

November 7, 2022 Minutes

The Florence City Council met on November 7, 2022, with Mayor Mary Condon presiding and Council members Lesa Ragsdale, Amy Hansson, Kory Woolverton, and Debra Bartos Cahill were present. Denise Deichmann was absent.

Staff members present Amy L. Crane, Mary Dixon, Adam Marsh, Ramona Batchelor, Jeffrey Dixon and City Attorney Randy Stump.

Guests present: Don Strawn, Lana Shelton, Lanny Booth, Bob Lawson.

Mayor Mary Condon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Mary Condon asked that Guests addressing the Council to speak at this time. Lanny Booth inquired about why his water bill was higher than usual.

Consent Agenda-

Lesla Ragsdale made the motion to approve the minutes for October 4, 2022; as presented. Debra Bartos Cahill seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesla Ragsdale- for

Denise Deichmann- absent

Kory Woolverton- for

Amy Hansson- for

Debra Bartos Cahill- for

Motion carried.

Regular Agenda-

Committee, Council Members, and City Staff Reports:

4. **Presentation from Florence ISD Superintendent** – Paul Michaelis updated the Council regarding the bond project and potential site locations for the new elementary.
5. **Mayor/Council Report-** No report
6. **Municipal Court-** See Report.
7. **City Secretary, Amy L. Crane-** See Report.
8. **Police Department, Chief Adam Marsh-** See Report.
9. **Public Works Department-** See Report.
10. **Florence Chamber of Commerce-** No report.
11. **Florence ISD Afterschool Centers on Education-ACE- Angel Callan-** No Report.
12. **Florence Planning and Zoning Committee-** No report.
13. **Building Services Director-** See Report.

14. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to table the request for discussion on the alley abandonment regarding Skaggs Avenue until Bob Lawson can bring in additional documents showing where Skagg Avenue was deeded back to Byron Skaggs. Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesa Ragsdale- for
Denise Deichmann- absent
Kory Woolverton- for
Amy Hansson- for
Debra Bartos Cahill- for
Motion carried.

Mayor Mary Condon and the City Council recessed at 11:10 am

Mayor Mary Condon and the City Council reconvened at 11:24 am

15. Personal Matters: Mayor Mary Condon, City Council Members and Jeff Dixon adjourned into executive session under Sec. 551.074 (a) (1) and/or (2) of the Texas Government Code, AT 11:25 AM for discussion of Personnel Matters -, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, consideration of the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of Jeff Dixon, Public Works Director.

16. Mayor Mary Condon, City Council Members and Jeffrey Dixon adjourned into open session AT 12:06 PM concerning the consideration of the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of Jeff Dixon, Public Works Director, 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 for Jeff Dixon to adhere to all company policies and procedures, install white board to be used and City Council would have review again in sixty (60) days. Amy Hansson second the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesa Ragsdale- for
Denise Deichmann- absent
Kory Woolverton- for
Amy Hansson- for
Debra Bartos Cahill- for
Motion carried.

17. No action was taken on either items: (a) construction contract between Hartland Park & Recreation LLC and the City of Florence (“Swimming Contract”) and/or (b) dispute regarding Salado Lane and encroachment issue.

18. Mayor Mary Condon, City Council Members and City Attorney Randy Stump adjourned into executive session under Sec. 551.071 (1)(A) and/or (8) of the Texas Government Code AT 9:20 AM seeking legal advice from City Attorney and/or legal counsel regarding: (a.)potential litigation and/or proposed settlement offer for such Swimming Pool Contract, and/or potential litigation and/or proposed settlement offers for Salado Lane location and encroachment dispute; Executive Session shall be held pursuant to Sec. 551.071 (1)(A) and/or (B) of the Texas Government Code, and/or Sec. 551.071 (2) of the Texas Government Code concerning matters in which the duty of the City Attorney and City legal counsel under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflict with the Open Meetings Act regarding and matters related thereto.

19. Mayor Mary Condon, City Council Members and City Attorney Randy Stump adjourned into open session AT 9:43 AM concerning consideration and action, if any, arising out of the conference with City Attorney and/or legal counsel about any of the matters described in Paragraph No. 2 above.

Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion authorizing City Attorney Randy Stump to negotiate on behalf of the City the final payment due to Hartland Park & Recreation LLC and Lesa Ragsdale second the motion. Debra Bartos Cahill authorized City Attorney Randy Stump to negotiate on behalf of the City necessary communication between the property owners involved in the Salado Lane dispute, to include but not limited to, contacting all property owners for authorizations so surveyors of record can speak openly with each other to assist with resolving the issues and complaints of Salado Lane. Lesa Ragsdale second the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesa Ragsdale- for
Denise Deichmann- absent
Kory Woolverton- for
Amy Hansson- for
Debra Bartos Cahill- for
Motion carried.

20. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to refund the fee of \$5,000.00 to Nightingale Subdivision regarding variances that were not formally submitted to the Board of Adjustments. Lesa Ragsdale second the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesa Ragsdale- for
Denise Deichmann- absent
Kory Woolverton- for
Amy Hansson- for
Debra Bartos Cahill- for
Motion carried.

21. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve the Expenditures, as presented. Lesa Ragsdale second the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesa Ragsdale- for
Denise Deichmann- absent
Kory Woolverton- for
Amy Hansson- for
Debra Bartos Cahill- for
Motion carried.

22. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve purchasing ticket writers from Tyler Technologies from the Florence Police Department forfeiture fund. Amy Hansson second the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.


Lesa Ragsdale- for
Denise Deichmann- absent
Kory Woolverton- for
Amy Hansson- for
Debra Bartos Cahill- for
Motion carried.

23. The next Council meeting is scheduled for December 6th at 6:00 pm. Mayor Mary Condon polled the Council who would be present at the next meeting.

Lesa Ragsdale- confirmed
Denise Deichmann- absent
Kory Woolverton- confirmed


Amy Hansson- confirmed
Debra Bartos Cahill- confirmed
Motion carried.

24. Mayor Mary Condon adjourned the meeting at 12:08 pm.




Amy L. Crane, City Secretary

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, TEXAS, this
6 day of December, 2022.



Mary Condon, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amy L. Crane, City Secretary.

