



FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 17, 2024, 6:30 PM

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1) CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Council Chambers, 600 W. 3rd Street, Florence, CO 81226

Mayor Wolfe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) ROLL CALL:

Mayor Wolfe	Present
Councilman Vanhoutan	Present
Councilman Stiefel	Present
Councilwoman Stone	Present
Councilman Mergelman	Present
Councilwoman Gardner	Present
Councilwoman MacKinnon	Present

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk Cortlyne Huppe, City Manager Amy Nasta, Public Works Director Sam Elstun, Planning Director Ashley Fox and City Attorney Dan Findlay.

3) PRESENTATIONS

- a) Gifting of Honorary Plaque for Eastern Fremont County Men Who Dedicated Their Lives to our Country: WWI, WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War
Presented By: Royal Schmidt and the Florence Pioneer Museum

Royal Schmidt- 302 Gumaer Avenue

Presented honorary plaques to the City Council for the Eastern Fremont County men who lost their lives in WWI, WWII, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. He then elaborated on his service during WWII, and his experience with the honor flight.

4) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any matter on this agenda may, at the discretion of the governing body, be opened for public comment and discussion (three minutes).

There was no public comment.

5) CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Consider approving the minutes as written for the Regular City Council Meeting on June 3, 2024
b) Consider approving City expenditures prepared on June 6, 2024, in the amount of \$56,315.47, and June 13, 2024, in the amount of \$74,170.74

Councilor MacKinnon requested item 5a be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Councilor Stone motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, excluding item 5a. Councilor Mergelman seconded. With the Councilmembers voting in favor of the motion, the motion carried.

Councilor Stiefel motioned to approve the meeting minutes as written for the Regular City Council Meeting on June 3. Councilor Stone seconded. Councilor MacKinnon abstained. With the Councilmembers voting in favor of the motion, the motion carried.

6) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Consider approving Ordinance No. 7 – 2024: An Ordinance Designating 105 West Main Street, The Knights of Pythias/Castle Hall, As a Local Historic Landmark

Planning Director Ashley Fox presented information on historic preservation and the 105 West Main Street building. To qualify for a local historic designation a structure must satisfy one of the following criteria: significant historic importance, distinctive architectural design, or inclusion on another historic registry. The building at 105 West Main Street meets all of the criteria. On May 28, 2024, the Historic Preservation Commission voted unanimously to approve the landmark, and submit the item for City Council approval.

Councilor MacKinnon disclosed she is a non-voting member of the Historic Planning Commission.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 7-2024: An Ordinance Designating 105 West Main Street, The Knights of Pythias/Castle Hall, As a Local Historic Landmark: Councilor Gardner
Seconded by: Councilor Mergelman

7 Ayes

Motion passed: 7 – 0

7) COUNCIL UPDATES

- a) City Council Reports

Councilor Stone attended the Florence Chamber of Commerce and Florence Merchants meetings. She attended new business ribbon cuttings, the Bell Tower Art Show, and business after-hours.

Mayor Wolfe attended the Senior Center coffee chat, the American Legion, Florence Merchants meeting, and July 4th meeting. He responded to constituents, met with Black Hills Energy's John Vigil about their 2030 clean energy plan, and Mayor's Round Table. Mayor Wolfe noted Fremont County's fire prevention on Oak Creek Grade Road, and a discussion with Colorado Energy Office regarding electric vehicles.

- b) City Manager Reports

City Manager Amy Nasta stated the online billing platform is live for citizen use. She also reminded the City Council of the Constant Contact platform, and encouraged citizens to sign-up.

City Attorney Dan Findlay elaborated on the earlier action of recusal.

Public Works Director Sam Elstun announced the ongoing project in Pioneer Park to fix drainage.

8) EXECUTIVE SESSION(S): IF NECESSARY

Pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b), an executive session for the purpose of conferencing with an attorney for the local public body for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions pertaining to any item listed on the agenda herein and/or any related discussion that may

arise thereto. Such executive session may be entered into at any time or at any point on the agenda, if necessary and with the requisite Council approval.

9) **ADJOURNMENT:** Adjournment until the next regular City Council Meeting
Monday, July 1, 2024

Councilor Stone motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Gardner seconded. With all of the Councilmembers voting in favor of the motion, the motion carried.
Mayor Wolfe adjourned the City Council Meeting at 7:06 p.m.

CITY OF FLORENCE, CO

BY: _____
Steve Wolfe, Mayor

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: _____
Cortlyne Huppe, City Clerk