

## September 5, 2023 Minutes

The Florence City Council met on September 5, 2023, with Mayor Mary Condon presiding and Council members Amy Hansson, Debra Bartos Cahill, Denise Deichmann and Mike Harrell present. Lesa Ragsdale was absent.

Staff members present: Jamie Hargrove-Jacobs, Mary Dixon, Adam Marsh, Stacey Adams

Guests present: Peggy Morse, JT Atkinson, Craig Clark, Dan Hejl

Mayor Mary Condon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mike Harrell gave the invocation.

**Mayor Mary Condon asked any Guests addressing the Council to speak at this time.** No Public comments.

### **Consent Agenda-**

1. a. Denise Deichmann made the motion to approve the minutes for August 1, 2023 and August 24, 2023; as presented. Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesla Ragsdale- absent

Denise Deichmann- for

Mike Harrell - for

Amy Hansson- for

Debra Bartos Cahill- for

Motion carried.

### **Regular Agenda-**

#### **Committee, Council Members, and City Staff Reports:**

2. **Mayor/Council Report-** Mayor reported she had a meeting scheduled with City of Georgetown on 8/19/2023 for updates on reserved water and future wholesale water options.

**Municipal Court, Ramona Batchelor-** No report.

4. **City Secretary, Jamie Hargrove-Jacobs -** See Report.

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

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

7. **Florence Chamber of Commerce-** Peggy Morse reported After Hours event for September 14<sup>th</sup>, Chamber Gala on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and Main Street Clean-Up and First Friday for October 6<sup>th</sup>.

8. **Florence Planning and Zoning Committee-** No report.

9. **Florence ISD Afterschool Centers on Education-ACE- Angel Callan-** No Report.

10. **Building Services Director-** See Report.

12. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to accept the Resolution 09052023-01 to approve a municipal services agreement with Dr. Richard and Elizabeth Moon related to the proposed annexation of 89.16 acres, more or less, of land out of the Josephus Hornsby Survey, Abstract No. 285, in Williamson County, Texas (Parcel R010009). Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesa Ragsdale- absent  
Denise Deichmann- for  
Mike Harrell - for  
Amy Hansson- for  
Debra Bartos Cahill- for  
Motion carried.

13. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 09052023-01 to annex into the city limits 89.16 acres, more or less, of land out of the Josephus Hornsby Survey, Abstract No. 285, in Williamson County, Texas (Parcel R010009, owned by Dr. Richard and Elizabeth Moon), and to provide for temporary zoning of such land as Agricultural upon annexation. Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesa Ragsdale- absent  
Denise Deichmann- for  
Mike Harrell - for  
Amy Hansson- for  
Debra Bartos Cahill- for  
Motion carried

14. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to accept contracting with Amy Crane to provide additional training to the City at a rate of \$40 per hour; not to exceed forty (40) hours. Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesa Ragsdale- absent  
Denise Deichmann- for  
Mike Harrell - for  
Amy Hansson- for  
Debra Bartos Cahill- for  
Motion carried

15. Denise Deichmann made the motion to allow the City Secretary to have discretion to allow City Hall employees to not wear uniform on Fridays or special occasions. Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesa Ragsdale- absent  
Denise Deichmann- for  
Mike Harrell - for  
Amy Hansson- for  
Debra Bartos Cahill- for  
Motion carried

16. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to award the contract to Westar Construction, in the amount of \$271,510.00, for the TXCDBG Contract No. CDV21-0049 HLA Project No. 89619 for the 2021/2022 TXCDBC water line improvements project. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesa Ragsdale- absent  
Denise Deichmann- for  
Mike Harrell - for

Amy Hansson- for  
Debra Bartos Cahill- for  
Motion carried

17. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to set the date of September 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with an alternate date of September 18, 2023, at 6 p.m., if needed, to meet and adopt the proposed 2023 property tax rate. Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesla Ragsdale- absent  
Denise Deichmann- for  
Mike Harrell - for  
Amy Hansson- for  
Debra Bartos Cahill- for  
Motion carried

18. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to remove Paul Ward and Wilford A, Lawrence from the Vera Bank Library signature cards. Mike Harrell seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesla Ragsdale- absent  
Denise Deichmann- for  
Mike Harrell - for  
Amy Hansson- for  
Debra Bartos Cahill- for  
Motion carried

19. Amy Hansson made the motion to increase sewer rates by 10% across the tiers and to increase water rates as follows: 0 – 10,000 gallons by an additional 10%; 10,001 to 15,000 gallons by an additional 15% and 15,001 and up gallons by an additional 20% and for the bulk water to remain as approved on April 4, 2023, which was \$7.00 per 100 gallons with a \$25.00 hose connection fee per each load. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesla Ragsdale- absent  
Denise Deichmann- for  
Mike Harrell - for  
Amy Hansson- for  
Debra Bartos Cahill- for  
Motion carried

20. Discussion, consideration and possible action on capping well #1, per TCEQ requirements, was tabled for further review of differences in quote line items.

21. Amy Hansson made the motion to approve the final draft of the 2023-2024 General Fund and Water/Wastewater Budget; as presented. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesla Ragsdale- absent  
Denise Deichmann- for  
Mike Harrell - for  
Amy Hansson- for  
Debra Bartos Cahill- for  
Motion carried

22. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to allow Mr. Craig Clark a variance to fill water storage tanks

overnight to allow usage of car wash activity during normal operating hours. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesa Ragsdale- absent  
Denise Deichmann- for  
Mike Harrell - for  
Amy Hansson- for  
Debra Bartos Cahill- for  
Motion carried

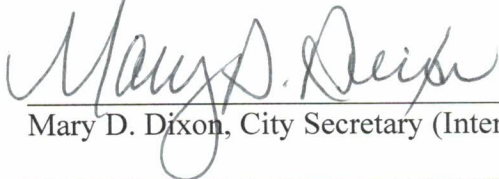
23. Denise Deichmann made the motion to approve the expenditures. Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesa Ragsdale- absent  
Denise Deichmann- for  
Mike Harrell - for  
Amy Hansson- for  
Debra Bartos Cahill- for  
Motion carried

24. The next Council meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2023, at 6:00 pm. Mayor Mary Condon polled the Council who would be present at the next meeting.

Lesa Ragsdale- absent  
Denise Deichmann- confirmed  
Mike Harrell - confirmed  
Amy Hansson- confirmed  
Debra Bartos Cahill- confirmed  
Motion carried.

25. Mayor Mary Condon adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

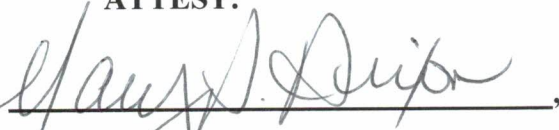
  
Mary D. Dixon, City Secretary (Interim)

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**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, TEXAS, this**  
**3rd** day of October, 2023.

  
Mary Condon, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Mary D. Dixon, City Secretary (Interim)