

April 2, 2024 Minutes

The Florence City Council met on April 2, 2024, with Mayor Mary Condon presiding and Council members Debra Bartos Cahill, Mike Harrell, Amy Hansson and Lesa Ragsdale present. Denise Deichmann was absent.

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

Legal Counsel present: None

Guests present: Ben Daniel, Cristy Daniell, Forrest Hyde, Chase Wooldridge, Eric Gulbranson, Angel Callan and Ray Standridge.

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

Alderman Mike Harrell provided Invocation.

Mayor Mary Condon asked any Guests addressing the Council to speak at this time. **Ray Standridge spoke on behalf of the Masonic Lodge; in regards to the late fees on the water bill, the IM zoning type on the parcel and asked if it could be changed since it is a non-profit organization and concerns of the potholes in the City streets.**

Consent Agenda-

5. a. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve the March 12, 2024 minutes; as stated. Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Denise Deichmann- absent

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 water impact study was being reviewed and finalized, discussed the need for an updated drought contingency plan to mirror Georgetown, reminded of the clean up day on April 27th and stated the new CDBG could possibly be awarded up to \$500,000.00.
7. **Municipal Court, Ramona Batchelor-** See report.
8. **Assistant City Secretary, Daniel Ortiz -** See Report.
9. **Police Department, Chief Josh Teitge –** See Report.
10. **Public Works Department-** Cameron requested the old generator at the WWTP be put on the public site for removal; in preparation of the arrival of the new one. See Report.
11. **Eula Hunt Beck Florence Public Library-** See Report.
12. **Florence Chamber of Commerce-** Cristy Daniell reported Chamber Afterhours would be 4/12/24 location TBD, Chamber would be hosting the Candidate Forum on 4/22/24 at the Florence Public Library at 6:30 p.m. and the Chamber meeting will be hold on 4/23/24 with the speaker being Chelsea Soloman from the City of Georgetown to speak on water demand concerns and updates.

13. **Florence Planning and Zoning Committee-** Ben Daniel reported that a Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) was discussed at the previous meeting to assist with moving the City forward with funds for Economic Development projects and that required training for the Commissioners had been requested.
14. **Florence ISD Afterschool Centers on Education-ACE-** ACE Program Coordinator Angel Callan reported that there are 17 clubs that have been formed; with 153 students from the Middle and High School and 70 students in the Elementary.
15. **Florence Community Garden Project** – No Report.
16. **Building Services Director, Mary Dixon** - See Report.

17. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve allowing Chase Wooldridge to film at the Eula Hunt Beck Florence Public Library; pending verification that the City is up to date with the State Film Membership and submission of required application and fees to the City. Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Denise Deichmann- absent

Lesa Ragsdale- for

Mike Harrell - for

Amy Hansson- for

Debra Bartos Cahill-for

Motion carried.

18. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion approve the purchase of one (1) iMac computer and three (3) iPads for the Eula Hunt Beck Florence Public Library. Lesa Ragsdale seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Denise Deichmann- absent

Lesa Ragsdale- for

Mike Harrell - for

Amy Hansson- for

Debra Bartos Cahill-for

Motion carried.

19. Amy Hansson made the motion to approving an additional 20 hours for Amy Crane; to assist with audit, budget, codification and annexation training. Lesa Ragsdale seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Denise Deichmann- absent

Lesa Ragsdale- for

Mike Harrell - for

Amy Hansson- for

Debra Bartos Cahill-for

Motion carried.

20. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve changing the city cell phone plan to FirstNet. Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Denise Deichmann- absent

Lesa Ragsdale- for

Mike Harrell - for

Amy Hansson- for

Debra Bartos Cahill-for

Motion carried.

21. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to execute the Interlocal Cooperation Contract for the Failure to Appear Program between the Texas Department of Public Safety and City of Florence Municipal Court. Lesa Ragsdale seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Denise Deichmann- absent

Lesa Ragsdale- for

Mike Harrell - for

Amy Hansson- for

Debra Bartos Cahill-for

Motion carried.

22. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to accept the revised plans presented by Forrest Hyde for the Florence Chamber of Commerce remodel of the City owned property located at 306 E. Main Street. Lesa Ragsdale seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Denise Deichmann- absent

Lesa Ragsdale- for

Mike Harrell - for

Amy Hansson- for

Debra Bartos Cahill-for

Motion carried.

23. No action was taken on replacing the joint meter for Florence ISD; located at 401 FM 970.

24. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to accept Resolution No: 04022024-02 to approve and adopt the annual Cafeteria Plan; as stated. Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Denise Deichmann- absent

Lesa Ragsdale- for

Mike Harrell - for

Amy Hansson- for

Debra Bartos Cahill-for

Motion carried.

25. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to keep the 2024 pool season rates the same as the 2023 rates. Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Denise Deichmann- absent

Lesa Ragsdale- for

Mike Harrell - for

Amy Hansson- for

Debra Bartos Cahill-for

Motion carried.

26. Amy Hansson made the motion to have the new life guard applicants reimburse the City 50% of the certification costs to be deducted from their future pay and 100% to be reimbursed; if they decline the position after the training. Also, the payrates would be as follows: \$13.00/hr/ for new hires lifeguards, up to \$15.00/hr for returning and head life guards; up to \$19.00/hr for pool manager and up to \$10.00/hr for returning concession employees. Lesa Ragsdale seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

27. Amy Hansson made the motion to allow the purchase of a Mobile Surveillance Trailer from Strattmont Group in the amount of \$35,997.00. Lesa Ragsdale seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

Denise Deichmann- absent
Lesa Ragsdale- for
Mike Harrell - Abstain
Amy Hansson- for
Debra Bartos Cahill-Abstain
Mayor, Mary Condon - Against
Motion failed; due to lack of majority vote.

28. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve the purchase of four (4) extended warranties for the Dodge Charger Patrol vehicles from MOPAR Extend Care program for the amount of \$17,040.00. Lesa Ragsdale seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

29. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to approve Resolution 04022024-01, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, TEXAS APPROVING THE CONCEPT PLAN FOR THE BROOKSVILLE RV RESORT PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR PROPER NOTICE & MEETING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; related to the zoning change request from Florence RV Park LLC, with permission from owners Jeff & Cristy Daniell, to rezone from Agriculture District (AG) to a Planned Development District (PD) – WCAD Parcel R010605 also known as 12331 W FM 487, FLORENCE, TX 76527; as stated. Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

30. Debra Bartos Cahill made the motion to accept the 1st reading of Ordinance 04022024-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, TEXAS AMENDING THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ZONING MAP, AND ZONING ORDINANCE, AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS, REPEALING AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY

CLAUSE NOT TO EXCEED \$2000 OR THE HIGHEST PENALTY AMOUNT ALLOWED BY LAW, WHICHEVER IS LESS; AND, PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE CAPTION HEREOF from Florence RV Park LLC, with permission from owners Jeff & Cristy Daniell, to rezone from Agriculture District (AG) to a Planned Development District (PD) – WCAD Parcel R010605 also known as 12331 W FM 487, FLORENCE, TX 76527; as stated. Amy Hansson seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

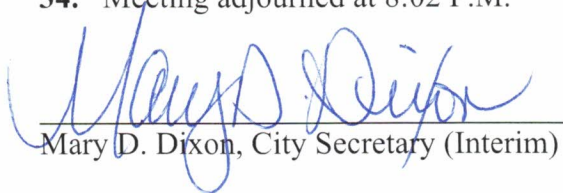
31. Amy Hansson made the motion to approve the city expenditures; as presented. Debra Bartos Cahill seconded the motion. Mayor Mary Condon asked to poll the Council.

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

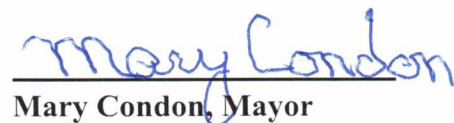
32. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Mary Condon polled the Council to see who would be present at the next meeting.

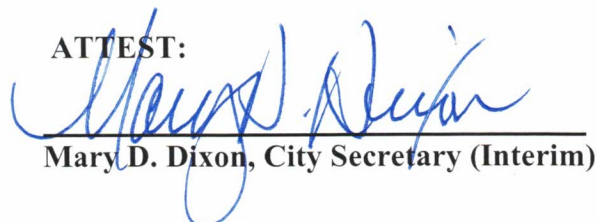
Lesa Ragsdale- confirmed
Denise Deichmann- absent
Mike Harrell- confirmed
Amy Hansson- confirmed
Debra Bartos Cahill- confirmed

34. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.


Mary D. Dixon, City Secretary (Interim)

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, TEXAS, this 7th day of May, 2024.


Mary Condon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary D. Dixon, City Secretary (Interim)