

August 6, 2013 Minutes

The Florence City Council met on August 6, 2013, with Mayor Mary Condon presiding and Council members Lesa Ragsdale, Kory Woolverton, Richard Moon, Denise Deichmann, and Debra Bartos Cahill were present.

Staff members present: Amy L. Crane, Wayne Bonnet, and Julie Elliott-Abshire.

Guests present:

Mayor Mary Condon called the meeting to order at 6:04 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. No citizens addressed the Council.

5. Consent Agenda-

Denise Deichmann made the motion to approve the minutes for June 4, 2013, June 12, 2013, July 2, 2013, and July 5, 2013, as presented. Debra Bartos Cahill 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.

Regular Agenda-

Committee, Council Members, and City Staff Reports:

Municipal Court- See Report.

City Secretary, Amy L Crane- See Report.

Police Department, Chief Julie Elliott-Abshire- See Report.

Public Works Department- Debra Bartos Cahill made motion authorizing Mayor Mary Condon to award a bid for tree and poison ivy removal not to exceed \$6,700.00 at the Florence Community Park. Lesa Ragsdale seconded 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.

Need to change out bathroom locks at Community Park.

6. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to authorize Mayor Mary Condon to approve the city hall improvements, as presented, and award McCastland the flooring bid. 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.

7. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion approving the 2013 tax rate at \$0.773998 per \$100.00. 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.

8. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to increase the rates as follows: 10% on water, 5% on sewer, and 5% on garbage. The tier rate will increase as presented by Public Works Director, Wayne Bonnet. The rates will be effective October 1, 2013. 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.

9. Denise Deichmann made the motion to draft a support letter for the Florence Chamber of Commerce grant application for assistance to beautify downtown from LCRA. 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.

10. Personnel Matters. Mayor Mary Condon, City Council, and Chief Julie Elliott-Abshire adjourned into executive session at 8:36 pm under Sec. 551.074 (a) (1) and /or (2) of the Texas Government Code, for discussion of Personnel Matters, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Julie Elliott-Abshire, Chief of Police, and such matters as employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of such employee.

11. Open session. Mayor Mary Condon, City Council, and Chief Julie Elliott-Abshire adjourned into open session at 9:19 pm concerning, Julie Elliott-Abshire, Chief of Police, including, but not limited to, consideration of the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of such employee, 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 issue a written warning for personnel file for issues discussed in executive session and re-evaluate situation in 30 days. 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.

12. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve the engagement letter from Taber & Burnett, P.C., for the fiscal audit year ending September 30, 2013. 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.

13. No action was taken on a request from Jerry Smith for wastewater service at 205 & 206 West Main Street. Council requested Public Works Director, Wayne Bonnet, to communicate with the City Engineer, John Bartle, on cost analysis.

14. Lesa Ragsdale made the motion to modify the contract between DM Meter Read Service from a one year contract to six months. The Council will evaluate the need in six months due to budget constraints. 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.

15. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion approving the 2nd reading for Ordinance #07022013-01 for providing regulations for the use of parks and/or municipal swimming pool within the city. 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.

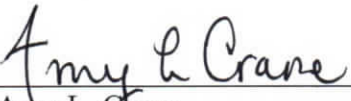
Mayor Mary Condon and the City Council recessed at 8:25 pm.
Mayor Mary Condon and the City Council reconvened at 8:35 pm.

16. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve the City expenditures, as presented. 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.

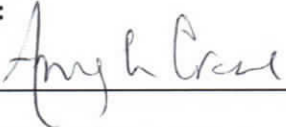
17. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 12, 2013, 6:00 pm.

18. Mayor Mary Condon adjourned the meeting at 9:21 pm.



Amy L. Crane
City Secretary

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, TEXAS, this 3 day of
September, 2013.

ATTEST:


Amy L. Crane, City Secretary



Mary Condon, Mayor

