



CITY OF FLORENCE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
September 16, 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:**

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| Mayor Ore             | - | Present        |
| Councilman Baker      | - | Present        |
| Councilman Cobler     | - | Present        |
| Councilman Knisley    | - | Present        |
| Councilman Vendetti   | - | Present-Absent |
| 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:** N/A
6. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:** N/A
7. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**
  - a. Meeting Minutes for September 3, 2019
  - b. Bills Allowed
  - c. Liquor License Renewal for the Liquor Locker
  - d. Second Reading of Ordinance 09-09-2019A-Addressing Backflow Prevention Devices Within The City of Florence
  - e. Continue Ordinance 07-15-2019A - An ordinance annexing the New Florence High School to the City of Florence



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

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES**

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

**8. DISCUSSION & ACTION MATTERS:**

a. Fremont County GIS IGA

City Planner, Wade Broadhead explained to the Council that this is an annual agreement we enter into every year with the Fremont County GIS Authority. Mr. Broadhead continued by saying there is a small fee increase of 2% this year. Mr. Broadhead stated he feels this is still a great value for the service as they provide such things as aerial data and LiDAR. Mr. Broadhead continued to explain this type of information is extremely helpful when talking with developers. Mr. Broadhead recommend the approval of this agreement.

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilor Villagrana and second by Councilor Baker, the City approved Fremont County GIS IGA

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES**

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

**MAYOR’S AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT:**

Council member Upton spoke on the Gold Belt Byway’s meeting that took place on Monday September 9, 2019. Mr. Upton stated the topics of grants were addressed. Mr. Upton continued by saying that it is a very difficult time right now to obtain and forest service grants or BLM grants due to the Federal Government scaling back in those areas.



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Mr. Upton did report that they had secured one grant for \$59,000.00 for the kid's heritage book. This grant will help facilitate the replacement of damaged interrupter panels, clean up along the byways and overall general support. Mr. Upton also reported on the issue of illegal camping and trash dumping that is becoming a large problem along shelf road. The board is currently looking into solutions like, handing out trash bags as people come in to encourage them to at least bag up their own garbage. Mr. Upton briefly spoke on the school board meeting he attended. Mr. Upton reported that while attendance is steady at the elementary and middle school grades, the high school has seen a decrease. Mr. Upton stated the new Principle feels they current staff is feeling very enthusiastic and plans to put in the work needed to increase those numbers.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

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

Reported code enforcement is working on cleanup of Triangle of Vision

**Public Works, Sam Elstun;**

Reported the Public Works Department is busy getting ready for Pioneer Day Parade and events.

**Water Superintendent, Brandon Harris:**

No report

**Finance Officer, Lori Cobler;**

No Report

**Planning Director, Wade Broadhead:**

No Report

**Interim City Clerk, Jessica Griffith;**

No Report

**City Manager, Mike Patterson;**

Had no report, but requested three executive sessions.

**ATTORNEYS REPORT:**

No Report

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** An executive session for a conference with the City Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b).



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**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).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** An executive session for discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. § 24-6-402(2) (f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees.

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilor Upton and second by Councilor Baker, the City approved the requests for three executive sessions.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES**

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

The Council returned from executive session and went back on record to request Executive Session number 7 on the agenda be tabled, and scheduled a special Council meeting for Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 6:00pm.

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilor Villagrana and second by Councilor Baker, the City approved the requests to table item number 7 and set the special meeting for Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 6:00pm.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES**

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**There being no further business, Mayor Ore adjourned the meeting at 10:38 P.M.**

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BY:   
Keith Ore, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Jessica Griffith, Interim City Clerk