



CITY OF FLORENCE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 4, 2019

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Ore called the regular meeting of the Florence City Council to order at 7:00pm.
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	-	Absent
Councilman Knisley	-	Present
Councilman Vendetti	-	Present
Councilman Upton	-	Present
Councilman Villagrana	-	Present

4. **ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager, Mike Patterson; City Attorney, Matt Krob; Interim City Clerk, Jessica Griffith; Public Works, Sam Elstun; Finance Officer, Lori Cobler; Planning Director, Wade Broadhead; and Water Department, Brandon Harris

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Terry Bernath- 504 N. Petroleum Ave.

Ms. Bernath stated that she along with her friend Laura Girard wanted to thank the City's Parks Department. Ms. Bernath continued by saying every summer, she attends yoga in the park, and every year they ask the parks department to modify the water and mowing schedule to accommodate the yoga class. Ms. Bernath stated that every summer the parks department is always very accommodating and helpful in working around the class's schedule. Ms. Bernath also thanked the City Council and presented them with a thank you card.

Fran Black-307 E. 2nd St

Ms. Black thanked Councilmember Baker for all of his years as a ward 2 Councilmember. Ms. Black stated she appreciated Mr. Baker taking his time to walk the City streets to make sure the citizens had the opportunity to voice their questions and concerns. Ms. Black then thanked Councilmember Upton for all the great things he has done for the City of Florence and its citizens. Ms. Black continued by thanking Mayor Ore and his wife Elsie for everything they have



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done for the community. The Council thanked Ms. Black and Mayor Ore stated he would be back.

1. Penny Riley with Newmont-Award presentation to the Police Department
Sargent Patrick Slattery of the Florence Police Department stated to the Council that Mrs. Riley, on behalf of Newmont Mining Corporation, made a donation to the Florence Police Department in the amount of just over \$26,000.00. Sargent Slattery continued by saying with the donation the Police Department was able to purchase ballistic panels to install in the front doors of the police cars. Sargent Slattery stated with these panels, the Officers would be better protected if the vehicle were to be shot at. Sargent Slattery and the Council thanked Mrs. Riley and Newmont Mines.

6. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:N/A

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. **Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2019**
- b. **Bills Allowed**
- c. **Liquor License Renewal for Ito's Steakhouse**
- d. **Continue Ordinance 07-15-2019A - An ordinance annexing the New Florence High School to the City of Florence to November 18, 2019**
- e. **Continue Ordinance 07-01-2019B to Approve the Meade Estates Addition Annexation to November 18, 2019**

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES

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



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8. DISCUSSION & ACTION MATTERS:

- a. **Public Hearing-Special Events Permit for the Special Forces Motorcycle Club. Event will be held on November 17, 2019 from 12:00pm to 2:00am** Interim City Clerk, Jessica Griffith stated to the Council that the Special Forces Motorcycle Club would like to have a benefit party for a local motorcyclist. Mrs. Griffith continued by saying the local man had recently incurred a large amount of medical bills, and had been considering selling his motorcycle to help pay those bills. Mrs. Griffith stated the Motorcycle club decided to host a fundraiser to help the man out and hopefully save his motorcycle. Mrs. Griffith stated all of the necessary paperwork had been submitted.

Mayor Ore moved into public comments, and the president of the club, Jeff Ross spoke. Mr. Ross stated that Chico and Felicia Hamilton are both longtime residents of Florence. Mr. Ross continued by saying Chico had recently become ill, and has a large amount of medical bills as a result. Mr. Ross continued by saying Chico was looking at being forced to sell his custom Panzer motorcycle to pay off the medical bills, and the motorcycle club wanted to do what they could to prevent that from happening. Mr. Ross thanked the Council for being so gracious in letting them have these types of special events and stated that the Club has been able to donate almost twelve thousand dollars to various issues. Mr. Ross stated they wanted to donate all of the money made from the cover charges, all of the drawing proceeds and the net profit from the bar after expenses were covered. Mr. Ross hoped that would be around five thousand dollars to go to save Chico's Panzer. Several Councilmembers commented and thanked the Motorcycle club for their efforts to help the Veterans.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Villagrana and second by Councilor Vendetti, the City approved the Special Events Permit for the Special Forces Motorcycle club.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES

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



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b. **Third Public Hearing Re: 2020 Budget:**

Finance Officer, Lori Cobler stated the only changes she had made since the last budget public hearing, was the addition of the revenue for the Safe Routes to School Grant. City Manager, Mike Patterson added that the Council might see some items on the next budget hearing for the cemetery funds that were donated to the City.

MAYOR'S AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT:

Mayor Ore stated he has really enjoyed his seven and a half years serving on the City Council. Mayor Ore continued by saying he will miss serving the City and expressed his love for the town and fellow Councilmembers. In closing, Mayor Ore stated he would be back one way or another to serve the town of Florence.

Councilmember Baker thanked his fellow Councilmembers and City Staff for all of their assistance over his ten-year span on City Council. Mr. Baker continued by saying while he didn't always agree with his fellow Councilmembers or City administrators, he feels like the City is running smoother and better than when he first was elected to the Council. Mr. Baker thanked City Manager, Mike Patterson by saying Mr. Patterson has done a tremendous job in running the City. Mr. Baker stated he would miss being a Councilmember but looks forward to attending future meeting. Mr. Baker encouraged the newly elected Councilmembers to attend Colorado Municipal League events. Mr. Baker stated the relationships you build and the amount of knowledge you gain from attending is invaluable.

Councilmember Upton reported he had attended a phone conference with the Council of Governments where they discussed several grant requests that had been submitted from the different County's. Mr. Upton continued by saying he had attended the Gold Belt Byways meeting in Cripple Creek where they discussed the lack of Federal funding and the impact it has had on the Byways. Mr. Upton stated he hopes to be able to update everyone at the next City Council meeting on what the next project-based learning idea will be for the Florence Elementary School students.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department, Lt. Shane Prickett: No Report

Public Works, Sam Elstun: No Report

Water Superintendent, Brandon Harris: No report

Finance Officer, Lori Cobler: Mrs. Cobler thanked Mayor Ore, Councilmember Baker and Councilmember Upton for their time and hard work as Councilmembers. Mrs. Cobler



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continued by saying she has enjoyed working with and getting to know each one of them. Mrs. Cobler wished each of them well in whatever they decide to pursue in the future.

Planning Director, Wade Broadhead: Mr. Broadhead stated to the Council he is working on trying to get a grant for the development of a safer route up to the Florence High school.

Interim City Clerk, Jessica Griffith: No Report

City Manager, Mike Patterson: Mr. Patterson stated there would be two going away parties coming up, Councilmember Bakers is to be held after the next Council meeting on Monday, November 18, 2019. A party for Mayor Ore is scheduled for Tuesday November 19, 2019 at 6:00pm. Mr. Patterson also stated he has been working with Chief DeLaurentis to plan a going away party for him.

Mr. Patterson reported to the Council that the Office of Economic Development and International Trade will be in town on November 20, 2019. Mr. Patterson continued by saying they will be watching the movie *Our Souls at Night* on their bus trip to Florence and will be hosting a dinner that evening at the Abbey. Mr. Patterson stated that the Council is invited to attend the dinner free of charge.

Mr. Patterson reported to the Council that on Thursday November 7, 2019 the City of Canon City would be hosting a community relations meeting to address the homelessness issue that is being experienced in Fremont County and what can be done to remedy the situation. .

Mr. Patterson reminded everyone the City would be hosting a meet and greet with the potential Police Chief candidate on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 6:00pm. Mr. Patterson encouraged the Councilmembers and public to attend.

Mr. Patterson then reported that Wells Fargo had assured him that they were almost done with their due diligence and the City would finally be able to close on the acquisition of the 600 shares of the Union Ditch by the end of November.

Mr. Patterson then requested two executive session.

ATTORNEYS REPORT: No Report

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 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

The Council returned from executive session at 8:15pm and a motion was made by Councilmember Villagrana and seconded by Councilmember Vendetti to approve the thirteenth amendment to the City Managers contract.



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ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES

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Council Member	Vendetti
Council Member	Baker
Council Member	Cobler-Absent
Council Member	Upton
Mayor	Ore

There being no further business, Mayor Ore adjourned the meeting at 8:17 P.M.

CITY OF FLORENCE, CO

BY: 
Keith Ore, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Jessica Griffith, Interim City Clerk