRAYER OF HEALING AND UNITY

Dr. Abe Johnson gave prayer of healing and unity.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Mayor Johnson gave second term inaugural address.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

* Joe Kruchas – Emerald Warrior-12 Military Training Exercise – Mr. Kruchas outlined military training exercise that will be held from February 17 – March 12, 2012.

Motion to authorize Mayor Johnson to sign letter of support for military training exercise to be held from February 17 – March 12, 2012 made by Commissioner Elliott, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

* Jenny Billings – Community Garden Use of City Square – Ms. Billings requests permission for the Community Gardens to continue to use City Square for 2 more years.

Motion to extend permission to allow Community Gardens to use City Square for 2 more years made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

* Fonda Davis, Jr. – Music in the Park – Mr. Davis requests permission to hold a Music in the Park event on November 6th from 3-7PM at the 6th Street Recreational Park facility. Mr. Davis stated he hopes to hold a car wash and basketball tournament along with the music activities.

Motion to authorize Fonda Davis, Jr. to hold Music in the Park event on November 6th from 3-7PM at the 6th Street Recreational Park facility made by Ash, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

ADOPTION DECISION RESOLUTION 2011-06

Attorney Floyd read by title as follows:

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA APPOINTING AND DESIGNATING A MAYOR PRO-TEM AND A CITY COMMISSIONER FOR EACH OF THE FIVE DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2011-06 made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Ash.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

ADOPTION DECISION RESOLUTION 2011-07

Attorney Floyd read 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, 2011 AND AGREEING TO ASSIST IN TRAFFIC CONTROL DURING SUCH PERIOD OF RE-ROUTING.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2011-07 made by Commissioner Cook, second by Commissioner Bartley.

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Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Anita Grove submitted written report.

Commission expressed concern about the Running for the Bay marathon event.

TRAFFIC SAFETY TEAM REPORT

Ms. Webb stated that Jim Waddell has submitted the DOT \$50,000 beautification grant.

HISTORIC APALACHICOLA, INC. REPORT

Paulette Moss submitted written report.

FRANKLIN PROMISE REPORT

Joe Taylor submitted written report.

Commissioner Ash stated she would like for the City Employees to contribute food towards the food drive.

Mr. Taylor stated the employees already give towards the toy drive.

Clarice Powell outlined events for the Blues in the Park event.

LIBRARY REPORT

Caty Greene submitted written report.

PLANNING & ZONING REPORT

Tom Daly gave verbal report.

Ms. Webb addressed issues approved in September meeting.

Motion to confirm August Planning & Zoning minutes made by Commissioner Cook, second by Commissioner Ash.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

George Watkins and Carla Ambos gave verbal report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Ms. Webb submitted monthly departments report packet.

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

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

ATTORNEY FLOYD REPORT

Attorney Floyd updated Commission on ACOE litigation and Librarian employee benefit matter.

Attorney Floyd congratulated re-elected Mayor and Commissioners.

OTHER VISITORS & COMMENTS

None

MAYOR & COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

* Mayor Johnson requests the new Police/Fire Station be named after slain officer Fred Babb, Jr.

Motion to name the new Police/Fire Station after Fred Babb, Jr. made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

* Mayor Johnson would like the Commission to review and be prepared to discuss and vote on the following items at the November regular meeting:

1. A proposal to consider streamlining all volunteer Boards/Committees appointed by and operating under the auspices of the City Commission. The members of each appointed Board/Committee should equally number the members of the City Commission with each City Commissioner given the opportunity to appoint one person of his/her choosing to each of the Boards and their appointee's term will run consecutively with their term in office submitted to reappointment at the end of the Commissioner's term if re-elected. The chair-person of each Board will be determined by a vote of the City Commission and shall remain in that capacity at the discretion of the Commission or until his/her term ends. The only exception will be the Strategic Planning Committee whose makeup is comprised of the chair-person from each appointed Board.

2. A proposal to exclusively use local qualified architects to conduct plan reviews for the Planning & Zoning Board instead of using the pool of out of town architects.

* Attorney Floyd read proclamation declaring October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Motion to adopt proclamation declaring October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Voting Nay: None

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Van W. Johnson, Jr., Mayor

Lee H. Mathes, City Clerk

