

## March 7, 2023 Public Hearing Minutes

Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Bartos Cahill called the public hearing to order at 6:00 pm. The meeting will hear public comments and concerns on the proposed rezoning request from BS Novak Construction Inc. to rezone from Agriculture District to Multi-Family District - WCAD Parcel R010757 also known as 405 South Love Avenue, Florence, Texas 76527. Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Bartos Cahill closed the public hearing at 6:02 pm.

## March 7, 2023 Minutes

The Florence City Council met on March 7, 2023, with Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Bartos Cahill presiding and Council members Denise Deichmann, Lesa Ragsdale, Amy Hansson, and Kory Woolverton were present. Mayor Mary Condon was absent.

Staff members present Amy L. Crane, Mary Dixon, Josh Teitge, Adam Marsh, Cynthia Castillo, and Jeffrey Dixon.

Guests present: Forrest Hyde, Peggy Morse, Don Strawn, Lue Wilhite, Angel Callan, Rick Castleberry, Al Peterson, Lindsey and Andrew Peterson, and Robert Pearman

Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Bartos Cahill called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Bartos Cahill asked that Guests addressing the Council speak at this time. Don Strawn inquired about the status of the survey for Salado Lane. Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Bartos Cahill stated once the survey is submitted officially to the city, it will be placed on the next regular agenda and certified letters will be sent to all parties involved upon Council final decision of the survey.

### **5. Consent Agenda-**

Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve the minutes for February 7, 2023, as presented. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Bartos Cahill asked to poll the Council.

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

### **Regular Agenda- Committee, Council Members, and City Staff Reports:**

**6. Mayor/Council Report-** No Report.

**7. Municipal Court-** See Report.

**8. City Secretary, Amy L. Crane-** See Report.

**9. Police Department, Chief Adam Marsh-** See Report.

**10. Public Works Department-** See Report.

Les Ragsdale made the motion to approve the quote from SAMCO Leak Detection for two locations at South/Story and Patterson/Main with a maximum cost of \$3,500.00. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Bartos Cahill asked to poll the Council.

Les Ragsdale- for

Denise Deichmann- for

Kory Woolverton- for

Amy Hansson- for

Debra Bartos Cahill- for

Motion carried.

**11. Florence Chamber of Commerce-** A.C.E. program will be promoting their program at First Friday's.

**12. Florence Planning and Zoning Committee-** No Report.

**13. Florence ISD Afterschool Centers on Education-ACE- Angel Callan-** On February 18, 2023, A.C.E. hosted a family CPR class. The program is growing with many clubs being added.

Les Ragsdale made the motion approving the program designating a space approved by the city to build a community garden at the Florence Community Park. Debra Bartos Cahill seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Bartos Cahill asked to poll the Council.

Les Ragsdale- for

Denise Deichmann- for

Kory Woolverton- for

Amy Hansson- for

Debra Bartos Cahill- for

Motion carried.

**14. Building Services Director, Mary Dixon-** See Report. Public Works Director Jeff Dixon and Mary Dixon will be working on a program for grease trap inspections quarterly.

**15.** Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion on authorizing City Staff to prepare and advertised RFP for mowing certain city facilities, as presented. Les Ragsdale seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Bartos Cahill asked to poll the Council.

Les Ragsdale- for

Denise Deichmann- for

Kory Woolverton- for

Amy Hansson- for

Debra Bartos Cahill- for

Motion carried.

**16.** Denise Deichmann made a motion on accepting the Planning and Zoning recommendation to approve a proposed rezoning request from BS Novak Construction Inc to rezone from Agriculture District to Multi-Family District- WCAD Parcel R010757 also known as 405 South Love Avenue, Florence, Texas 76527. Les Ragsdale seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Bartos Cahill asked to poll the Council.

Les Ragsdale- for

Denise Deichmann- for

Kory Woolverton- abstain

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

**17.** Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion approving the preliminary plat for the Nightingale Subdivision- FM 970, as presented. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Bartos Cahill asked to poll the Council.

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

**18.** Lesa Ragsdale made the motion approving a contract from People Ready Skilled Trades for recruiting employees. Debra Bartos Cahill seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Bartos Cahill asked to poll the Council.

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

**19. Personnel Matters.** Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Bartos Cahill, City Council, and Jeff Dixon **adjourned into executive session** at 7:48 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 Jeff Dixon, Public Works Director- Performance Review.

**20.** Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Bartos Cahill, City Council, and Jeff Dixon reconvened into **Open session** at 8:13 pm concerning the consideration of the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of Jeff Dixon, Public Works Director- Performance Review, 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 to re-visit Improvement plan progression in 30 days. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Bartos Cahill asked to poll the Council.

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

**21. Personnel Matters.** Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Bartos Cahill, City Council, and Adam Marsh **adjourned into executive session** at 8:14 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- Performance Review.

**22.** Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Bartos Cahill, City Council, and Adam Marsh reconvened into **Open session** at 8:42

pm consideration of the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of Adam Marsh- Chief of Police- Performance Review, 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 requesting that the Police Department improve communications and direct individuals to dial 911. Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Bartos Cahill asked to poll the Council.

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

**23.** Discussion, consideration, and possible action on quotes from the Florence Police Department forfeiture account.

**a.** National Police Week held in Washington, D.C.- Chief and Lt to attend May 12-17, 2023- \$ 3,500.00. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion approving DC training which includes all travel and lodging expenses. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Bartos Cahill asked to poll the Council.

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

**b.** Axon Enterprise, Inc. for body-worn cameras and in-car dash cameras for a total amount of \$147,979.28. No action was taken due to the cost being over the procurement threshold of \$50,000.00. Chief Marsh stated that DOJ funds do not fall under procurement rules and has reached out to DOJ and TML for clarification. Debra Bartos Cahill requested a copy of the documnetation from TML and DOJ to confirm procurment rules.

**24.** Lesa Ragsdale made the motion to approve **a** Joint Election Agreement between the City of Florence and Florence ISD. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Bartos Cahill asked to poll the Council.

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

**25.** No item on Agenda # 25- numbering incorrect.

**26.** Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion approving a quote from Secure Vision for 25 AMI water meters in the amount of \$8,750.00. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Bartos Cahill asked to poll the Council.

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

**27.** Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion approving the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading amending Article 5.03, Fire Code, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Florence, Texas to adopt the 2018 International Fire Code as amended by Williamson County. Lesa Ragsdale seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Bartos Cahill asked to poll the Council.  
Lesla Ragsdale- for  
Denise Deichmann- for  
Kory Woolverton- for  
Amy Hansson- for  
Debra Bartos Cahill- for  
Motion carried.

**28.** Lesa Ragsdale made the motion to approve an order of election for May 6, 2023, for the purpose of electing three Council seats and a measure for the reauthorization of the local sales and use tax in the City of Florence, Texas at the rate of ¼ of 1 percent to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets. The tax expires on the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the date of this election unless the imposition of the tax is reauthorized. Lesa Ragsdale seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Bartos Cahill asked to poll the Council.  
Lesla Ragsdale- for  
Denise Deichmann- for  
Kory Woolverton- for  
Amy Hansson- for  
Debra Bartos Cahill- for  
Motion carried.

**29.** Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion approving the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance No. 03072023-01 ordering an Election on Saturday, May 6, 2023, for one local sale and use tax proposition; the reauthorization of the local sales and use tax in the City of Florence, Texas at the rate of ¼ of 1 percent to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Bartos Cahill asked to poll the Council.  
Lesla Ragsdale- for  
Denise Deichmann- for  
Kory Woolverton- for  
Amy Hansson- for  
Debra Bartos Cahill- for  
Motion carried.

**30.** No item on Agenda # 30- numbering incorrect.

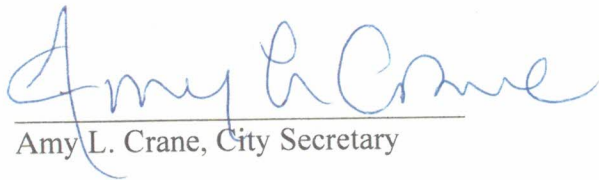
**31.** No action was taken on approving Resolution No. 03072023-02 authorizing the City Secretary to prepare for the sales tax election for May 6, 2023. Including, but not limiting to, filing an application for preclearance with the U.S. Justice Department for such election. Preclearance is no longer required.

**32.** Denise Deichmann made the motion to approve the city expenditures, as presented. Debra Bartos Cahill seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Bartos Cahill asked to poll the Council.  
Lesla Ragsdale- for  
Denise Deichmann- for  
Kory Woolverton- for  
Amy Hansson- for  
Debra Bartos Cahill- for  
Motion carried.

33. The next Council meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2023, at 6:00 pm. Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Bartos Cahill polled the Council who would be present at the next meeting.

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

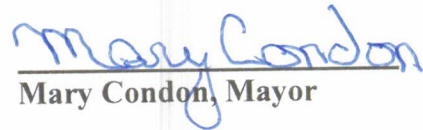
34. Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Bartos Cahill adjourned the meeting at 8:46 pm.



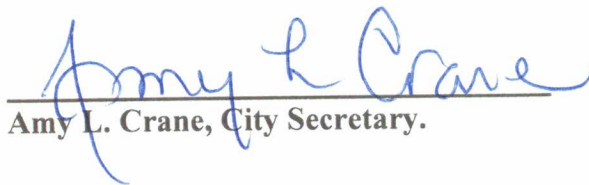
Amy L. Crane, City Secretary

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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, TEXAS, this  
4 day of April, 2023.

  
Mary Condon, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Amy L. Crane, City Secretary.

