



CITY OF FLORENCE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 19, 2019

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Ore called the regular meeting of the Florence City Council to order at 7:01pm.
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	-	Absent
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 Director, Sam Elstun; Finance Officer, Lori Cobler; Planning Director, Wade Broadhead; and Water Superintendent, Brandon Harris.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tim Jordan 844 Sumo Ave.

Mr. Jordan inquired about a discussion at a previous City/County meeting in regards to Police Protection for Rockvale, Coal Creek and Willimsburg. Mr. Jordan was interested in how the Florence Police Department fit in to that equation. City Manager, Mike Patterson, stated that each individual Colorado municipality, no matter their size, is required by law to provide their own law enforcement. Mr. Patterson stated those towns have not traditionally done so and the Fremont County Sheriff has been providing that service for them. Mr. Patterson continued by saying the new County Sheriff has taken a realistic approach in saying he does not have the resources to continue to provide sufficient service to the coal towns. The Sherriff's Department has encouraged the Florence Police Department to step into that role. Mr. Patterson stated the Florence Police Department faces the same challenges as the Sheriff's department in doing so. Mr. Patterson stated the towns are looking for funding sources, like grants, to help them offset the costs incurred with obtaining police services. In closing comments, Mr. Patterson



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stated if the towns were able to help fund the necessary resources, the matter would be brought before the City Council for approval.

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

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Meeting Minutes for August 5, 2019
- b. Bills Allowed

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES

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

8. DISCUSSION & ACTION MATTERS:

a. Water Rate Study presented by RG & Associates

Finance Officer, Lori Cobler, introduced Mr. Rick Gonzales from RG & Associates. Mrs. Cobler stated that Mr. Gonzales has been a Professional Engineer for over 32 years and he developed the rate structure model that most municipalities are currently using. Mr. Gonzales stated the purpose of a rate study is to evaluate the recovering cost of operations and address the City's current rates to make sure they are sufficient in covering operation costs, anticipated growth, capital improvements and system repairs. Mr. Gonzales continued by stating the objectives for the rate study are to ensure that the City's rates are fair to all users, encourage conservation, pay for the costs of operation and allow for a replacement fund. Mr. Gonzales projected 10 years out for those objectives in his study. Mr. Gonzales stated his rate philosophy has two basic cost categories, fixed and variable costs, and from those two cost categories, you then have two fee categories that consist of your base fee, this theoretically pays for your fixed costs and your tiered water usage fee, which theoretically pays for your variable costs. Mr. Gonzales went on to recommend that the City reduce the number of tiers in



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their rate structure. Mr. Gonzales explained the process on how his company projected a ten-year growth formula to cover operations and capital improvements for the City of Florence. In closing statements, Mr. Gonzales made the following recommendations to the City Council as follows:

- Consider a 3% per year inflation increase
- Charge a standby fee of \$5.00 per month, per undeveloped ERU
- Leave tap fees as they are

City Manager, Mike Patterson stated to the City Council that the City Attorney would be drafting an ordinance to be brought before them on the implementation of the stand by fee. City Manager, Mike Patterson, the City Attorney, Matt Krob and several citizens' added comments. Mayor Ore and the City Council thanked Mr. Gonzales for his time and presentation.

b. Humane Society Impound Agreement

City Manager, Mike Patterson, stated this is an annual agreement between the City of Florence and the Fremont County Humane Society. Mr. Patterson went on to say this is the first year in several years the Humane Society has not requested an increase in funding from the City of Florence and are proposing a continuation of the 2019 rate into 2020. Mr. Patterson stated the City Staff recommended approval of this agreement by City Council.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Vendetti and second by Councilor Baker, the City approved the Humane Society Impound Agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES

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

**c. Public Hearing-Special Events Permit for the Florence Steampunk Society
Event to be held on October 11 & 12, 2019 from 10:00am to 11:00pm**

Mayor Ore requested City Council to continue this public hearing to Tuesday September 3, 2019.



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MOTION: On motion by Councilor Upton and second by Councilor Baker, the City approved to continue the public hearing for the special events permit for the Florence Steampunk Society Event to be held on October 11 & 12, 2019 from 10:00am to 11:00pm to Tuesday September 3, 2019

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES

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

d. OHV Ordinance- To regulate the use of off-highway vehicles within the City of Florence

Martin Lancaster from the Public Works department stated he began looking at other towns in Colorado that have passed regulations to allow ATV & UTV'S on City Streets. Mr. Lancaster continued by saying the City of Florence has the only off-road dealership in Fremont County and pointed out this ordinance will not only bring in revenue for the City but it will also assist the Florence Police Department in the recovery and identification of stolen off-highway vehicles. Police Chief, Mike DeLaurentis, Fremont Motor Sports Owner, Ryan Lawson, Mayor Ore, Finance Officer, Lori Cobler, and several Councilmembers added a few questions and comments. City Attorney, Matt Krob, stated the City is not necessary making money on this ordinance but rather deferring the cost of providing this service to Florence Citizens.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Villagrana and second by Councilor Baker, the City approved the OHV Ordinance to regulate the use of off-highway vehicles within the City of Florence

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES

Council Member	Villagrana
Council Member	Knisley-Absent
Council Member	Vendetti
Council Member	Baker
Council Member	Cobler
Council Member	Upton
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e. Ordinance 07-15-2019A - An ordinance annexing the New Florence High School into the City of Florence

City Manager, Mike Patterson; requested City Council to continue this ordinance to September 3, 2019

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Upton and second by Councilor Baker, the City approved to continue Ordinance 07-15-2019A-annexing the New Florence High School to the City of Florence to Tuesday September 3, 2019.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES

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

f. Ordinance 07-01-2019B An ordinance to Approve the Meade Estates Addition Annexation

Mayor Ore requested City Council to continue this ordinance to Tuesday September 3, 2019.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Upton and second by Councilor Baker, the City approved to continue Ordinance 07-01-2019B –Annexation of the Meade Estates Addition to Tuesday September 3, 2019

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES

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

MAYOR’S AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT:

Mayor Ore had no Report. Councilor Upton reported on his attendance of the last school board meeting.



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ATTORNEYS REPORT:

No report

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department, Chief of Police, Mike DeLaurentis;

No report

Public Works, Sam Elstun;

Reported on the current paving projects progression and stated that A1 Chip seal should be wrapped up before the Pioneer Day events.

Water Superintendent, Brandon Harris:

No report

Finance Officer, Lori Cobler;

Reported when the City reports on tax collection that is as a whole and the City is not permitted by state statues to report individual taxpayer information. Mrs. Cobler went on to say that the City reported its second best overall month ever in sales tax collection.

Planning Director, Wade Broadhead:

No report

Interim City Clerk, Jessica Griffith;

Reported that she had attended a liquor licenses training in Boulder the past week. She stated the class had been very informative and she is excited to start putting that training to good use.

City Manager, Mike Patterson;

Wanted to reiterate what Finance Offer, Lori Cobler had touched on in regards to giving out individual sales tax payer's information. Mr. Patterson stated under state statue 29.2.106 the City is not legally permitted to give out any individual sales tax information.

There being no further business, Mayor Ore adjourned the meeting at 8:25 P.M.

CITY OF FLORENCE, CO

BY: 
Keith Ore, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Jessica Griffith, Interim City Clerk



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