



CITY OF FLORENCE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 17, 2019

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Ore called the regular meeting of the Florence City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Ore led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Ore	-	Present
Councilman Baker	-	Present
Councilman Cobler	-	Present
Councilman Knisley	-	Present
Councilman Vendetti	-	Present
Councilman Upton	-	Present
Councilman Villagrana	-	Present
4. **ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager, Mike Patterson; City Attorney, Matt Krob; Deputy City Clerk, Jessica Griffith; Public Works, Martin Lancaster; Police Chief, Mike DeLaurentis; Finance Officer, Lori Cobler; Planning Director, Wade Broadhead; and Water Superintendent, Brandon Harris.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Charlette Henagar 714 W. 7th St.

Ms. Henagar stated that 4498 Bear Paw will be getting power hooked up from Black Hills Energy soon. Ms. Henagar wanted to know if the City had received any complaints regarding their generator. They will also be placing gravel at the site soon. Ms. Henagar then discussed her plans for her Hemp Farm and she thanked the City Council and City staff for their professionalism.

City Manager Mike Patterson thanked Ms. Henagar and stated that: 4498 Bear Paw has been zoned commercial since early 1990's and that hemp is now federally legal.

Councilor, Paul Villagrana; Councilor, Mike Vendetti; and Councilor, Richard Upton; added comments regarding the process and appreciation of Charlette's Hemp Farm located at 4498 Bear Paw.

6. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:

- a. N/A

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Meeting Minutes for June 3rd, 2019
- b. Bills Allowed

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Baker and second by Councilor Villagrana, the City approved the Consent Agenda Items.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES:

Council Member	Villagrana
Council Member	Upton
Council Member	Baker
Council Member	Knisley
Council Member	Cobler
Council Member	Vendetti
Mayor	Ore

5. DISCUSSION & ACTION MATTERS:

- 1. Purchase and Sales Agreement for Union Ditch Shares

600 shares of Union Ditch Water at \$575,000. Which are usually priced at \$1,200 to \$1,500 per Union Ditch Share. After the purchase the City will receive a certificate stating that the City of Florence owns 600 shares.

City Manager, Mike Patterson; encouraged City Councilors to approve this purchase as it is a great investment for the City of Florence. Brandon Harris, the Water Superintendent, also supported this purchase as the additional water shares will be beneficial to the Cities future.

Council Member, Villagrana had questions regarding the future adjudication of these Union Ditch Shares so that they could be converted to municipal water use.

Council Member, Knisley, Asked about selling some of these shares to Coal Creek, Williamsburg or Rockvale. Mike Patterson stated that the City would check to see if any of those entities were interested in purchasing some shares.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Villagrana and second by Councilor Upton, the City approved the Consent of Water Union Ditch Shares.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES:	Council Member	Villagrana
	Council Member	Upton
	Council Member	Baker
	Council Member	Knisley
	Council Member	Cobler
	Council Member	Vendetti
	Mayor	Ore

2. Street closure request for Florence Pioneer Day Parade

Richard Burleson 1134 W. 2nd spoke on the behalf of the 92nd Pioneer Day Parade. The theme of the Pioneer Day Parade will be Bars and Brothels. Posters will be created by Rudl Mergleman. Pioneer Day will be on Saturday September 21st, 2019.

Street closure will be on Highway 115 at Maple Ave. at W 2nd and at Frazier, Dewey, and Fremont streets. As well as, Highway 115 at Church St and at McCandless and Highway 115. The street will be closed from 7 AM to 12 PM.

State Patrol has already approved the street closure and all that is needed is approval from the City council, City Manager, Mike Patterson added.

MOTION: On motion by Council Member Villagrana and second by Council Member Baker, the City Council approved the street closure for the 92nd Pioneer Day on Saturday, September 21st, 2019, at 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES:	Council Member	Upton
	Council Member	Villagrana
	Council Member	Knisley
	Council Member	Vendetti
	Council Member	Cobler
	Council Member	Baker
	Mayor	Ore

3. Street Closure request for Junktique Antique Show and Market

The Florence Chamber of Commerce and the Florence Merchants Association requested a street closure for the Junktique Antique Show and Market for September 27th at 5:00am through September 28th at 7:00pm; from Highway 115 and Petroleum Ave to Highway 115 at the east end of the Liquor Locker stores driveway

Council Members and City Manager, Mike Patterson; discuss the challenges of restaurants not receiving

MOTION: On motion by Council Member Villagrana and second by Council Member Baker, the City Council approved street closures for Junktique Antique Show and Market on September 27th at 5:00am to September 28th 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES:	Council Member	Upton
	Council Member	Baker
	Council Member	Knisley
	Council Member	Vendetti
	Council Member	Cobler
	Council Member	Villagrana
	Mayor	Ore

MAYOR'S AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT:

Mayor Ore had nothing to report.

Council Member, Richard Upton reported that he had attended the Florence School Board Meeting

ATTORNEYS REPORT:

Matt Krob had no report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department, Chief of Police, Mike DeLaurentis;

No report

Public Works Representative, Martin Lancaster;

The City Public Works Department has used 35 tons of asphalt in fixing potholes this month alone.

Water Superintend, Brandon Harris;

Regional Water Tour on Saturday 15th at 9:00 AM went well.

Potable Tank Divers will be in this Wednesday (June 19th, 2019), which was approved by council last meeting (June 3rd, 2019) to clean, inspect, and repair the east and west tanks.

Finance Officer, Lori Cobler;

Retail sales tax collections were once again at a record level for the month of April. \$72,319.55 was the total received in sales taxes for April. Finish first phase began on for our financial audit for 2018 on our expenses and accounts payable. This audit is going well so far. The audit will be finished up on Monday, June 24th, 2019 and Tuesday, June 25th, 2019.

Planning and Zoning Director, Wade Broadhead;

Mr. Broadhead introduced Aubrey Lucero, an administrative assistant with the City.

Interim City Clerk, Jessica Griffith;

Nothing to report

City Manager Report, Mike Patterson;

Mr. Patterson requested an executive session, for two matters of negotiation and would like the City Council to invite, city attorney, Interim City Clerk, City Manager, Water Superintendent, Police Chief, and Finance Director

At the beginning of the 2019 the Council Members had moved Council Meeting from July 1st to July 8th, 2019 because of the Fourth of July week. With the sale of the Middle School rezone issue coming forward Mr. Patterson suggested that the City Council move the meeting back to July 1st, 2019. The City Council Members discussed the issue and decided to move the meeting back to July 1st, 2019.

There being no further business, Mayor Ore recessed the meeting at 7:45 P.M the City Council then went into executive session.

EXCUTIVE SESSION:

City Attorney, Matt Krob declared that:

An executive session pursuant to 24-6-402(4)(e) for the purposes of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and/or instructing negotiators.

MOTION: On motion by Council Member Upton and second by Council Member Vendetti, the City Council approved for executive session.

City Council
June 17, 2019

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES:

Council Member	Upton
Council Member	Baker
Council Member	Knisley
Council Member	Vendetti
Council Member	Cobler
Council Member	Villagrana
Mayor	Ore

CITY OF FLORENCE, CO

BY: 

Keith Ore, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Jessica Griffith, Interim City Clerk