

## September 27, 2023 Public Hearing Minutes

Mayor Mary Condon called the public hearing meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was to hear public comments and concerns on the proposed 2023/2024 budget. Mayor Mary Condon closed the hearing at 6:01 p.m.

## September 27, 2023 Minutes

The Florence City Council met on September 27, 2023, with Mayor Mary Condon presiding and Council members Amy Hansson, Debra Bartos Cahill, Denise Deichmann, Lesa Ragsdale and Mike Harrell present.

Staff members present: Mary Dixon

Guests present: Peggy Morse, J.T. Atkinson, Gerald and Linda Nunn

Mayor Mary Condon called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Mike Harrell gave the invocation.

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

5. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to accept the 1st reading of an **Ordinance No: 09272023-01** making appropriations for the support of the City of Florence for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024; appropriating money to a sinking fund to pay interest and principal on the City's indebtedness; and adopting the annual budget of the City of Florence for the 2023-2024 year. Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesla Ragsdale- for

Denise Deichmann- for

Mike Harrell - for

Amy Hansson- for

Debra Bartos Cahill- for

Motion carried

6. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to accept allowing Gerald Nunn Electric and/or subcontractors to work on Saturdays between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. until completion of project; estimated January 2024. Lesa Ragsdale seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Lesla Ragsdale- for

Denise Deichmann- for

Mike Harrell - for

Amy Hansson- for

Debra Bartos Cahill- for

Motion carried

7. Denise Deichmann made the motion to approve submitting a request to TXDOT for road closure for Main Street on December 9, 2023, for Christmas on Main Street. Debra Bartos Cahill seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

8. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve a road closure on College Avenue up to Atkinson starting around 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on October 31, 2023, for Halloween Harvest Festival. Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

9. Denise Deichmann made the motion to approve a proclamation for “Florence Teacher’s Day” October 5, 2023. Lesa Ragsdale seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

10. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve the quote from Trinity Water Solutions in the amount of \$ 9,950.00 to cap Well #1 with the stipulation that “No Fishing Charges Authorized” on the face of the quote before executing it. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

11. **Personnel Matters:** The Council did not adjourn into an executive session; as Jamie Hargrove-Jacobs was not present. The item was tabled.

12. **Open session:** The Council did not have an open session; as Jamie Hargrove-Jacobs was not present. The item was tabled.

13. **Personal Matters:** Mayor Mary Condon, City Council Members and Mary Dixon adjourned into executive session under Sec. 551.074 (a) (1) and/or (2) of the Texas Government Code, AT 6:33 PM for discussion of Personnel Matters -, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, consideration of the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of Mary Dixon, Director of Building Services and Human Resources..

14. Mayor Mary Condon, City Council Members and Mary Dixon adjourned into open session AT 6:49 PM concerning the consideration of the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of Mary Dixon, Director of Building Services and Human Resources, 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. Denise Deichmann made the motion for Mary Dixon to become the Interim City Secretary. Amy Hansson second the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

15. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on necessary employment opportunities within the City of Florence was tabled.

16. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve the quote from L&S Enterprises for the repair of the Case tractor only in the amount of \$390.50. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

17. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve the quote from Jurgensen Pump, LLC to repair the lift station pump power cord and base plate at the WWTP in the amount of \$2,001.00. The quote for rebuilding the backup pump was not approved. Additional quotes from other companies was requested to include the price of a new pump in lieu of rebuilding it. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

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

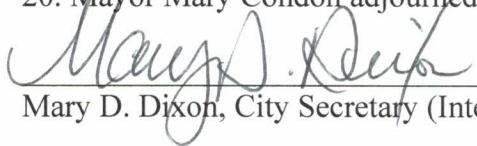
Lesa Ragsdale- for  
Denise Deichmann- for  
Mike Harrell - for  
Amy Hansson- for  
Debra Bartos Cahill- for  
Motion carried

19. The next Council meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2023, at 6:00 pm. Mayor Mary Condon polled the Council who would be present at the next meeting.

Lesa Ragsdale- confirmed

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

20. Mayor Mary Condon adjourned the meeting at 6:49 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)