



City of
ALACHUA

THE GOOD LIFE COMMUNITY

**Regular City Commission Meeting
Minutes
October 9, 2023**

Mayor Gib Coerper
Vice Mayor Dayna Miller
Commissioner Jennifer Blalock
Commissioner Shirley Green Brown
Commissioner Edward Potts

City Manager Mike DaRoza
City Attorney Marian Rush

The City Commission will conduct a
Regular City Commission Meeting
At 6:00 PM
to address the item(s) below.

Meeting Date: October 9, 2023

Meeting Location: James A Lewis Commission Chambers

Citizens Present: Laura Dampie, Barbara Cloud-Wiseman, Don Esprit, Ivette Esprit, Phyllis Strickland. Staff Present: Diane Amendola, Robert Bonetti, Carson Crockett, Tara Malone, Damon Messina, Jesse Sandusky, Rodolfo Valladares, LeAnne Williams, Cap Wilson, Kathy Winburn, David Wisener

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Notice given pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes. In order to appeal any decision made at this meeting, you will need a verbatim record of the proceedings. It will be your responsibility to ensure such a record is made.

CALL TO ORDER

Led by Mayor Gib Coerper, with Commissioner Edward Potts absent.

INVOCATION

Led by Pastor Ralph Williams, Newberry Church of the Nazarene.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mayor Coerper.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice Mayor Dayna Miller moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Shirley Green Brown.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 4-0 by roll call.

APPROVE READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS BY TITLE ONLY

Commissioner Jennifer Blalock moved to approve the reading of proposed ordinances and resolutions by title only; seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Mebane Middle School EDEP Student Artist Appreciation

Assistant Deputy City Clerk Diane Amendola introduced the presentation.

Mayor Coerper and Ms. Laura Dampier presented the students with certificates.

B. Florida League of Cities 2023 Youth Council Community Service Contest - Award

Deputy City Clerk LeAnne Williams introduced the presentation.

Chris Holley, Director of External Services, of the Florida League of Cities presented the City of Alachua Youth Advisory Council with a Trophy and a Check for \$250.00

C. Colonial Heritage Month Proclamation

Assistant Deputy City Clerk Amendola introduced the proclamation.

Mayor Coerper read the proclamation.

D. Florida City Government Week 2023 Proclamation

Assistant Deputy City Clerk Amendola introduced the proclamation.

Mayor Coerper read the proclamation.

E. White Cane Safety Month Proclamation

Assistant Deputy City Clerk Amendola introduced the proclamation.

Mayor Coerper read the proclamation.

Mayor Coerper announced the Alachua Lions Club would hold their annual White Cane Awareness Walk on Saturday October 14, 2023 at 8:45 AM.

II. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Phyllis Strickland was moved by the Youth Advisory Council's Remembrance Quilt Project. She appreciated how they presented the project. She reminded everyone that October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Mitch Glaeser with San Felasco Tech City announced the Alachua Chamber of Commerce building had been renovated and on October 19, 2023, 5:30 - 7:00PM there would be a celebration of the transformation. November 7, 2023 at 12:00 PM, President and CEO of the Ocala Chamber of Commerce, Kevin Shealy would be the speaker for the Alachua Chamber of Commerce luncheon. January 24, 2024 the Alachua Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet would be held at Legacy Park, comedian Brad Williams would be the entertainment. He introduced Caitlin Burkill, owner of Harvest Thyme and announced Harvest Thyme Express would be opening a new location in San Felasco Tech City.

Ms. Burkill expressed her excitement on being a part of the City's continued growth and looked forward to the new addition of the drive thru for Harvest Thyme Express in San Felasco Tech City.

(Please Limit to 3 Minutes). Any citizen who is unable to speak at this time will have an opportunity to speak at the end of the meeting

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Resolution 23-19; Planning & Zoning Board Appointment

Deputy City Clerk Williams presented the appointment.

Deputy City Clerk Williams read into the record a letter from Candidate Keith Vermillion.

Sandy Burgess spoke about her continued commitment to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Deputy City Clerk Williams conducted the ballot process, announced the vote, and made recommendations.

City Attorney Marian Rush read Resolution 23-19 by title only.

Vice Mayor Miller Moved to appoint Sandy Burgess and Keith Vermillion to the Planning and Zoning Board with terms commencing October 9, 2023 and ending October 9, 2026; seconded by Commissioner Blalock.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 4-0 by roll call.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

(Presentations, other than the applicant, please limit to 3 Minutes)

V. AGENDA ITEMS

VI. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments.

(Please Limit to 3 Minutes. Any citizen who did not speak during the Citizen Comments period at the beginning of the meeting may do so at this time.)

VII. COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY

Assistant City Manager Rodolfo Valladares thanked the Youth Advisory Council and the quilters for the opportunity to reflect.

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Commissioner Brown thanked Pastor Williams for the inspirational prayer, and Mrs. Strickland for her kindness and attendance. She congratulated the newly-elected Planning and Zoning Board members and their service to the community. She met with Principal Michael Gamble of Mebane Middle School to listen to the needs of the school and the students. She informed the community if seniors in the area need assistance to please reach out to her as she was a member of the Elder Options Board of Directors. She welcomed the new Assistant City Manager and thanked him for joining them on the Dais.

Commissioner Blalock commented the cards left in the pockets of the Remembrance Quilt were very moving. She thanked the Alachua Police Department for keeping the citizens safe.

Vice Mayor Miller thanked Commissioner Brown for bringing the Remembrance Quilt project to the Youth Advisory Council. She asked citizens to keep people who were affected by war in their prayers.

Mayor Coerper reiterated the praise to the Youth Advisory Council for the Remembrance Quilt Project. He thanked Commissioner Brown for bringing it to the YAC. He attended a car show in Town of Tioga, the Fall Festival at Irby Elementary School and the Dance Alive Dance Classes at Legacy Park.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Blalock moved to adjourn; seconded by Vice Mayor Miller.

Passed by unanimous consent.

Mayor Coerper adjourned the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

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A. September 11, 2023, City Commission Meeting Minutes

ATTEST:



Mike DaRoza, City Manager/Clerk

CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA



Gib Coerper, Mayor