

August 2, 2016 Minutes

The Florence City Council met on August 2, 2016, with Mayor Mary Condon presiding and Council members Lesa Ragsdale, Richard Moon, Denise Deichmann, and Debra Bartos Cahill were present. Kory Woolverton was absent.

Staff members present: James Cheshire, Cory Seyk, Adam Marsh, and Amy L. Crane.
City Engineer, John Bartle.

Guests present: Alicia Nichols, Judy Langford

Mayor Mary Condon called the meeting to order at 6:06 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.

Alicia Nichols updated the Council on National Night Out. Wil Lawrence announced the Library fundraiser Friday, August 5, 2016, with Kona Ice from 5-7 pm.

5. Consent Agenda-

Denise Deichmann made the motion to approve the minutes for July 5, 2016, and July 25, 2016, as presented. Debra Bartos Cahill seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesa 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, Interim Chief Adam Marsh- See Report.

Code Enforcement-

Neighborhood Watch Committee Report- No Report.

Public Works Department- No Report.

Park Restrooms- The City Council has requested the bathrooms be locked at night by the Florence Police Department and opened up by the Florence Public Works Department.

Status of Fire Hydrants- Cory Seyk mentioned the Fire Hydrant on Knauth and Brewster will be repaired in August 2016.

Chipping- Cory Seyk mentioned the Chipping will be scheduled this week.

6. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve the 2016 tax rate at 0.704030 per \$100. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesa Ragsdale-for

Kory Woolverton- absent

Richard Moon- for

Denise Deichmann- for

Debra Bartos Cahill- for
Motion carried.

7. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to authorize Mayor Mary Condon to approve the expenditure to inspect Well # 3 with a camera, if needed, after Apex reviews the video. Richard Moon seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

8. No action was taken on Well # 4. The City Council requested the City Engineer, John Bartle, to contact TCEQ regarding the rules and regulations for the installation of the PVC liner.

9. Lesa Ragsdale made the motion to increase water rates, as presented. The new rates will be effective October 2016. Richard Moon seconded the motion.

Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

10. Debra Bartos Cahill made a motion on approving an engagement letter from Taber & Burnett, P.C. to perform the audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

11. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion approving a Resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Application to TDA for the Community Enhancement Fund with a minimum of \$25,000 match for a Community Center. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

12. Denise Deichmann made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Florence and the Florence Lions Club for the Grant submission Community Enhancement Fund. Richard Moon seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesa Ragsdale-abstain
Kory Woolverton- absent

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

13. Richard Moon made the motion awarding a contract to Langford Community Management Services for a Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant Application. Debra Bartos Cahill seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

Mayor Mary Condon and the City Council recessed at 7:55 pm.
Mayor Mary Condon and the City Council reconvened at 8:06 pm.

14. Personnel Matters. Mayor Mary Condon, the City Council, and Cory Seyk adjourned into executive session under Sec. 551.074 (a) (1) and/or (2) of the Texas Government Code at 8:58 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 Cory Seyk, Public Works Department.

15. Open Session- Mayor Mary Condon, the City Council, and Cory Seyk adjourned into open session at 9:24 pm concerning the consideration of the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of Cory Seyk, Public Works Department, 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 open session.

16. Debra Bartos Cahill made a motion on awarding a contract to Langford Community Management Services for a qualified Professional Administrator or Service Provider for a Texas Department of Agriculture office of Rural Affairs for water system improvements. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

17. Denise Deichmann 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- absent
Richard Moon- for
Denise Deichmann- for
Debra Bartos Cahill- for
Motion carried.

18. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 10, 2016, at 6:00 pm.

19. Mayor Mary Condon adjourned the meeting at 9:41 pm.

Amy L. Crane
Amy L. Crane, City Secretary

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, TEXAS, this
6 day of September, 2016.



Mary Condon
Mary Condon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy L. Crane
Amy L. Crane, City Secretary