

CITY OF FLORENCE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 18, 2017

1. Mayor Ore called the regular meeting of the Florence City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll call	-	Mayor Ore	-	Present
		Councilman Baker	-	Present
		Councilman Vendetti	-	Present
		Councilman Upton	-	Present
		Councilwoman Smith	-	Present
		Councilman Villagrana	-	Present
		Allen Knisley	-	Present

Others present – City Manager Mike Patterson, Public Works Director Sam Elstun, Finance Officer Mitzi Heard, City Clerk Dena Lozano, Police Chief Mike DeLaurentis, and City Attorney Matt Krob

3. Additions/Deletions/Corrections to Agenda- Delete Item 7b

4. Visitors-

a. JoAnne Mohr of 121 West Front Street requested the use of Pioneer Park for the Florence Farmers Market. The dates of requested use would be June 7, 2018 through September 27, 2018. City Manager Mike Patterson explained that we would not charge them for the use of the park, but the pavilion would be open for the use of the public. Councilor Villagrana moved to approve the use of Pioneer Park for the use of the Farmers Market. Roll Call Vote – 7 ayes

5. Approval of Consent Agenda Items-

a. Councilor Villagrana moved to approve all items on the consent agenda and delete item 7b from the agenda. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote- 7 ayes

6. Unfinished Business-

a. Public Hearing (Continued) and 2nd Reading of Ordinance 11-6-17B Establishing a fee on energy providers operating in the City of Florence-City Attorney Matt Krob presented a new draft of the Black Hills franchise agreement to the city council. Mr. Krob explained that the draft is the same as the agreement that we are currently operating under and that it is for twenty-five years. Mr. Krob stated he did add a clause in the agreement stating if there is a better deal out there for other Black Hills customers that it would apply to the City of Florence as well. Mayor Ore opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. Steve Andrews of 257 County Road 119 voiced his concerns regarding the Franchise Agreement with Black

Hills and encouraged council to look into what Boulder had done. Maurie Aves of 127 West Main stated that he agreed with the clause that Mr. Krob had added to the ordinance and that he was comfortable with the direction that council is going. Mayor Ore closed the hearing at 7:21 p.m. Councilor Villagrana moved to approve Ordinance 11-6-17B. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call 6 ayes- 1 no Baker

b. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 12-4-2017A establishing certain rules and regulation for the use of City Parks- Councilor Smith moved to approve ordinance 12-4-2017A. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote- 7 ayes

7. New Business

a. Approval for request for services for the fence at South Raw Water Reservoir #2/Gordon Property- Water Superintendent Brandon Harris explained the need for the fence at the South Reservoir #2 in order to separate our property from the Gordon property. Mr. Harris presented three bids to the city Council. Councilor Upton moved to approve bid with Schwab Fencing for \$8,045.00. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote- 7 ayes

b. Move City Council Meeting from January 1, 2018 to January 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Councilor Villagrana moved to approve moving the meeting from January 1, 2018 to January 2, 2018. Roll Call Vote- 7 ayes

c. Move City Council Meeting from January 15, 2018 to January 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Councilor Vendetti moved to approve moving the meeting from January 15, 2018 to January 16, 2018. Councilor Upton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote- 7 ayes

d. Action for additions/deletions/corrections- None

8. Mayor's Report- No Report

Committee Reports-

* Councilor Villagrana reported on his meeting with the tourism council. Councilor Villagrana explained that the Tourism Council is actually split into two different organizations, those being the County and the Royal Gorge Associations.

*Councilor Smith reported that Historic Preservation would meet on December 27th at 6 p.m.

*Councilor Baker reported that Regional Water Committee was scheduled for Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

*Councilor Vendetti reported that there would be an ADA Committee Meeting on December 20, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.

9. City Attorney Report – No Report

10. Department Head Report-

*Police Chief Report- Police Chief Mike DeLaurentis thanked all that came out for the Kops for Kids event on Saturday. They had a great turn out and helped many families.

*Water Superintendent Brandon Harris- Water Superintendent Brandon Harris stated they are one man down; they will have a new employee starting December 26, 2017.

*Public Works Director- Public Works Director Sam Elstun stated it has been a great year. Public Works is looking forward to 2018 being just as good or better.

*Finance Officer Report- No Report

*Planning Director Report- No Report

*City Clerk Report- No Report

11. City Manager Report- No Report

12. Executive Session- City Manager Mike Patterson requested an executive session for three items of negotiations. City Attorney Matt Krob stated that executive session is pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e) for the purposes of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategies for negotiations and/or instructing negotiators. City Manager Mike Patterson requested that himself, Water Superintendent Brandon Harris, City Attorney Matt Krob, and City Clerk Dena Lozano be included in the executive session. Councilor Villagrana moved to go into executive session at 7:37 p.m. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote- 7 ayes.

Council returned from executive session at 8:38 p.m.

13. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.