



CITY OF FLORENCE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
August 5, 2019

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Ore called the regular meeting of the Florence City Council to order at 7:00pm 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, 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:**

Barna Kasa 208 W. Main St.

Mr. Kasa reported on the Florence Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Kasa reported that in May, the office manager resigned and they hired Lisa McCarter. Mr. Kasa stated that they are seeing an increase in phone calls and walk-in traffic at the Chamber office. The Chamber recently extended office hours to include Saturdays, they are hoping to extend office hours to be open 6 days a week to accommodate more out of town visitors. Mr. Kasa reported the Chamber had hosted a couple of workshops with great attendance, on vacation rentals and digital marketing. Mr. Kasa stated the Chamber is collaborating with the Custer County tourism board on a grant and a 2-day Art & Antiques itinerary.

Councilor, Dick Upton; Councilor, Paul Villagrana; and City Manager, Mike Patterson added comments and thanked Mr. Kasa for all he does for the Florence Community.

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



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**7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

- a. Meeting Minutes for July 15, 2019
- b. Bills Allowed
- c. Liquor License Renewal for the Green Parrot Lounge.

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilor Villagrana 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	Cobler
Council Member	Upton-Abstained
Mayor	Ore

**8. DISCUSSION & ACTION MATTERS:**

- a. Resolution 2019-08-05A for participation in the 2019 coordinated election.

City Manager, Mike Patterson; stated this is done every 2 years so the City can participate in the coordinated election. Mr. Patterson stated the City does not have any tax issues on the ballot at this point and there will be four Council seats and one Mayor seat available on the ballot.

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilor Vendetti and second by Councilor Baker, the City approved resolution 2019-08-05A. A resolution for participation in the 2019 coordinated election.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES**

Council Member	Villagrana
Council Member	Knisley
Council Member	Vendetti
Council Member	Baker
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- b. Public Hearing-Special Events Permit for the Florence Chamber of Commerce Event to be held on September 21, 2019 from 9:00am to 5:00pm in coordination with the Pioneer Day.

City Manager, Mike Patterson; stated this permit would allow the Florence Chamber of Commerce to serve alcohol in the park during the Pioneer Day event and that the Chamber had provided the City with their certificate of liability insurance.

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilor Upton and second by Councilor Villagrana, the City approved the Special Events Permit for the Florence Chamber of Commerce and the event date of September 21, 2019 from 9:00am to 5:00pm in coordination with the Pioneer Day Event.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES**

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

- c. Ordinance 07-15-2019A - An ordinance annexing the New Florence High School to the City of Florence

City Manager, Mike Patterson; requested City Council to continue this ordinance.

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilor Villagrana 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

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES**

Acting Mayor	Villagrana
Council Member	Knisley
Council Member	Vendetti
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Council Member	Cobler
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d. Ordinance 07-01-2019B to Approve the Meade Estates Addition Annexation

Mayor Ore; requested City Council to continue this ordinance

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilor Vendetti and second by Councilor Upton the City approved to continue Ordinance 07-01-2019B –annexation of the Meade Estates Addition

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES**

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Council Member	Knisley
Council Member	Vendetti
Council Member	Baker
Council Member	Cobler
Council Member	Upton
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**MAYOR'S AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT:**

Mayor Ore invited Jessica Cobler to speak about Suicide Awareness.

Mrs Cobler started her presentation off by thanking City Manager, Mike Patterson, Mayor Ore and the City Council for doing this proclamation again for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Mrs. Cobler stated that her son, Dalton, died by suicide on June 18, 2014. Mrs. Cobler stated that her son was an amazing son who was caring, smart and enjoyed many activities. He graduated High School with a 4.0 GPA. Mrs. Coblers mission is to educate the community on suicide prevention and mental health. She is the walk chair for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Out of The Darkness community walk. The walk is hosted by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. The walk will be held on Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup> at Centennial Park.

City Manager, Mike Patterson proceeded to read the Florence Mayors Proclamation for Suicide Awareness month.

**ATTORNEYS REPORT:**

Matt Krob reported that he was happy to be back from vacation.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police Department, Chief of Police, Mike DeLaurentis;**

No report



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**Public Works, Sam Elstun;** informed the Council that he will have a pre-construction meeting on August 12, 2019 at 10:30 with A-1 Chip seal. Mr. Elstun reported the City is on schedule for milling and asphalt work with Martin Marietta on August 19. Mr. Elstun also reported Public Works would be working with the Water department to flush fire hydrants throughout the City starting August 20.

**Finance Officer, Lori Cobler;** encouraged everyone to get ready for the 2020 budget season. Mrs. Cobler informed City Council that the annual audit was complete, she is just waiting for the report to come back from the auditor, and that the Water Rate Survey would be on the agenda for the next City Council meeting.

**Planning Director, Wade Broadhead;** informed council that the Safe Routes to School Project design is about 50% complete and should wrap up around fall. Mr. Broadhead also mentioned the first kickoff meeting for the combined Police/Public Works building was taking place on Tuesday August 6, 2019 at 10:00am

**Interim City Clerk, Jessica Griffith;**  
No report

**City Manager, Mike Patterson;** reported after a discussion with the City Attorney, in regard to election signs and as a general rule, signs cannot be put in the triangle of vision or on City property. Mr. Patterson also stated that the City will be doing a city wide triangle of vision clean up and all signs taken down will be stored at City Hall. Mr. Patterson requested for six executive sessions and requested that the City Attorney, Matt Krob, Interim City Clerk, Jessica Griffith; Public Works Director, Sam Elstun; Finance Officer, Lori Cobler; and Water Superintendent, Brandon Harris Planning and Zoning Director, Wade Broadhead and the Chief of Police, Mike DeLaurentis be invited in.

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 Councilor Villagrana and second by Councilor Baker the City approved of 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.



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**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES**

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**The City Council Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:33 P.M.**

**The City Council returned from Executive Session at 9:12 P.M.**

**There being no further business, Mayor Ore adjourned the meeting at 9:12 P.M.**

CITY OF FLORENCE, CO

BY:   
Keith Ore, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Jessica Griffith, Interim City Clerk