

February 6, 2024 Minutes

The Florence City Council met on February 6, 2024, with Mayor Mary Condon presiding and Council members Amy Hansson, Debra Bartos Cahill, Mike Harrell, Denise Deichmann and Lesa Ragsdale were absent.

Staff members present: Mary Dixon, Josh Teitge, Daniel Ortiz, Stacey Adams, Cameron Barnard

Legal Counsel present: None

Guests present: Ben Daniel, Ed and Lisa Riley and American Legion Post #354 members, Cristy Daniell, Clayton Skidmore, Gerald and Linda Nunn.

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 comments.**

Consent Agenda-

5. a. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve the January 9, 2024 and January 25, 2024 minutes; as stated. Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Denise Deichmann- for

Lesla Ragsdale- for

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 the replacement of the 8" T on Main Street has been scheduled with Westar Construction.

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-** Cristy Daniell reported that she was the new Chamber President. She also mentioned that the Chamber was working on the building plans and that Chamber Afterhours would be in the game room at the Vineyard on February 8, 2024 at 6 PM.

12. **Florence Planning and Zoning Committee-** Ben Daniel spoke on the P&Z Ordinance and Zoning Map and congratulated all involved over the years that had assisted with its completion.

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 additional lighting and structural canopy changes at 410 N. Patterson Avenue / Gerald Nunn Electric LLC. Gerald Nunn explained the changes that had occurred and that he and his architect were at odds over the design changes. He stated he had dimmed all lights as low as they could go and offered to install a timer on the lights under the canopy to satisfy the citizens concerns.

17. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve a lease in the amount of \$150.00 a month for the use of the city building located at 100 Chapman Street to the American Legion Post #354; pending City Attorney review and recommendations. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Commander Ed Riley stated he would take that number back to their members for consideration. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

18. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 02062024-01; an ordinance amending Chapter 14, Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Florence, Texas, to repeal and replace the City's Zoning Code with a new Zoning Code; amending the Official Zoning Map of the City based on the zoning districts established in the new Zoning Code; providing for findings of fact, enactment, repealer, severability, penalties, a schedule of permits and fees, codification and publication, an effective date, and proper notice and meeting; as stated. Denise Deichmann seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

19. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve the ordering of three (3) 100 KW generator for WWTP, Well #2 and Well #4; in the amount of \$113,040.00. Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

20. No action was taken on adding plug and go generator receptacles at Well #2 and Well #4.

21. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve a step-down transformer for Well #3 from T-Morales in the amount of \$2,450.00. Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Denise Deichmann- for
Lesa Ragsdale- for
Mike Harrell - for
Amy Hansson- for

Debra Bartos Cahill-for
Motion carried.

22. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve a booster pump for Well #3 from Jurgenson Pump in the amount of \$5,400.00. Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon ask to poll the Council.

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

23. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve on a computer for Director of Public Works; not to exceed \$800.00 for a laptop and warranty. Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

24. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to TABLE replacing the joint meter for Florence ISD; located at 401 FM 970; pending further quotes necessary to make a decision. Mike Harrell seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

25. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve a Dell computer package for the Eula Hunt Beck Florence Public Library not to exceed \$9,800.00 to include warranties. Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

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

Denise Deichmann- for
Lesa Ragsdale- for
Mike Harrell - for
Amy Hansson- for

Debra Bartos Cahill-for
Motion carried

27. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 6:10 p.m. Mayor Mary Condon polled the Council to see who would be present at the next meeting.

Lesa Ragsdale- confirmed

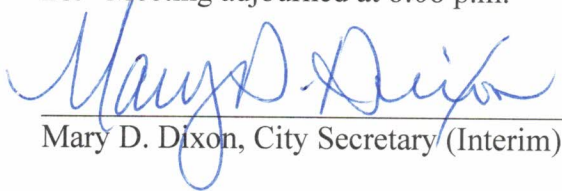
Denise Deichmann- confirmed

Mike Harrell- confirmed


Amy Hansson- confirmed

Debra Bartos Cahill- confirmed

28. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.


Mary D. Dixon, City Secretary (Interim)

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, TEXAS, this
12th day of March, 2024.**


Mary Condon, Mayor

ATTEST:


Mary D. Dixon, City Secretary (Interim)