

January 9, 2024

Minutes

The Florence City Council met on January 9, 2024, with Mayor Mary Condon presiding and Council members Amy Hansson, Debra Bartos Cahill and Mike Harrell were present. Denise Deichmann and Lesa Ragsdale were absent.

Staff members present: Mary Dixon, Josh Teitge, Daniel Ortiz

Legal Counsel present: None

Guests present: Ben Daniel, Anna Burk, Terry Gaskin, Felipe & Maria De La Torre, Ed Riley and American Legion Post #354

Mayor Mary Condon called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

Mayor Mary Condon asked any Guests addressing the Council to speak at this time. **Terry Gaskin with Texas Division of Emergency Management introduced himself.**

Consent Agenda-

5. a. Amy Hansson made the motion to approve the December 5, 2023, minutes as presented. Debra Bartos Cahill 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/Council Report-** Mayor reported that TxDOT sidewalk project should start around February 2026 and that the CDBG project had been extended 45 days.

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, Also Stacey Adams reported that Well #3 was down; due to pump issues.

11. **Florence Chamber of Commerce-** No report.

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, Mary Dixon -** See Report.

16. **No action** was taken on a water adjustment request from Anna Burk. The Mayor stated the law did not allow adjustments for leaks that occur on the customer side.

17. No action was taken on a water meter for Felipe & Maria De La Torre located outside the city limits, but within the ETJ, for 12300 West 487. It was stated they would need to annex into the City in order to receive services and that they would be responsible for obtaining required easements and cost associated to getting the line to their property.

18. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve allowing the American Legion Post 354 take over the Veteran's Memorial to include maintenance of the memorial, water, irrigation, electricity, mowing and flags. Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Commander Ed Riley stated they would like to possibly rename the Memorial in honor of a local WWI Veteran but needed to reach out to next of kin first. Debra Bartos Cahill suggested letters to be mailed out to the current memorial family members. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Denise Deichmann- absent

Lesa Ragsdale- absent

Mike Harrell - for

Amy Hansson- for

Debra Bartos Cahill-for

Motion carried

19. Renting the property located at 100 Chapman Street to the American Legion Post 354 **was tabled**; due to the Commander Ed Riley wanting to further research the property located at 104 Chapman Street in more detail for consideration.

20. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve a proclamation for "School Board Recognition Month" for January 2024; recognizing the dedication and hard work of local school board members. Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked 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 Resolution No. 01092024-01 authorizing city representatives, to include the assistant city secretary, in matters pertaining to the City's Participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked 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 a request from Daniel Ortiz to rename a City street reflecting "Amy Crane"; as a symbol of gratitude for Amy's long and exhaustive service to the stewardship of the City of Florence. Mike Harrell seconded the motion. Chapman Street was recommended as a possibility. 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. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on **Ordinance No. 12052023-01 was tabled.**

24. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve the 1st reading of 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. Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

25. Mayor Mary Condon called the public hearing to order at 7:03 p.m. to hear public comments and/or concerns regarding to consider the adoption of a wastewater impact fee. The amount of the proposed maximum assessable wastewater impact fee per service unit is \$8,701.00. **No public comments.** Mayor Mary Condon closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

26. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve the 1st Reading of 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. Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked 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 replace the Good Friday City holiday with Texas Independence Day. 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

28. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve ordering a 100 KW generator for WWTP and a 75KW generator for Well sites; not to exceed \$100,000.00. 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

29. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve the expenditures. 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

30. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. 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

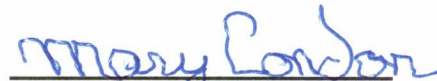
Debra Bartos Cahill- confirmed

31. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.




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)