

Proceedings of a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Palatka, Florida, held on the 11th day of November, 2004.

PRESENT:	Mayor	Karl N. Flagg
	Commissioner	Mary Lawson Brown
	Commissioner	Hernan Azula
	Commissioner	James Norwood, Jr.
	Commissioner	George E. Sanders

Also Present: City Manager Allen R. Bush; City Attorney Donald E. Holmes; City Clerk Betsy Jordan Driggers; Finance Director Ruby M. Williams; Police Chief Gary Getchell; Fire Chief Ken Venables; Planning Director Adam Mengel, Police Lt. James Griffith

INVOCATION - The Reverend Wesley Taylor, Pastor; Tabernacle Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Rev. Charlie Rabun, Chaplain; Palatka Fire Department

MINUTES 10-28-04 - Commissioner Brown moved to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Azula seconded the motion. Mayor Flagg noted for the record that Willie Taylor is with Department of Commerce (DOC) and not Department of Corrections (DOC). There being no further comment, the motion passed unopposed.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Recognition of Veterans Employed by City of Palatka - Mayor Flagg thanked everyone for coming to this meeting on Veteran's Day, saying paid a high price for this country's freedom. He hopes that school children understand why today was a school holiday, and encouraged parents and grandparents to share their wartime experiences with their children and grandchildren so that they can understand the sacrifices veterans made for their freedom.

Mayor Flagg asked the Clerk to call the roll of all City Veterans. They are Commissioner George Sanders, Allen R. Bush, Mike Cavello, Mark Nelson, Guy Tillis, Joff Fillion, Larry Hartman, Bill Dixon, Jim Sims, Chief Ken Venables, Clyde Connor, Byron Gilland, John Lotsey, Jr., James Watts, Bobby Wyche, Tommy English, James Lucia, Silas Ware, Rodney Harper, Brian Hawkins, Scott Reinhold, Walter Shiver, Andy Snyder, Glen Sorenson, Daniel Gibbs, Gordon Brown, Johnnie Lewis, Dickie Black, Melvin Register, Lenwood McCullers, Richard Solana, Brian McCann, Coy Spivey, and David E. Tomlinson. Vice Mayor Brown assisted Mayor Flagg in pinning those veterans present with Veteran Pins provided by Hospice of the Lakes.

POLICE DEPT. PROMOTIONS - Police Chief Gary Getchell introduced and administered the Oath of Office to Corporal Kim Traber and Sergeant Jason Shaw, who received promotions. Commissioner Brown said when she first got on the Commission, there were no blacks or females on the Police Department, noting this department has come a long way. They serve the total community better by having a police force that reflects the entire community. Chief Getchell introduced new police officers Scott Mast and TyWayne McLendon. They have completed their training and are ready to begin performing their duties as police officers.

FIREFIGHTER PROMOTIONS - Fire Chief Ken Venables introduced Firefighter Aaron Brian Connell, who received a promotion to the rank of Engineer. He then introduced new Firefighters Phillip Smith, Gregory Munroe, Chad Branford, Keith Grimes, Jr. and Kristopher Meyers.

Mayor Flagg administered the Oath of Office to Firefighters Connell, Smith, Munroe, Branford, Grimes and Meyers. Chief Venables said all six of these firefighters were reserve firefighters before they became career firefighters. It is policy to promote from within, so if anyone thinks they'd like to have a career in firefighting, the reserve unit is a good place to start.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH - November, 2004 - Mayor Flagg asked Commissioner Norwood to join him in awarding certificates for academic excellence, leadership, citizenship and attendance to the following students at their respective schools:

Amanda Wheatley	Beasley Middle
Jaquan Ashely	Central Academy School of Excellence
Kaitlyn Baird	Palatka High School
Chandler Huskey	Peniel Baptist Academy

PUBLIC COMMENTS - There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approve law enforcement trust funds expenditure of \$7,500 for a professionally produced crime prevention/recruiting video.
- b. Approve bid from Underground, Inc. for \$36,549 for purchase of sewer vacuum trailer (budgeted item); bid 'piggy-backed' onto bid given to Marianna, FL for similar equipment/options.

Commissioner Azula moved to pass the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

POLICE OFFICERS' PENSION BOARD – Appointment of Single applicant - Tim Parker was present for interview. Mayor Flagg noted the staff recommendation is to waive the 2nd meeting requirement and appoint Mr. Parker to the Police Officers' Pension Board for a two-year term ending December, 2006. Commissioner Azula moved to waive the 2nd meeting requirement and appoint Timothy Parker to the Police Officers' Pension Board for a two-year term to expire December, 2006. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. Mayor Flagg asked for a Roll-Call vote, with the following results: Commissioners Azula, Brown, Norwood, Sanders and Mayor Flagg, Yes; Nays, none. The motion passed unopposed.

CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD APPOINTMENTS - Three positions - Mayor Flagg noted Nancy Jones, Alex Sharp, Pat A. Wilson and Rudolph Peshera were interviewed during the 10-28-04 meeting.

Commissioner Sanders moved to reappoint Nancy Jones in Real Estate/Insurance position on the Code Enforcement Board for a 3-year term to expire September, 2007. Commissioner Norwood seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

Commissioner Norwood moved to appoint Pat A. Wilson to the commercial real estate experience position on the Code Enforcement Board for a 3-year term to expire September, 2007. Commissioner Azula seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

Commissioner Norwood moved to appoint Alex Sharp as alternate #2 to the Code Enforcement Board for the remainder of Robert Svetlik's term, to expire September, 2006. Commissioner Azula seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 34 of the Code of Ordinances - The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING AND REPLACING ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 34 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA IN ITS ENTIRETY; TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE FLORIDA FIRE PREVENTION CODE AND THE LIFE SAFETY PREVENTION CODE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Norwood moved to pass the ordinance on first reading as read. Commissioner Azula seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was taken, with the following results: Commissioners Azula, Brown, Norwood, Sanders and Mayor Flagg, Yes; Nays, none. The ordinance was declared passed on first reading.

ADMINISTRATIVE - There were none.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS - There were none.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Norwood.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR