

January 25, 2024 Minutes

The Florence City Council met on January 25, 2024, with Mayor Mary Condon presiding and Council members Denise Deichmann, Lesa Ragsdale, Debra Bartos Cahill and Mike Harrell were present. Amy Hansson was absent.

Staff members present: Mary Dixon and Daniel Ortiz

Legal Counsel present: None

Guests present: Ben Daniel, JT Atkinson, Eric Gulbranson, Brad Bond, Nathan Dudley, Tracy Rodriguez

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

Alderman Mike Harrell provided Invocation.

Mayor Mary Condon asked any Guests addressing the Council to speak at this time - **no public comments.**

5. SAFEBuilt representatives spoke to council about potential services with city. Mary Dixon addressed Council over current system for permitting and protocols. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to accept proposal from SAFEBuilt (Winston Services, Inc.) with specific interest in building services, plan review, flood plain, and code enforcement. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Denise Deichmann- for

Lesa Ragsdale- for

Mike Harrel- for

Amy Hansson- absent

Debra Bartos Cahill- for

Motion carried.

6. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to accept the Planning and Zoning's recommendation to accept J.T. Atkinson as a Commissioner to fill the vacant position. Lesa Ragsdale seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Denise Deichmann- for

Lesa Ragsdale- for

Mike Harrel- for

Amy Hansson- absent

Debra Bartos Cahill- for

Motion carried.

7. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve the Westar proposal, in the amount of \$7,040.00 to remove the 8" tee and reconnect the 8" water line at 306 E. Main Street; with the requirement that Westar must post signage and notify the businesses and property owners. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Denise Deichmann- for

Lesa Ragsdale- for

Mike Harrel- for

Amy Hansson- absent

Debra Bartos Cahill- for

Motion carried.

8. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve the necessary plumbing repairs at 106 S. Patterson Avenue, with a rate not to exceed \$3,000.00, and the Mayor to decide which company to complete repairs as quoted. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

9. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion **to table** renting the property located at 100 Chapman Street to the American Legion Post 354. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

10. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to move forward with discussions about a lease at 104 Chapman building following previous similar templates/leases created by the City Attorney for the Chambers of Commerce. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

11. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion **to table** adding plug and go generator receptacles at Well 2 and Well 4. Lesa Ragsdale seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

12. Denise Deichmann made the motion **to table** Ordinance No. 12052023-01. Lesa Ragsdale seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

13. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve **Ordinance No. 12052023-03**, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Florence, Texas, Adopting Land Use Assumptions and a Capital Improvements Plan relating to the possible adoption of wastewater impact fees; providing for the incorporation of premises; providing for severability, repealer, and savings clauses, and an effective date; providing that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

14. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve **Ordinance No. 01092024-01**, amending Article 10.03 Impact Fees (Ordinance No. 08052014-01) Division 3, Sections 10.03.062 and 10.03.063, Exhibit 1, Schedule 1, and Schedule 2, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Florence, Texas, providing for the codification of the maximum impact fee for wastewater, not to exceed \$8,701.00 per service unit; providing for publication, an effective date, and proper notice and meeting. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

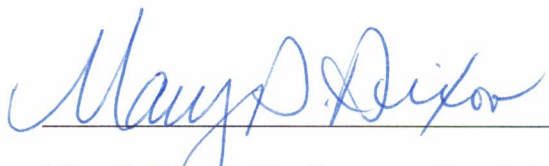
15. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve the Expenditures. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Denise Deichmann- for
Lesa Ragsdale- for
Mike Harrel- for
Amy Hansson- Absent
Debra Bartos Cahill- for
Motion carried.

16. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2024 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- absent
Debra Bartos Cahill - confirmed


17. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.



Mary D. Dixon, City Secretary (Interim)

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, TEXAS, this 6th day of February, 2024.


Mary Condon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary D. Dixon, City Secretary (Interim)