



**Florence City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2025**

Present:

Mayor	Ben Daniel
Mayor Pro Tem	Mary Condon
Council Members	Forrest Hyde
	Mary Jane Swope
	Debra Bivens
	Mike Harrell

Staff Members Present:

City Administrator	Tamela Louvier
City Secretary	Angelica Lombardi
Public Works Co-Director	Stacey Adams
Police	Wayne Thompson
	David Guthrie

Guest(s) Present:

Ed Riley, Patty Bendele, Ron Elliot, Cristy Daniell

Opening Agenda

Mayor Ben Daniel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mike Harrell provided the Invocation.

Mayor Ben Daniel asked any Guests addressing the Council to speak at this time. Ed Riley thanked the City for the lease. He thanked Stacey Adams for picking up the trash today. Ed Riley said we will have a July 4th event next year. Ron Elliot, resident of 301 Love Ave., said the sewer usage was exceeding the water usage, and would like the sewer bill to be reduced.

Consent Agenda

1. Mayor Pro Tem Condon, made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2025 and June 24, 2025 meetings. Alderman Hyde seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Committee, Council Members, and City Staff Reports:

2. **Florence Chamber of Commerce-** Cristy Daniell so far they have had Rebecca Lemons, the Williamson County Administrator speak for the April meeting, the Mayor for the March meeting, in May they had Cpt. Hamby with TXDPS training center, and June they had Williamson County Judge Steven Snell. The next Chamber meeting will be July 23rd and the Williamson County Sun will be speaking.

3. **Florence Planning and Zoning Committee-** No report.
4. **Florence ISD Afterschool Centers on Education-ACE-** No Report.
5. **Florence Community Park Garden Project-** No Report.
6. **Eula Hunt Beck Florence Public Library-** See Report. Patty Bendele stated that Sis Beck founded the library 50 ½ years ago, passed away last Sunday June 29 at 99 years old. Her service will be held on July 3, 2025. The Mayor and Chief both read for the Summer reading program.
7. **Mayor/Council Report-** The City has been holding pothole Fridays regularly.
8. **City Treasurer, David Tropea-** David was absent at the meeting. Tamela gave the report and referred to the packet.
9. **Police Department, Chief Wayne Thompson-** See Report.
10. **Public Works Department, Stacey Adams-** See Report.
11. **Municipal Court, Angelica Lombardi-** See Report.
12. **City Administrator, Tamela Louvier-** See Report.

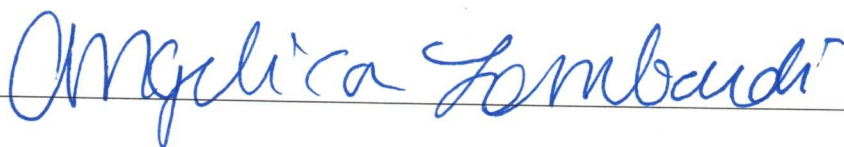
Deliberation Agenda

1. Mayor Pro Tem Condon made the motion to approve the final plat submitted by Florence RV Park LLC for a 22.76-acre tract situated in the M.J. Wells Survey, Abstract 646, being the same tract described in a Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien to Florence RV Park, LLC, a Texas limited liability company, as recorded under Instrument Number 2024065470, of the Official Public Records of Williamson County, Texas. WCAD Parcel# R010605; also known as 12527 W FM 487, Florence, TX, 76527. Alderman Harrell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Alderwoman Swope made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-13, A RESOLUTION RE-ADOPTING A CITY INVESTMENT POLICY UNDER THE PUBLIC FUNDS INVESTMENT ACT FOR 2025. Alderwoman Bivens seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Alderwoman Bivens made the motion to approve second reading of Ordinance 2025-14, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF FLORENCE, TEXAS, HONORING AMY CRANE FOR HER YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE CITY, RENAMING THE CITY STREET FORMERLY KNOWN AS CHAPMAN TO AMY CRANE AVENUE, REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Mayor Pro Tem Condon seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Alderwoman Bivens made the motion to approve making Amy Crane Avenue a one-way street with traffic flowing from north to south allowing for potential parking opportunities. Alderwoman Swope seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Mayor Pro Tem Condon made the motion to table consideration of the current rental of \$4,000.00 a month for the Lone Star blower at the wastewater treatment plant, to allow Stacey to visit with Mic and if critical, will allow the Mayor to make a decision. Alderwoman Swope seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Alderwoman Bivens made the motion to approve a merit raise for public works employee, Bryan Fournier, of \$20.00 per hour, and an additional \$1.00 per hour raise if he gets his license. Alderwoman Swope seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Mayor Pro Tem Condon made the motion to approve the renovation designs to 306 East Main St., per section 8 of the lease between the city and the Chamber of Commerce. Alderwoman Swope seconded the motion. Alderman Hyde abstained. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Mayor Pro Tem Condon made the motion to allow Butch Horton to trim the trees on South Street, Preslar Avenue, and East Avenue. Alderwoman Swope seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Alderwoman Swope made the motion to approve the repair on police department vehicles, units 805 and 807, for damages resulting from a hailstorm. Mayor Pro Tem Condon seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Mayor Pro Tem Condon made the motion to approve July 14, 2025 from 4:30-6:30pm for our next Budget Workshop, and May Jane Swope, Mary Condon, and Ben Daniel will be in attendance. Alderwoman Swope seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Alderwoman Bivens made the motion to pay the expenditures, as presented. Alderwoman Swope seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
12. The next regular city council meeting will be August 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

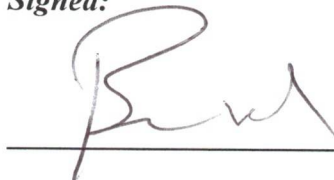
Adjournment:

13. Mayor Daniel called the meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.



PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, TEXAS, THIS 5TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.

Signed:



Ben Daniel, Mayor

Attest:


Angelica Lombardi, City Secretary