

November 14, 2023 Minutes

The Florence City Council met on November 14, 2023, with Mayor Mary Condon presiding and Council members Amy Hansson, Debra Bartos Cahill and Mike Harrell were present. Denise Deichmann and Lesa Ragsdale was absent.

Staff members present: Mary Dixon, Stacey Adams and Daniel Ortiz

Legal Counsel present: None

Guests present: Rick Castleberry, John Lohr, Peggy Morse and Forrest Hyde

Mayor Mary Condon called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Mayor Mary Condon asked any Guests addressing the Council to speak at this time. Rick Castleberry introduced John Lohr the new owner/developer for the Nightingale subdivision who presented the Council with a packet and introduction. The Mayor let him know that he would need an agenda item for any future discussions.

Consent Agenda-

5. a. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve the October 3, 2023, October 19, 2023 and October 26, 2023 minutes; as presented. Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Denise Deichmann- absent

Lesla Ragsdale- absent

Mike Harrell - for

Amy Hansson- for

Debra Bartos Cahill-for

Motion carried.

Committee, Council Members, and City Staff Reports:

6. **Mayor Mary Condon/Council Report-** Mayor mentioned the TxDOT sidewalk slated for 2025.
7. **Municipal Court, Ramona Batchelor-** See report.
8. **City Secretary (Interim), Mary Dixon -** See Report.
9. **Police Department, Chief Josh Teitge -** See Report
10. **Public Works Department-** See Report.
11. **Florence Chamber of Commerce-** Peggy Morse reported Main Street Clean-Up and First Friday for December 1st along with a Cocoa Crawl/Scavenger Hunt/Food Drive and Christmas on Main Street event for December 9th from 9 am – 3 pm.
12. **Florence Planning and Zoning Committee-** No report.
13. **Florence ISD Afterschool Centers on Education-ACE- Angel Callan-** No Report.
14. **Florence Community Garden Project –** No Report.
15. **Building Services Director-** See Report.

16. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve the 2nd reading of ordinance No 10262023-01 amending of ord No. 04042023-01 (ord No. 7-7-98, ord No. 09-04-01, ord No. 03-05-02, ord No. 05-11-04, ord No. 110607-01, ord No. 04072009-01, ord No. 10252011-02, ord No. 08122013-05, ord No. 09062016-01, and ord No. 06292018-01) providing for the codification of increased water and sewer utility rates for customers in and outside city limits, based upon size of meters and charge to customer; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for publication; providing for an effective date. Amy Hansson seconded the motion.

Denise Deichmann-absent

Lesa Ragsdale- absent

Mike Harrell - for

Amy Hansson- for

Debra Bartos Cahill-for

Motion carried.

17. Amy Hansson made the motion to approve the quote from T-Morales for the installation of a 200-amp outdoor manual transfer switch at well #4 and a 200-amp outdoor manual transfer switch and power disconnect at well #2; not to exceed \$23,000.00. Mike Harrell seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon ask to poll the Council.

Denise Deichmann-absent

Lesa Ragsdale- absent

Mike Harrell - for

Amy Hansson- for

Debra Bartos Cahill-for

Motion carried.

18. Taking an action on generators for the WWTP, **was tabled** in order to obtain pricing and payment plan options.

19. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve the quote from Pump Solutions, in the amount of \$9,862.00, for a new pump for the lift station at the WWTP. Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon ask to poll the Council.

Denise Deichmann-absent

Lesa Ragsdale- absent

Mike Harrell - for

Amy Hansson- for

Debra Bartos Cahill-for

Motion carried.

20. Amy Hansson made the motion to approve the quote from Alpha Team Electric, in the amount of \$2,639.84, for the Christmas lights installation on Main Street. Mike Harrell seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon ask to poll the Council.

Denise Deichmann-absent

Lesa Ragsdale- absent

Mike Harrell - for

Amy Hansson- for

Debra Bartos Cahill-for

Motion carried.

21. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve removing the timeclock requirement for Exempt Employees but still require accurate record keeping for leave time; as stated in the City Personnel Policy. Amy Hannson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon ask to poll the Council.

Denise Deichmann-absent

Lesa Ragsdale- absent

Mike Harrell - for

Amy Hansson- for

Debra Bartos Cahill-for

Motion carried.

22. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve the disposal of the 2011 Ford F150 Public Works vehicle. Amy Hannson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon ask to poll the Council.

Denise Deichmann-absent

Lesa Ragsdale- absent

Mike Harrell - for

Amy Hansson- for

Debra Bartos Cahill-for

Motion carried.

23. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve the disposal of the 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe, Unit 801, police vehicle. Amy Hannson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon ask to poll the Council.

Denise Deichmann-absent

Lesa Ragsdale- absent

Mike Harrell - for

Amy Hansson- for

Debra Bartos Cahill-for

Motion carried.

24. Mike Harrell made the motion to waive the \$450 permit fee for the Chamber of Commerce remodel project located at 306 E. Main Street. Debra Bartos Cahill seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon ask to poll the Council.

Denise Deichmann-absent

Lesa Ragsdale- absent

Mike Harrell - for

Amy Hansson- for

Debra Bartos Cahill-for

Motion carried.

25. Action for the plumbing repairs for the Blue Santa building, located at 106 S. Patterson Avenue, **was tabled**; pending quotes for the repairs.

26. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve the restocking of chlorine tablets in bulk from Progressive Commercial Aquatics; not to exceed \$2500.00. Amy Hannson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon ask to poll the Council.

Denise Deichmann-absent

Lesa Ragsdale- absent

Mike Harrell - for

Amy Hansson- for

Debra Bartos Cahill-for
Motion carried.

27. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to change the Interim Chief of Police to a Permanent position for Josh Teitge with the conditions that he provide a 120-day resignation notice and refrain from taking the one-week class for Chief of Police until he has a full staff to cover his absence. Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon ask to poll the Council.

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

28. Action on filling the Director of Public Works position **was tabled**.

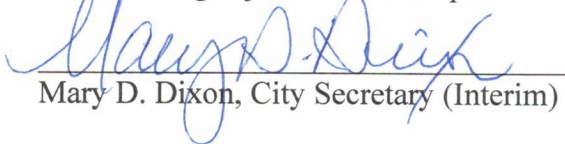
29. Debra Cahill Bartos requested the electric rate renewal date. Amy Hansson made the motion to approve the expenditures. Debra Cahill Bartos seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon ask to poll the Council.

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

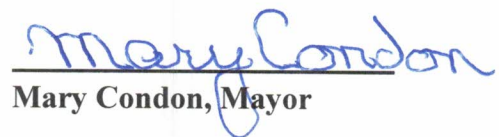
30. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 6:00 pm. Mayor Mary Condon polled the Council who would be present at the next meeting.

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

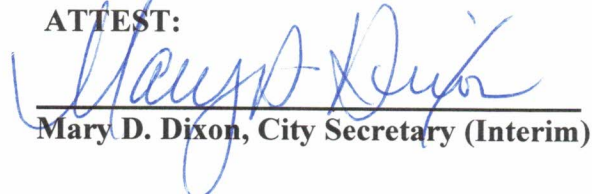
30. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm


Mary D. Dixon, City Secretary (Interim)

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, TEXAS, this 5th day of December, 2023.


Mary Condon, Mayor

ATTEST:


Mary D. Dixon, City Secretary (Interim)