

July 11, 2017 Minutes

The Florence City Council met on July 11, 2017, with Mayor Mary Condon presiding and Council members Lesa Ragsdale, Kory Woolverton, Richard Moon, and Denise Deichmann were present. Debra Bartos Cahill was absent.

Staff members present: Neil Borders, Jr., James Cheshire, Adam Marsh, Alicia Nichols, Christopher Bryce, and Amy L. Crane.

City Attorney, Randy Stump
Legal Counsel, Michael Golden

Guests present: Shauna Elms

Mayor Mary Condon called the meeting to order at 5:02 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.

Shauna Elms addressed the Council regarding her complaints of harassment from Chief of Police, Adam Marsh.

5. Personnel Matters. Mayor Mary Condon, City Council, Attorney Michael Golden, Attorney Randy Stump, and Lt. Christopher Bryce adjourned into executive session at 5:42 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, regarding a claim filed by Lt. Christopher Bryce.

6. Mayor Mary Condon, City Council, Attorney Michael Golden, Attorney Randy Stump, and Lt. Christopher Bryce adjourned into **Open session** at 6:19 pm concerning the consideration regarding a claim filed by Lt. Christopher Bryce, 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. Richard Moon made the motion to authorize Legal Counsel, Michael Golden and Randy Stump, to discuss claim with Lt. Christopher Bryce and come to a resolution. 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- absent

Motion carried.

7. Conference With Attorney. Mayor Mary Condon, City Council, Attorney Michael Golden, and Attorney Randy Stump adjourned into executive session at 5:07 pm under Sec. 551.071 (1)(A) and/or (B) of the Texas Government Code, for discussion of matters pertaining to a claim filed by Lt. Christopher Bryce, 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 Lt. Christopher Bryce, and matters related thereto.

8. Mayor Mary Condon, City Council, Attorney Michael Golden, and Attorney Randy Stump adjourned into **Open session** at 5:40 pm concerning consideration and action, if any, arising out of the conference with the City Attorney about any of the matters described in Agenda Item # 7. No action was taken.

9. Personnel Matters. Mayor Mary Condon, City Council, Attorney Michael Golden, Attorney Randy Stump, and Chief of Police, Adam Marsh, adjourned into executive session at 6:39 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 Adam Marsh, Chief of Police, arising from a complaint filed.

10. Mayor Mary Condon, City Council, Attorney Michael Golden, Attorney Randy Stump, and Chief of Police, Adam Marsh, adjourned into **Open session** at 6:55 pm concerning the consideration of the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of Adam Marsh, Chief of Police, arising from a complaint filed. 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.

11. Conference With Attorney. Mayor Mary Condon, City Council, Attorney Michael Golden, and Attorney Randy Stump adjourned into Adjourned into executive session at 6:21 pm under Sec. 551.071 (1)(A) and/or (B) of the Texas Government Code, for discussion of matters pertaining to the settlement of issues pertaining to the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of Adam Marsh arising from a complaint filed, 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 Adam Marsh, and matters related thereto.

12. Mayor Mary Condon, City Council, Attorney Michael Golden, and Attorney Randy Stump adjourned into **Open session** at 6:36 pm concerning consideration and action, if any, arising out of the conference with the City Attorney about any of the matters described in Agenda Item # 11. No action was taken.

13. Consent Agenda-

Denise Deichmann made the motion to approve the minutes for June 6, 2017, 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- absent

Motion carried.

Regular Agenda-

Committee, Council Members, and City Staff Reports:

14. Municipal Court- See Report.

15. City Secretary, Amy L Crane- See Report.

16. City Clerk, Alicia Nichols- See Report.

17. Police Department, Chief Adam Marsh- See Report.

Code Enforcement- No Report.

GPS Update- No Report.

Neighborhood Watch Committee Report- See Report.

18. Public Works Department- See Report. Chipper is not operational.

19. Denise Deichmann made the motion to purchase a remanufactured blower from Austin Armature Works in the amount of \$21,698,75 for the WWTP. 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- absent
Motion carried.

20. No action was taken on Well # 4 Repair.

Mayor Mary Condon and the City Council recessed at 7:47 pm.
Mayor Mary Condon and the City Council reconvened at 7:58 pm.

21. Richard Moon made the motion to authorize Neil Borders, Jr., to utilize the City truck to commute to work from home and review in 3 months. 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- absent
Motion carried.

22. Denise Deichmann made the motion to adopt the General Orders for the Florence Police Department. Motion died due to lack of second. No action was taken on adopting the General Orders for the Florence Police Department. Council requested to review the Orders before adopting.

23. Richard Moon made the motion to accept the Employment Contract for a Licensed Water Operator from AJ Olson pending Legal Opinion on Employment Contract. 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- absent
Motion carried.

24. Richard Moon made a motion to accept the proposal in the amount of \$1,500.00 from Mick Martin to supervise a project to dewater the wastewater plant, refurbish down drop diffusers, piping, cleaning the aeration basin, repair clarifier scrapers. 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- absent
Motion carried.

25. Richard Moon made the motion to authorize Mayor Mary Condon and City Secretary, Amy L Crane, to negotiate a proposal to rent space on the City Water Tower with Rock Solid Internet and Telephone Service with guidance from the City Attorney, Randy Stump. 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- absent
Motion carried.

26. No action was taken on Fire Hydrants. City Council requested more quotes.

27. No action was taken on a request from Daniel Ortiz on rebuilding and repaving North Love Street and East Main Street to Gardner Street.

28. Denise Deichmann made the motion to renew the annual agreement between the City of Florence and the Florence Chamber of Commerce regarding the Fountain on East Main Street. Lesa Ragsdale seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

29. Lesa Ragsdale made the motion to appoint Debra Bartos Cahill as Mayor Pro-Tem. Richard Moon seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

30. Lesa Ragsdale made the motion to deny the request from Miranda Denson to remove the late fee from her water bill due to her not receiving the bill. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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


31. No action was taken on railing for the Florence Community Park and the SRTS sidewalk on College. The City will obtain quotes.

32. Denise Deichmann made the motion to approve the City expenditures, as presented. Lesa Ragsdale seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

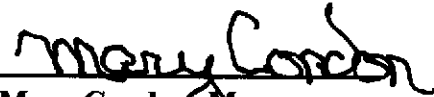
33. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1, 2017, at 6:00 pm.

34. Mayor Mary Condon adjourned the meeting at 8:53 pm.



Amy L. Crane, City Secretary

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, TEXAS, this
1 day of August, 2017.



Mary Condon, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amy L. Crane, City Secretary

