

September 7, 2021 Public Hearing Proposed Tax Rate Minutes

The Florence City Council met on September 7, 2021, at 6:00 pm with Mary Condon presiding to hear public comments and/or concerns on the on the proposed 2021 tax rate. The public hearing closed at 6:02 pm.

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The Florence City Council met on September 7, 2021 with Mayor Mary Condon presiding and Council members Debra Bartos Cahill (arrived 7:03 pm), Lesa Ragsdale, Kory Woolverton, and Jesus Castillo. Amanda Davis was absent.

Staff members present Amy L. Crane, Ramona Batchelor, Doug Bryant, Adam Marsh, AJ Olson, and Adrienne Seal.

City Engineer Dan Hejl

Guests present: Ben and Kim Daniel, Peggy Morse

Mayor Mary Condon called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

4. Mayor Mary Condon asked that Guest addressing the Council speak at this time.
No citizens addressed the Council.

5. Consent Agenda-

Lesla Ragsdale made the motion to approve the minutes for August 3, 2021, August 23, 2021, and August 30, 2021, as presented. Jesus Castillo seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesla Ragsdale- for

Amanda Davis- absent

Kory Woolverton- for

Jesus Castillo- for

Debra Bartos Cahill- abstain

Motion carried.

6. Regular Agenda-

Committee, Council Members, and City Staff Reports:

7. **Mayor/Council Report-** No report.

8. **Municipal Court- Administrator Ramona Batchelor-** See report.

9. **City Secretary Amy L. Crane-** See report.

10. **Police Department Chief Adam Marsh-** See report.

11. **Public Works Department-** See report.

12. **Florence Chamber of Commerce-** The Chamber Banquet will be held September 18, 2021 at Reunion Ranch.

13. **Florence ISD Afterschool Centers on Education- ACE- Angel Callan-** No report.

14. **Florence Planning and Zoning Committee-** Committee finishing up draft of new zoning ordinance.

15. Building Services Director Adrienne Seal- See report.

16. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve the 1st reading of ORDINANCE NO 09072021-01 annexing the property described herein to the City of Florence, Williamson County, Texas ("city") and extending the boundary limits of the city to include such property within the city limits, and granting to the property and to all future inhabitants of the property all of the rights and privileges of other citizens and binding the future inhabitants of the property by all of the acts and Ordinance of the city located on FM 970-Juster. Lesa Ragsdale seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesa Ragsdale- for
Amanda Davis- absent
Kory Woolverton- for
Jesus Castillo- for
Debra Bartos Cahill- for
Motion carried.

17. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to deny the request from Buffalo Farmers Market to waive vendor fees for the First Friday events. Kory Woolverton seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesa Ragsdale- abstain
Amanda Davis- for
Kory Woolverton- absent
Jesus Castillo- for
Debra Bartos Cahill- for
Motion carried.

18. Lesa Ragsdale made the motion to approve the proposal from Advanced Groundwater Solutions, LLC authorizing Task 1 and 3 totaling \$14,000.00. Jesus Castillo seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesa Ragsdale- for
Amanda Davis- absent
Kory Woolverton- for
Jesus Castillo- for
Debra Bartos Cahill- absent
Motion carried.

19. Lesa Ragsdale made the motion on approving the recommendations from Planning and Zoning regarding variance requests on the following preliminary plats-

- a.) Preslar Addition- lot sizes
- b.) Brewster Addition- lot sizes

Debra Bartos Cahill seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesa Ragsdale- for
Amanda Davis- absent
Kory Woolverton- for
Jesus Castillo- for
Debra Bartos Cahill- for
Motion carried.

20. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion on approving the recommendations from Planning and Zoning regarding the following preliminary plats-

- a.) Preslar Addition- Aaron Altom
- b.) Brewster Addition- Brandon Adkinson

Lesla Ragsdale seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesla Ragsdale- for
Amanda Davis- absent
Kory Woolverton- for
Jesus Castillo- for
Debra Bartos Cahill- for
Motion carried.

21. Mayor Mary Condon, the City Council, and Doug Bryant adjourned into executive session at 9:01 pm to discuss Personnel Matters 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 Doug Bryant, Public Works Crew Leader.

22. Mayor Mary Condon, the City Council, and Doug Bryant convened into open session at 10:20 pm concerning the consideration of the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of Public Works Crew Leader, Doug Bryant, 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. Jesus Castillo made the motion to place Doug Bryant on a 60-day probation with the following performance improvement plan objectives-

- Employee accountability for self & others
- Counsel and document employees
- Efficiency on all systems such as time clock management, work orders, and maintenance around the city
- Employee morale

Debra Bartos Cahill seconded the motion.
Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesla Ragsdale- for
Amanda Davis- absent
Kory Woolverton- for
Jesus Castillo- for
Debra Bartos Cahill- for
Motion carried.

23. Lesla Ragsdale made the motion to approve up to \$19,750.00 for the concrete pads for the Florence PD city-wide camera system from the forfeiture funds. Debra Bartos Cahill seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesla Ragsdale- for
Amanda Davis- absent
Kory Woolverton- for
Jesus Castillo- for
Debra Bartos Cahill- for
Motion carried.

24. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion approving Resolution No 09072021-01 setting the 2021 tax rate. Lesla

Ragsdale seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesa Ragsdale- for
Amanda Davis- absent
Kory Woolverton- for
Jesus Castillo- for
Debra Bartos Cahill- for
Motion carried.

25. Lesa Ragsdale made the motion approving the quote from Jergensen Pump to rehab well # 3 not to exceed \$18,000.00. Jesus Castillo seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesa Ragsdale- for
Amanda Davis- absent
Kory Woolverton- for
Jesus Castillo- for
Debra Bartos Cahill- for
Motion carried.

26. Lesa Ragsdale made the motion approving the proposal from Ayan Ali regarding Eagle Scout Project consisting of a 10 x 10 patio behind the Florence Public Library. Jesus Castillo seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesa Ragsdale- for
Amanda Davis- absent
Kory Woolverton- for
Jesus Castillo- for
Debra Bartos Cahill- for
Motion carried.

27. No action was taken on Don Strawn request regarding Salado Lane. Mayor Mary Condon and Chief of Police Adam Marsh will research building lines with county regarding placement of fence in Salado Lane.

28. Debra Bartos Cahill made motion to approve an updated call-out policy for the on-call phone stipend from \$25.00 to \$75.00 a week and 2 hour minimum if the employee is physically called out to come in and handle situation. Lesa Ragsdale seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesa Ragsdale- for
Amanda Davis- absent
Kory Woolverton- for
Jesus Castillo- for
Debra Bartos Cahill- for
Motion carried.

29. Debra Bartos Cahill 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
Amanda Davis- absent
Kory Woolverton- for
Jesus Castillo- for
Debra Bartos Cahill- for
Motion carried.

30. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 13, 2021, at 6:00 pm. Mayor Mary Condon polled the Council who would be present at the next meeting.

Lesla Ragsdale- confirmed

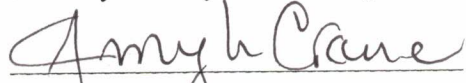
Amanda Davis- absent

Kory Woolverton- confirmed

Jesus Castillo- confirmed

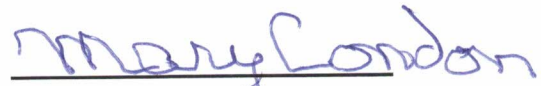
Debra Bartos Cahill- confirmed

31. Mayor Mary Condon adjourned the meeting at 10:30 pm.



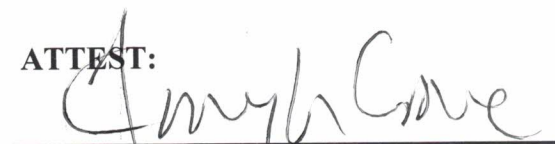
Amy L. Crane, City Secretary

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, TEXAS, this
3 day of November, 2021.



Mary Condon, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amy L. Crane, City Secretary

