



CITY OF FLORENCE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 7, 2020

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Upton called the regular meeting of the Florence City Council to order at 7:05 pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilor Wood led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Upton	-	Present
Councilor Allen	-	Present
Councilor Esquibel	-	Present
Councilor Knisley	-	Present
Councilor Hardy	-	Present
Councilor Vendetti	-	Present
Councilor Wood	-	Present
4. **ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager, Mike Patterson; City Attorney, Matt Krob; City Clerk, Jessica Griffith; Planning Director, Wade Broadhead; Water Superintendent, Brandon Harris; Police Chief: Shane Prickett; Public Works Director, Sam Elstun;
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** N/A
6. **Gail McKinnon-Museum Presentation**

Gail McKinnon-207 Quartz, Florence

Mrs. McKinnon started by giving the City kudos for a job well done on the 4th of July festivities. Mrs. McKinnon explained that she contacted Fremont County Public Health in regards to the two fundraisers the museum has planned. Mrs. McKinnon continued by saying the health department advised her the museum may hold the events as long as the museum adheres to the guidelines that are in place at the time. Mrs. McKinnon continued by explaining the events. The first is going to be called night at the museum and the second will be a week-long pioneer day event, where the museum will extend hours and have hands-on learning for all to enjoy.
7. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**
 - a. Meeting Minutes for June 15, 2020
 - b. Bills Allowed



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c. 2nd Reading Drought Response Ordinance 06-15-2020A

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Vendetti and second by Councilor Esquibel, the City approved the Consent Agenda Items.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES

Councilor	Knisley
Councilor	Vendetti
Councilor	Wood
Councilor	Esquibel
Councilor	Hardy
Councilor	Allen
Mayor	Upton

8. DISCUSSION & ACTION MATTERS:

a. Cops Hiring Grant

Police Chief, Shane Prickett explained that the City had been awarded a grant to help in hiring 2 new officers. Chief Prickett continued by say the grant total was \$250,000 and the City pays 25% of the officer's salaries for the 2 years. Chief Prickett also stated that because the School Board has been in talks about cutting staff down to one SRO (school resource officer) this grant will help to keep the other SRO and shift his duties within the department as opposed to having to lay him off.

City Manager, Mike Patterson explained to the Council that when the City had applied for the grant, it was written in such a way that we expressed the possibility of assisting the outlying towns, Coal Creek, Rockvale, and possibly Williamsburg. Mr. Patterson also stated that Staff is looking into whether that is allowed under the grant rules and will bring information back to the Council as it becomes available. Mr. Patterson went on to say that because of the amount the City has to put in for the matching funding, the Council has to vote whether to accept the grant or not.

After several questions and comments from the Council, the Council moved to approve the Cops Hiring Grant

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Vendetti and second by Councilor Allen:

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES

Councilor	Knisley
Councilor	Vendetti
Councilor	Wood
Councilor	Esquibel



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Councilor	Hardy
Councilor	Allen
Mayor	Upton

b. Public Hearing for Florence Steampunk Special Event

Barb Brierley along with Ray Linebaugh explained how this year's steampunk event would look. Mrs. Brieley continued by saying Fremont County Health Department had given them the ok to hold the event as long as they follow the guidelines in place at the time of the event. Mrs. Brieley stated they decided to move the event to September due to weather and another event that canceled in that time frame. Mrs, Brieley asked the Council to grant a Special Events Permit so that they may serve alcohol at the event in the designated areas.

Mayor Upton verified with the City Clerk, Jessica Griffith that all necessary paperwork and fees had been submitted.

After several questions and comments from the Council and no questions or comments in the public hearing, the Council moved to approve the Special Events Permit for the Florence Steampunk Society with the dates of September 25, 3 pm to 10 pm, September 26, 10 am to 11 pm and September 27, 10 am to 7 pm.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Allen and second by Councilor Esquibel:

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES

Councilor	Knisley
Councilor	Vendetti
Councilor	Wood
Councilor	Esquibel
Councilor	Hardy
Councilor	Allen
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c. Special Forces Motorcycle Club Special Events Permit

City Clerk, Jessica Griffith explained to the Council that the Special Forces Motorcycle Club had been before the Council on March 2, 2020, to ask for 3 Special Events permits for March, April, and June. Mrs. Griffith continued by saying that while the Council had approved those events, the Club was unable to have the events due to the COCID-19 pandemic and that the Club was asking the Council to approve 2 new dates for the events, July 15 and August 19, 2020. Mayor Upton verified with the City Clerk, Jessica Griffith that all necessary paperwork and fees had been submitted.



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After several questions and comments from the Council and no questions or comments in the public hearing, the Council moved to approve the Special Events Permit for the Special Forces Morotryle Club with the dates of July 15, 6 pm to 1 am, August 19, 12 pm to 11 pm

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Vendetti and second by Councilor Allen:

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES

Councilor	Knisley
Councilor	Vendetti
Councilor	Wood
Councilor	Esquibel
Councilor	Hardy
Councilor	Allen
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d. CRCA IGA

Police Chief, Shane Prickett explained to the Council that the only corrections between this CRCA IGA and the one the Council passed a few months ago were some grammatical errors were corrected and they added the language about tie votes.

There were no questions or comments from the public or the Council and the CRCA IGA was approved.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Wood and second by Councilor Esquibel:

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES

Councilor	Knisley
Councilor	Vendetti
Councilor	Wood
Councilor	Esquibel
Councilor	Hardy
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e. 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 07-07-2020A- AN Ordinance Rezoning 101 Moore Drive From General Commercial (C) District to Recreational Vehicle Park (RVP) District

City Planning Director, Wade Broadhead explained to the Council that this property had been zoned as commercial use in error thirty to forty years ago, and nothing ever developed there. Mr. Broadhead stated that he had several neighbors near the proposed RV Park voice concern over the potential health



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issues from the use of perlite which aids in keeping dust to a minimum. Mr. Broadhead researched the product and found it is not hazardous and does not require monitoring by the CDPHE (Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment). Mr. Broadhead continued by saying the Staff and Planning Commission recommends approval of this ordinance with the stipulation the applicant work and complies with the Public Works Department, Planning Department, and the CDOT review of traffic patterns. Mr. Broadhead explained that the applicant had already obtained the State required permit for dust and abatement and that she will be berming the property and adding 8% green space along with extensive landscaping.

Tahmra Copeland explained her idea of the RV park to the Council and stated she will be going above and beyond to meet everyone's expectations. Ms. Copeland continued by saying currently the RV park will not have any long term rentals but she might bring that back to the Council in the future. Along with landscaping, her spaces will be 70' by 40' and she will have fences in between each space. Ms. Copeland intends to have higher-end clients come to her park and if long term stays do eventually happen she will require background checks and the RVs will not be allowed if they are over 15 years old. Ms. Copeland along with hired staff will live on-site also.

After several questions and comments from both the Council and the public Ordinance, 07-07-2020A's first reading was approved.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Vendetti and second by Councilor Esquibel:

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES

Councilor	Knisley
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ROLL CALL VOTE: NAYS

Councilor	Allen
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f. First Reading of Ordinance No. 07-07-2020C- An Ordinance Adopting The City of Florence Water Tap Installation Fee Schedule

Public Works Director, Sam Elstun explained to the Council he was asked by the Staff to audit the fees associated with water tap installation. Mr. Elstun found that the fees had not been updated since 2007 and during that time the State required going from using leaded brass fittings to it now being mandatory to use non-leaded brass fittings. Mr. Elstun continued by saying we have been



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losing up to 500 dollars per installation on materials at the current price structure.

City Manager stated that staff would like to have this reviewed annually to make sure that we are in compliance.

Ordinance 07-07-2020C's first reading was approved.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Vendetti and second by Councilor Hardy:

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES

Councilor	Knisley
Councilor	Vendetti
Councilor	Wood
Councilor	Esquibel
Councilor	Hardy
Councilor	Allen
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g. CARES Act Affirmation

City Manager, Mike Patterson explained to the Council that by signing this CARES Act agreement it will allow the City to work with Fremont County and other local Entities to be reimbursed for COVID-19 expenses. Mr. Patterson continued by saying the County was awarded four million dollars and the City of Florence could potentially see three hundred and twenty-four thousand dollars to help with the economic impact that COVID-19 has left in Florence.

There were no questions or comments from the public or the Council and the CARES ACT was affirmed.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Esquibel and second by Councilor Allen:

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES

Councilor	Knisley
Councilor	Vendetti
Councilor	Wood
Councilor	Esquibel
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h. 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 07-07-2020B- An Ordinance Adopting the City of Florence Administrative Fee Schedule



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City Manager, Mike Patterson explained this was another ordinance that was created to help streamline the admin staff duties in the front office. Mr. Patterson said eventually he would like to have all fees associated with the City on one master resolution that is reviewed annually. Ordinance 07-07-2020C's first reading was approved

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Vendetti and second by Councilor Wood:

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES

Councilor	Knisley
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9. MAYOR'S AND CITY COUNCILS REPORT:

a. Mayor: Mayor Upton reported that he got wet and had a good time during the City's 4th of July parade through town and he received nothing but positive feedback from the community on the wet parade this year. Mr. Upton also reported that he has a short article coming out in the Daily Record this week.

b. Council Committee Reports:

Counselor Knisley reported on his attendance of the Regional Water Board where they elected Judy McCormick as Chairperson and John Purvis as Co-Chair. Mr. Knisley also reported that the Regional Water Board bylaws should be ready to pass at the meeting in September.

Counselor Esquibel reported he attended the UAACOG meeting via zoom and they were having some technical difficulties but hope to have it worked out by the next meeting.

Counselor Hardy reported that she is now on the Gold Belt Byways Committee and she has been visiting the local business to try and build up the relationships between the merchants and the Byways.

c. Other Council Comments: All of the Council Members thanked the City Staff for all of their hard work and efforts to put together a great "plan B" 4th of July Festival.

ATTORNEYS REPORT: Mr. Krob reported that he may be bringing some training to the Council and Staff on open meeting laws and executive sessions.



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Police Chief, Shane Prickett: No Report

Public Works Director, Sam Elstun: No Report

Water Superintendent, Brandon Harris: No Report

Finance Officer, Lori Cobler: N/A

Planning Director, Wade Broadhead: Mr. Broadhead reported that he would be meeting with Counselor Allen in regards to the Husky Park redesign and that he would like to start the housing committee back up on Tuesday the 21st of July at 4:00 pm

City Clerk, Jessica Griffith: Mrs. Griffith thanked all the City Staff and Council members for their help in making the City's 4th of July event this year fantastic as usual.

City Manager, Mike Patterson: Mr. Patterson stated he would like to incorporate some of this year's 4th of July elements into next year's events and wants to have a 4th of July committee meeting soon. Mr. Patterson then addressed the downtown parking reform. Mr. Patterson continued by saying a few months ago a complaint was made to CDOT about angled parking on Pikes Peak. Mr. Patterson stated that now that CDOT is aware the City has angled parking on main st, they will be working with the City to help us find different and better solutions for parking downtown. Mr. Patterson then requested two executive sessions and asked the Council to invite the following staff members, the City Manager, the City Clerk, the Public Works Forman, the Planning Director, the Water Superintendent, and the City Attorney.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: An executive session for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(e)

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Vendetti and second by Councilor Allen, the City approved moving into Executive Session at 8:39 p.m. and adjourned from Executive Session at 9:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES

Councilor	Knisley
Councilor	Vendetti
Councilor	Wood
Councilor	Esquibel
Councilor	Hardy



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There being no further business, Mayor Upton adjourned the meeting at 9:17 P.M.

CITY OF FLORENCE, CO

BY: 
Richard Upton, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Jessica Griffith, City Clerk