

**CITY OF FLORA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
131 EAST SECOND STREET**

June 17, 2024 – 4:30 P.M.

City Clerk Becky Burgess administered the Oath of Office to new City Treasurer Kim Adair. Mrs. Adair's husband, Barry, held the Bible as she was sworn in.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Mayor Rick Slaughter called the Regular Council Meeting of the City of Flora to order and City Clerk Becky Burgess called roll. Present were Mayor Rick Slaughter, Commissioner Linda Spicer, Commissioner Jeremy Henderson, Commissioner Phil Wiley and Commissioner Jim Fehrenbacher.

Others in attendance were City Attorney Bob Coble, Chief of Police Guye Durre, City Administrator/Economic Development Director Mike Stanford, City Clerk Becky Burgess and City Treasurer Kim Adair. Building and Zoning Official Chad Bayles and Superintendent of Public Services Toby Rinehart were absent. Two media representatives and a few guests were also in attendance.

Mayor Rick Slaughter led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Linda Spicer offered the Invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE JUNE 17, 2024, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR THE CITY OF FLORA WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER SPICER; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILEY.

- Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher
- No – None
- Abstain – None; Absent – None

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were listed under the Consent Agenda:

- ACCEPT POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT FOR MAY 2024
- ACCEPT BUILDING AND ZONING REPORT FOR MAY 2024
- APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY 2024
- APPROVE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2024
- APPROVE SCHEDULE OF BILLS FOR MAY 29, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 12, 2024

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILEY.

- Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher
- No – None
- Abstain – None; Absent – None

REGULAR BUSINESS

Mayor Rick Slaughter welcomed new City Treasurer Kim Adair and thanked Becky Wiley for serving as the as interim Treasurer . Slaughter then presented several items for approval.

A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RETIREMENT NOTICE OF GUYE DURRE, CHIEF OF POLICE, EFFECTIVE 11:59 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2024, WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER SPICER; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILEY.

- Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher
- No – None
- Abstain – None; Absent – None

A MOTION TO APPOINT JEREMY RUGER AS CHIEF OF POLICE WITH A YEARLY SALARY OF \$97,457.36, EFFECTIVE 12:00 A.M. ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2024, WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER SPICER; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILEY.

- Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher
- No – None
- Abstain – None; Absent – None

A MOTION TO APPOINT KALEB GREENWOOD AS ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE WITH A YEARLY SALARY OF \$90,253.93, EFFECTIVE 12:00 A.M. ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2024, WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WILEY; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER.

- Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher
- No – None
- Abstain – None; Absent – None

A MOTION TO HIRE LUKE DURRE AS POLICE OFFICER, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2024 AT \$29.57 PER HOUR, PER UNION CONTRACT FOR LATERAL TRANSFERS, WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WILEY; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER.

- Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher
- No – None
- Abstain – None; Absent – None

A MOTION TO APPOINT JEN HENSON TO THE TOURISM BOARD, 2-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 17, 2026, WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WILEY; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SPICER.

- Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher
- No – None
- Abstain – None; Absent – None

A MOTION TO REAPPOINT ROBERT POWLESS TO THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD, 5-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 28, 2029, WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SPICER.

- Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher
- No – None
- Abstain – None; Absent – None

A MOTION PASS ORDINANCE NO. 24-3355, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 1, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 27 "CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES REQUIRED TO RESIDE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS" WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER SPICER; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HENDERSON.

- Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher
No – None
Abstain – None; Absent – None

City Administrator/Economic Development Director Mike Stanford was up next on the agenda to present his items.

A MOTION TO PASS A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2025 NON-REGULATED VENDOR AGREEMENT FOR THE LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP) WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WILEY; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER.

- Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher
No – None
Abstain – None; Absent – None

A MOTION TO APPROVE AN INVOICE FROM NUSSMEYER TREE SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,833.39, DUE TO STORM DAMAGE AT CHARLEY BROWN MEMORIAL PARK, WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WILEY; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SPICER.

- Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher
No – None
Abstain – None; Absent – None

Stanford noted that the Nussmeyer invoice would be submitted to our insurance carrier as part of the storm damage claim.

Stanford updated Council on the Main Street project noting that Howell Paving is scheduled to complete the ADA approaches this week. He explained that the next step will be the milling of North Main, which is scheduled for the week of July 7th. The 1st pay estimate for this project is \$110,890.87 and will be paid using MFT Funds.

Next, Stanford announced that the work on the pickleball courts is progressing, but due to the recent amount of rain, there will be a delay in completing them in the original timeframe. This week, the asphalt is being laid and it has to cure approximately 30 days before it can be sealed and painted. The first payment of \$120,996.53 will be paid to Johannes Construction.

City Clerk Becky Burgess requested approval for minutes.

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2024, WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WILEY; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SPICER.

- Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher
No – None
Abstain – None; Absent – None

On behalf of Building and Zoning Official Chad Bayles, Mike Stanford presented his items that were placed on the agenda.

A MOTION TO PASS A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE GLORIA ABBOTT REAL ESTATE AS UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS (421 E. 3RD STREET) WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILEY.

- **Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher**
- No – None**
- Abstain – None; Absent – None**

A MOTION TO PASS A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE REBECCA CLOSSON REAL ESTATE AS UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS (729 N. STATE STREET) WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER SPICER; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILEY.

- **Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher**
- No – None**
- Abstain – None; Absent – None**

A MOTION TO PASS A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE RONALD WAYNE COBLE REAL ESTATE AS UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS (715 W. 4TH STREET) WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILEY.

- **Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher**
- No – None**
- Abstain – None; Absent – None**

A MOTION TO PASS A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE DELORES M. MAYBERRY REAL ESTATE AS UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS (715 W 4TH STREET) WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER HENDERSON; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SPICER.

- **Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher**
- No – None**
- Abstain – None; Absent – None**

A MOTION TO PASS A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE SHAWN JANYE REAL ESTATE AS UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS (419 PRESLEY) WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WILEY; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SPICER.

- **Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher**
- No – None**
- Abstain – None; Absent – None**

A MOTION TO PASS A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE SHAWN JANYE REAL ESTATE AS UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS (401 W. 5TH STREET) WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SPICER.

- **Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher**
- No – None**
- Abstain – None; Absent – None**

A MOTION TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 24-3356, AN ORDINANCE REZONING REAL ESTATE TO C-2 NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT OWNED BY EJ LEWIS PROPERTIES, LLC AND BEING PURCHASED BY OUTBACK STORAGE II, LLC (708 S. MAIN STREET) WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER SPICER; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILEY.

- Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher
- No – None
- Abstain – None; Absent – None

A MOTION PASS ORDINANCE NO. 24-3357, AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO OUTBACK STORAGE II, LLC (708 S. MAIN STREET) WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILEY.

- Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher
- No – None
- Abstain – None; Absent – None


A MOTION TO AFFIRM THE DECISION OF THE ZONING BOARD TO DENY THE SPECIAL USE PETITION FILED BY YONGXIN ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SELF STORAGE UNITS AT 306 W. NORTH AVENUE, WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER SPICER; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER.

- Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher
- No – None
- Abstain – None; Absent – None

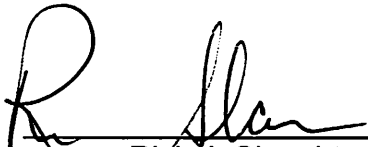
ADJOURN

At approximately 4:48 p.m. with no further business to discuss, Mayor Slaughter requested a motion to adjourn.

COMMISSIONER SPICER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILEY. COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCURRED AND MAYOR SLAUGHTER DECLARED SAID MEETING ADJOURNED.



 Rebekah S. Burgess, City Clerk



 Rick J. Slaughter, Mayor

Approved by City Council on: July 1, 2024