

June 12, 2012 Minutes

The Florence City Council met on June 12, 2012, with Mayor Mary Condon presiding and Council members Lesa Ragsdale, Kory Woolverton, Richard Rogers, Denise Deichmann, and Debra Bartos Cahill present.

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

City Attorney, Randy Stump.

Guests present: Mike Payne, Marcie Ramm, Wil & Eve Lawrence, Brandi Mendoza, Martina Dones, John Hoisington, Jim McDonald.

Mayor Mary Condon called the meeting to order at 7:00 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.

John Hoisington- Mr. Hoisington concerned about the sewer pipes sticking up in his yard. Stated he fell and hurt his back for two months. They are on the property line and he cannot put up a fence. Concerned that the City has no tornado sirens around town. Concerned about the condition of the street. Mr. Hoisington also stated that waterbills are too high and has contacted State Agencies.

Brandy Mendoza stated her son was almost attacked by same two aggressive dogs last year and the owner's story keeps changing.

Jim McDonald- Mr. McDonald stated he had a similar incident at his residence in the County.

5. No action was taken on an incident regarding the shooting of two dogs on June 1, 2012.

6. 1. **Personnel Matters.** The Mayor, City Council, and City Attorney, Randy Stump, adjourned into executive session at 7:02 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, consideration of the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of Julie Elliott-Abshire, Chief of Police.

7. The Mayor, City Council, and City Attorney, Randy Stump, adjourned into open session at 7:27 pm concerning the consideration, discussion, and action of the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of Julie Elliott-Abshire, Chief of Police, 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. No action was taken on executive session items. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to accept the written statement issued and encourage all residents to comply with the law by (1) licensing and vaccinating their pets, (2) obeying all leash laws, (3) striving to keep their animals from endangering the public. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

8. 2. Conference With Attorney. The Mayor, City Council, and City Attorney, Randy Stump, adjourned into executive session at 7:02 pm under Sec. 551.071 (1)(A) and/or (B) of the Texas Government Code, for discussion of matters pertaining to the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of Julie Elliott-Abshire, and/or Sec. 551.071 (2) of the Texas Government Code concerning matters in which the duty of the City Attorney under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflict with the Open Meetings Act regarding Julie Elliott-Abshire, and matters related thereto.

9. The Mayor, City Council, and City Attorney, Randy Stump, adjourned into open session at 7:27 pm Open session concerning consideration and action, if any, arising out of the conference with the City Attorney about any of the matters described in Paragraph No. 2 above. No action was taken.

10. No Budget Workshop- Water & Sewer Revenue and General Fund.

Mayor Mary Condon and the City Council convened at 7:55 pm.

Mayor Mary Condon and the City Council re-convened at 8:06 pm.

11. No action was taken on Director of Public Works applications.

12. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve the FVFD utilizing the Florence Community Park for Wild land Fire training (No Fires). Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

13. Lesa Ragsdale made the motion to purchase a new WWTP lift station pump and refurbish the other two pumps as they are pulled, if needed. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Lesa Ragsdale amended her motion authorizing Mayor Mary Condon to obtain 3 quotes and spend up to \$8,000 for a new lift station pump. Denise Deichmann seconded Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesa Ragsdale- for
Kory Woolverton- for
Richard Rogers- for
Denise Deichmann- for

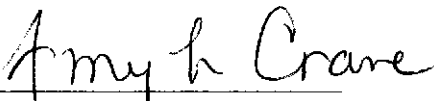
Debra Bartos Cahill- for
Motion carried.

14. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve the City expenditures as presented except Smith Pump Company. Lesa Ragsdale seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

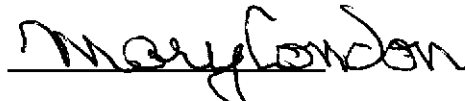
15. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 10, 2012, at 7:00 pm.

16. Mayor Mary Condon adjourned the meeting at 10:00 pm.



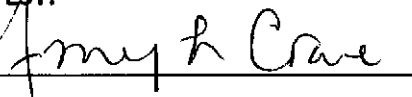
Amy L. Crane
City Secretary

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, TEXAS, this 12 day of July, 2012.



Mary Condon, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amy L. Crane, City Secretary

