

April 7, 2015 Minutes

The Florence City Council met on April 7, 2015, with Mayor Mary Condon presiding and Council members, Denise Deichmann, Kory Woolverton, Richard Moon, and Debra Bartos Cahill, Lesa Ragsdale (arrived at 6:08 pm) were present.

Staff members present: Amy L. Crane, Doc Blackman, Dewey Pierce, and Adam Marsh.

Guests present: Robert Shelton, Michelle Rockett, Alicia Nichols, Daniel Ortiz, Amanda McCarthy, Wil Lawrence, Peggy Morse, Michelle Price, Carolyn Oldae.

Mayor Mary Condon called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence.

4. Mayor Mary Condon asked that Guest addressing the Council speak at this time. Wil Lawrence stated the Main Street planters are being maintained by several business owners downtown.

5. Consent Agenda-

Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve the minutes for March 3, 2015, as presented. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesla Ragsdale- absent

Kory Woolverton- for

Richard Moon- for

Denise Deichmann- for

Debra Bartos Cahill- for

Motion carried.

Regular Agenda-

Committee, Council Members, and City Staff Reports:

Municipal Court- See Report.

City Secretary, Amy L Crane- See Report.

Police Department, Chief Adam Marsh- See Report.

Public Works Department- See Report.

6. Denise Deichmann made the motion on awarding the contract to J & K Utilities for the SH 195/FM 487 Utility Adjustment in the amount of \$53,211.00. Richard Moon seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesla Ragsdale- absent

Kory Woolverton- for

Richard Moon- for

Denise Deichmann- for

Debra Bartos Cahill- for

Motion carried.

.. No action was taken on a payment request from Westar Construction, Inc. regarding for the Florence

Community Park project.

8. No action was taken on Fire Flow issues in the City of Florence. Fire Chief, Robert Shelton, requested City and School Officials meet to resolve the Fire Flow issue.

9. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to authorize Mayor Mary Condon to approve the repairs and/or replacement of fire hydrants not to exceed \$10,000.00. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesa Ragsdale- for
Kory Woolverton- for
Richard Moon- for
Denise Deichmann- for
Debra Bartos Cahill- for
Motion carried.

10. No action was taken on a request from the RUG Activity Center Animal Shelter for a lower rate on a 2nd dumpster from Clawson Disposal due to being a non-profit charitable organization. Mayor Mary Condon stated the City needs to contact Mr. Hoch and clarify their request with several options from Clawson Disposal. After arriving late, the Council addressed his request and after a brief discussion, Mayor Mary Condon requested that the City obtain an opinion from the City Attorney, Randy Stump regarding a special rate.

11. Richard Moon made the motion to approve the proposal from Wastewater Transport Services to perform maintenance on the Wastewater Treatment Plant to remove sludge and clean-out the aeration basin, Hydro-jetting and pumping the RAS line not to exceed in the amount of \$12,900.00. Lesa Ragsdale seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesa Ragsdale- for
Kory Woolverton- for
Richard Moon- for
Denise Deichmann- for
Debra Bartos Cahill- for
Motion carried.

12. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to prepare bid documents for repairing pot holes city-wide and an addendum for the street repair for the 400 block of College Avenue. Lesa Ragsdale seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesa Ragsdale- for
Kory Woolverton- for
Richard Moon- for
Denise Deichmann- for
Debra Bartos Cahill- for
Motion carried.

13. Lesa Ragsdale made the motion to approve the proposal from Sam Hobbs for mowing certain sites for the City of Florence unless a lower proposal is received and the City Council is not satisfied with the quality of work. Richard Moon seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesa Ragsdale- for
Kory Woolverton- for
Richard Moon- for

Denise Deichmann- for
Debra Bartos Cahill- for
Motion carried.

14. Denise Deichmann made the motion to approve the Resolution No. 04072015-01 canceling the May 9, 2015, General Election for the purpose of electing three Council members to the City Council for the At-Large positions and declaring the unopposed candidates elected to office. Debra Bartos Cahill seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesla Ragsdale- for
Kory Woolverton- for
Richard Moon- for
Denise Deichmann- for
Debra Bartos Cahill- for
Motion carried.

15. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion on approving Resolution No. 04072015-02 re-adopting the Investment Policy for the City of Florence. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesla Ragsdale- for
Kory Woolverton- for
Richard Moon- for
Denise Deichmann- for
Debra Bartos Cahill- for
Motion carried.

16. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Committee for a variance on 30% minimum rear yard requirement at 309 College Avenue- Jose Ortiz. Richard Moon seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesla Ragsdale- for
Kory Woolverton- for
Richard Moon- for
Denise Deichmann- for
Debra Bartos Cahill- for
Motion carried.

17. No action was taken on a sample ordinance from the City of Marlin prohibiting thru trucks, establishing truck routes. Mayor Mary Condon requested that the City obtain the City of Hutto and Wimberley Ordinance and establish a committee to create several route options for review.

Mayor Mary Condon and the City Council recessed at 7:57 pm.
Mayor Mary Condon and the City Council reconvened at 8:07 pm.

18. **Personnel Matters.** Mayor Mary Condon, the City Council, and City Secretary, Amy L. Crane, adjourned into executive session under Sec. 551.074 (a) (1) and /or (2) of the Texas Government Code at 8:07 pm, for discussion of Personnel Matters, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, consideration of the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of City Secretary, Amy L. Crane.

19. **Open session-** Mayor Mary Condon, the City Council, and City Secretary, Amy L. Crane, adjourned into

open session at 8:44 pm concerning the consideration of the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of Amy L. Crane, City Secretary, pursuant to Section 551.074 (b) of the Texas Government Code, and take action, if any, concerning such matters, and any and all other matters related thereto. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to raise the yearly salary to \$49,000.00 and adding another \$1,000.00 for next year's budget, if funds are available. Debra Bartos Cahill stated the annual review was excellent, but the City Secretary needs to cross-train other staff members for the future. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesa Ragsdale- for
Kory Woolverton- for
Richard Moon- for
Denise Deichmann- for
Debra Bartos Cahill- for
Motion carried.

20. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve the City expenditures, as presented. Richard Moon seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

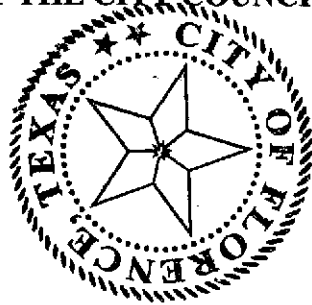
Lesa Ragsdale- for
Kory Woolverton- for
Richard Moon- for
Denise Deichmann- for
Debra Bartos Cahill- for
Motion carried.

21. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at 6:00 pm.

22. Mayor Mary Condon adjourned the meeting at 8:51 pm.


Amy L. Crane, City Secretary

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, TEXAS, this
5th day of May, 2015.




Mary Condon, Mayor

ATTEST:


Amy L. Crane, City Secretary