



**Florence City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 5, 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
Treasurer	David Tropea
Public Works Director	Stacey Adams
Police	Wayne Thompson, David Guthrie

Guest(s) Present:

Patty Bendele, Austin Gonzalez, Dale More, Travis Zander, Kasey Jones

Opening Agenda

Mayor Ben Daniel called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Mike Harrell provided the Invocation.

Mayor Ben Daniel asked any Guests addressing the Council to speak at this time.

Committee, Council Members, and City Staff Reports:

1. **Florence Chamber of Commerce-** No Report.
2. **Florence Planning and Zoning Committee-** No Report.
3. **Florence ISD Afterschool Centers on Education-ACE-** No Report.
4. **Florence Community Park Garden Project-** No Report.
5. **Eula Hunt Beck Florence Public Library-** See Report. The Waco National Monument Park Ranger will read to children on August 19.
6. **Mayor/Council Report-** The Mayor, Mayor Pro-tem, David Tropea and Tamela Louvier will be meeting with City of Georgetown officials to discuss the water rate increase. David will go earlier before the meeting starts to review the books prior.
7. **City Treasurer-** See Report.
8. **Chief of Police-** See Report.

9. **Public Works Director-** See Report.
10. **Municipal Court-** See Report.
11. **City Administrator-** No Report.

Consent Agenda

12. Mary Condon made the motion to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2025 meeting. Mary Jane Swope seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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13. No action.
14. Mary Condon made the motion to approve the project proposed by Eagle Scout Joaquin Diaz. Mary Jane Swope seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
15. Mary Condon made the motion to table action regarding the Florence Public Library asking for donations for a Sis Beck Memorial Fund. Debra Bivens seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
16. Mike Harrell made the motion to approve Ordinance 2025-17, an ordinance denying the proposed change in rates of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC, finding and determining that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed is open to the public as required by law. Debra Bivens seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
17. Mary Condon made the motion to approve the \$3,000.00 quote to repair the fence at the wastewater treatment plant from Gene Theriot DBA G Tex S. Mary Jane Swope seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
18. Mary Jane Swope made the motion to approve the \$6,576.00 quote to replace the regulator and chloromatic valve at the wastewater treatment plant from DNA Chem Inc. Debra Bivens seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
19. Mary Condon made the motion to approve the \$12,500.00 quote for the replacement of the VFD's at the wastewater plant from T. Morales. Mary Jane Swope seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
20. Mary Jane Swope made the motion to table discussion regarding AdComp replacing Quickbooks for accounting, human resources, and payroll functions, for further research, to the next called meeting. Debra Bivens seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
21. Mary Condon made the motion to table discussion regarding changing the domain from .com to .gov, for further research. Mary Jane Swope seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
22. Mary Condon made the motion to table discussion regarding changing website builders, for further research. Mike Harrell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
23. Mary Jane Swope made the motion to approve establishing a Municipal Jury Fund bank account, and to make the transfer from the General Fund the amount retroactive to January 1, 2020, to the date the account is opened, and for future deposits there after received from the \$.10 Local Municipal Jury Fee. Mary Condon seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
24. Mary Jane Swope made the motion to approve using funds in the Court Technology fund to replace batteries in the citation printers, to be made retroactive from the purchase of batteries on June 26, 2025 in the amount of \$133.10 by LT Guthrie, and for all future purchases of replacement batteries for the citation printers as needed. Mary Condon seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

25. Mary Condon made the motion to approve renaming the Juvenile Case Manager bank account to Local Youth Diversion Fund. Mary Jane Swope seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
26. Mary Condon made the motion to approve a tax rate of 0.0607064 for FY 2025-2026. Mike Harrell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
27. No action was taken regarding the Texas CLASS investment pool presentation.
28. No action was taken regarding Resolution 2025-15.
29. Mary Condon made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-16, approving an Interlocal Participation Agreement with BuyBoard. Mike Harrell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
30. Mary Condon made the motion to table action regarding the bid for solid waste collection, to the next called meeting. Forrest Hyde seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
31. Mary Condon made the motion to table action regarding the copier lease for City Hall and the Police Department, for further research. Mary Jane Swope seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
32. Debra Bivens made the motion have our next budget workshop on August 7, 2025 at 3:30pm. Forrest Hyde seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
33. Mike Harrell made the motion to pay the expenditures, as presented. Mary Jane Swope seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
34. The next regular city council meeting will be September 2, 2025 at 6:00pm and the next called council meeting will be August 18, 2025 at 6:00pm.

Adjournment:

35. Mayor Daniel called the meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Angelica Lombardi

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF FLORENCE, TEXAS, THIS 9th DAY OF September, 2025.



Signed:

Ben Daniel

Ben Daniel, Mayor

Attest:


Angelica Lombardi, City Secretary