

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019, AT 6:00 P.M., IN THE FLORENCE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOCATED AT 775 N. MAIN STREET, FLORENCE, ARIZONA.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Walter called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Tara Walter, John Anderson, Bill Hawkins, Karen Wall, Kristen Larsen, Michelle Cordes, Judy Hughes

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Walter called for a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Walter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC Call to the Public for public comment on issues within the jurisdiction of the Town Council. Council rules limit public comment to three minutes. Individual Councilmembers may respond to criticism made by those commenting, may ask staff to review a matter raised or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the Council shall not discuss or take action on any matter during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.

Mr. Terry Tryon, Police Lieutenant, stated that the Town of Florence Police Department has partnered with Pinal County for the use of their graffiti abatement truck. Police personnel would work with the Pinal County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) to identify and abate graffiti within the Town of Florence and on occasion assist PCSO. The Police Department will ensure that the equipment is kept in good working order and that only products and materials purchased by the Police Department or donated to the Police Department used. Each party will insure their personnel.

Lieutenant Tryon thanked Pinal County Sheriff's Office for the partnership.

PRESENTATIONS

Results of the 2019 Florence Peanut Butter and Jelly Challenge.

Mayor Walter stated that the statistics show that every one in four homes have children that are hungry and do not have access to the food that they need. Brayden Briggs, United Way of Pinal County, discussed this need at the July 1, 2019 Council meeting as well as a peanut butter and jelly drive. At this meeting, Councilmember Cordes challenged the community to exceed the amount collected by Apache Junction (849 jars) and Casa Grande (2100 jars).

Mayor Walter stated that Florence partnered with United Way, Florence Unified School District and the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with all businesses and residents. She thanked every single individual who assisted the Town in exceeding its goal of 2,500 jars.

Mayor Walter stated that the grand total collected by the community is 6,304 jars of peanut butter and jelly.

Mayor Walter stated that those who helped collect peanut butter and jelly include:

- Core Civic
- Arizona Public Service
- Total Concept
- Sun City Anthem
- Parkside Anthem
- Florence Gardens
- Caliente Casa Del Sol
- Safeway
- Bucks for Style
- Florence Fudge Shop
- Arizona Department of Corrections – Eyeman Complex
- Pinal County Sheriff's Office
- American Leadership Academy
- Pinal County Uniforms
- Mosaic Church of the Nazarene
- Mount Athos
- American Legion Post #9
- Gila Valley #9
- American Masonic Lodge
- Heart J Ranch
- Town of Florence Officers
- Florence Copper
- Clark's Bees
- R & S Service and Supplies
- Sun Valley Solar

Mayor Walter presented Certificates of Deep Appreciation to United Way of Pinal County, Florence Unified School District, Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce, and Councilmember Michelle Cordes, Liaison to the Florence Unified School District.

Councilmember Cordes provided a written statement, which read:

“Community, what does that mean to you? To me it is the neighbor lady watching the kids playing outside from her porch, not because any of them are hers but because they are the neighborhood kids and she is keeping them safe. It is the fire department stopping by a house just to check on

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the resident because they know they are going through chemo. Community is knowing that in your time of joy you have people to celebrate with, and in your time of need you have someone to hold you up.

As you sit here and look at all this peanut butter and jelly, I hope you recognize that this is our community. This is each and every one of us noticing that there is a need and stepping up to fill that need. Not one person said no, not one person said but I can't. Everyone found a way to show the strength and pride of Florence. We stepped up and said WE CAN DO THIS!! Every single person has said how excited they are about the overwhelming outpour of support. Seasonal residents sent money or boxes. Residents from other cities in Arizona sent boxes of PB&J. Kids who asked mom and dad to make a special run to the grocery store just for our drive, this is our community. From our residents to our business partners, we as a community made this drive a success. The number collected helped us win the challenge, but it is the outpouring of love from each and every one of you that has shown everyone around us why the Florence Community is the best community to live in. Our commitment to each other is unchallengeable. 6,304, unchallengeable!

Mr. Chris Knutson, Florence Unified School District Superintendent (FUSD), stated there are 9,700 students within the FUSD and the donation will be distributed amongst the students. He stated that another challenge was to become an Amazon District. There are two districts in stated where Amazon delivers the returned items to these districts. The products are then distributed back to the community. He stated that the last shipment received was approximately 5,000 items of hair products. The peanut butter and jelly will also assist in feeding the athletes in their school programs. He thanked everyone for their contribution.

Councilmember Cordes and Mayor Walter presented every person who contributed a Certificate of Appreciation and a treat box.

Presentation on the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Consumer Confidence Report.

Mr. Chris Salas, Public Works Director, provided a presentation in which he outlined the following:

- Arizona Department of Environmental Control (ADEQ)
 - ADEQ stands for the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. Our mission is to protect and enhance public health and the environment in Arizona. To achieve this, we administer the state's environmental laws and delegated federal programs to prevent air, water and land pollution and ensure cleanup.
 - Under the Environmental Quality Act of 1986, the Arizona State Legislature created ADEQ in 1987 as the state's cabinet-level environmental agency. ADEQ is composed of three environmental programs: Air Quality, Water Quality and Waste, with functional units responsible for technical, operational and policy support.
 - ADEQ carries out several core functions: planning, permitting, compliance management, monitoring, assessment, cleanups and outreach.
- Consumer Confidence Report
 - The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) Rule requires all community water systems (CWSs) to prepare and distribute a brief annual water quality report

- summarizing information regarding source water, detected contaminants, compliance and educational materials
- The rule is intended to protect public health by providing educational materials to inform consumer about potential health risks pertaining to the quality, treatment and management of their drinking water supply
- July 1 - Town must distribute the CCR to customers and state agency covering January 1 to December 31 of the previous calendar year
- October 1 – Town must submit proof of distribution to state
- A CWS serving 100,000 or more persons must also post its current year's report on a publicly accessible site on the Internet
- All CWSs must make copies of the report available upon request
- Public Health Benefits
 - Increased consumer knowledge of drinking water sources, quality, susceptibility to contamination, treatment, and drinking water supply management.
 - Increased awareness of consumers to potential health risks so they may make informed decisions to reduce those risks, including taking steps toward protecting their water supply.
 - Increased dialogue between drinking water utilities and consumers to increase understanding of the value of drinking water and water supply services and to facilitate consumer participation in decisions that affect public health.
- Content Requirements of a CCR
 - Item 1: Water System Information
 - Item 2: Source(s) of Water
 - Item 3: Definitions
 - Item 4: Detected Contaminants
 - Item 5: Information on Monitoring for *Cryptosporidium*, Radon, and Other Contaminants (if detected)
 - Item 6: Compliance with Other Drinking Water Regulations
 - Item 7: Variances and Exemptions (if applicable)
 - Item 8: Required Educational Information
- Town of Florence 2018 Consumer Confidence Report
 - Mailed to all residents
 - Available at Public Works Facility, Town Hall and the community library
 - Available on Town website

Ms. Holli LaBrie, Compliance Assistance Coordinator, Safe Drinking Water, stated that she assists water utilities navigate their way through the Safe Drinking Water Act. She stated that they have an internal data base that they use to track monitoring schedules, monitoring results, contact information and wells for all public water systems. The database can be accessed by anyone as long as they know basic information. She explained how to access the database and specific information within the database itself. She expressed the different fields and what each of the fields represent.

Councilmember Larsen inquired if they have a key that defines what every abbreviation is and what they mean. She also inquired how would someone search if they didn't have the ID number for the water system.

Ms. LaBrie stated that ADEQ has an acronym list and is currently being revised. Once completed, it will be available on their website. She explained that they can search by water system name or utilize basic information to query the system.

Ms. LaBrie explained where you can locate any water violations that have occurred.

Mr. Salas stated that staff does a minimum of 19 samples per month from various areas throughout the Town. He stated that the purpose of having an ADEQ representative is to demonstrate the level of scrutiny that the Town's water system is put through on a monthly basis. Communities are seeing a rise in nitrate levels due the ongoing drought. He stated that the Town has issues with Well No. 5 and are working to resolve those issues such as chemical treatment or drilling of a new well. He explained the various ways a false positive test can occur and how they retest within a 24-hour period to ensure compliance.

Councilmember Hughes inquired if there is a link on the Town's website to access this database.

Mr. Salas stated that they can add a link to the website. He also stated that Mr. Timm Wainscott, Water/Wastewater Superintendent or Ms. Joy Jonas, Wastewater Treatment Operator, are available to discuss the Town's system.

Vice-Mayor Anderson inquired if the Gila Indian Reservation Wells are included in the database.

Ms. LaBrie stated that it is her understanding that the ADEQ's database does not; however, the Environmental Protection Agency regulates water systems on tribal land.

Mr. Jason Bobco, Manager, ADEQ Drinking Water Values Program, stated that he manages the inspections, compliance, enforcement, and Op. Cert. Program. He stated that his staff does the sanitary services every three years for all the water systems in the State. He also runs the re-certification program.

Mr. Bobco thanked the Town for hosting them in two weeks for an Operator Certification Program. The topic will be specific to nitrate control. Pinal County has the highest nitrate exceedances across the State. This has to do with farming. There is no charge for the workshop.

CONSENT: All items on the consent agenda will be handled by a single vote as part of the consent agenda, unless a Councilmember or a member of the public objects at the time the agenda item is called.

Resolution No. 1712-19:

Mayor Walter read Resolution No. 1712-19 by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, AFFIRMING THE APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT FOR ANTHEM AT MERRILL RANCH UNIT 41; AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION BY THE TOWN MANAGER OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS. (Larry Harmer)

Resolution No. 1713-19:

Mayor Walter read Resolution No. 1713-19 by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, AFFIRMING THE APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT FOR ANTHEM AT MERRILL RANCH UNIT 43; AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION BY THE TOWN MANAGER OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS. (Larry Harmer)

Resolution No. 1714-19:

Mayor Walter read Resolution No. 1714-19 by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, AFFIRMING THE APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT FOR ANTHEM AT MERRILL RANCH UNIT 45; AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION BY THE TOWN MANAGER OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS. (Larry Harmer)

Approval to purchase one new Z726XKW mower and two new Kubota RTV500-H Utility Vehicles from Bingham Equipment Company, in an amount not to exceed \$27,547.05. (Chris Salas)

Authorization to contract with Arizona Generator Technology Inc., for servicing of the Town's generators, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000. (Chris Salas)

Authorization to contract with Glenn Jones Ford, to purchase stock parts for vehicle repair and maintenance, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000. (Chris Salas)

Authorization to contract with Waxie Sanitary Supply, for operational and janitorial supplies and related custodial equipment and services, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000. (Chris Salas)

Authorization to contract with Rottweiler Controls, LLC, for professional services related to SCADA Improvements, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. (Chris Salas)

Approval of Non-Exclusive Revocable License Agreement with the Copper Basin Railway, Inc., for access to the Poston Butte Preserve. (Bryan Hughes)

Approval an Intergovernmental Agreement with Pinal County, for the placement, operation, and use of a Community Emergency Response Team trailer at the Florence Fire Department. (David Strayer)

Ratification of the annual software renewal for the Caselle software, in an amount not to exceed \$29,423. (Trenton Shaffer)

Authorization for the Finance Director to write off old account balances in the amount of \$15,771.79. (Rey Sanchez)

Authorization to dispose of two Police vehicles that are no longer useful and have outlived their useful life. (Rey Sanchez)

Authorization to contract with Hill Brothers Chemical Co., to provide water and wastewater treatment and pool chemicals, in an amount not to exceed \$87,500. (Chris Salas)

Approval of the July 1, July 9 and July 15, 2019 Town Council Meeting minutes.

Receive and file the following board and commission minutes:

**May 16, 2019 Florence Youth Commission Meeting minutes
January 16 and April 17, 2019 Library Advisory Board Meeting minutes
April 25, 2019 Parks and Recreation Advisor Board Meeting minutes
June 6 and June 20, 2019 Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting minutes**

On motion of Councilmember Hawkins, seconded by Councilmember Wall, and carried (7-0) to approve the Consent Agenda, as written.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 682-19:

Mayor Walter read Ordinance No. 682-19 by title only.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, APPROVING AN OVERLAY FOR FLORENCE GARDENS UNITS A, B, C, D, E, AND F.

On motion of Councilmember Larsen, seconded by Councilmember Wall, and carried (7-0) to adopt Ordinance No. 682-19.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 1715-19:

Mayor Walter read Resolution No. 1715-19 by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ESTABLISH A STREET LIGHT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TO PURCHASE ENERGY FOR LIGHTING THE PUBLIC STREETS IN THE AREA WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, ARIZONA, DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT "A" AND EXHIBIT "B", ATTACHED HERETO; DECLARING SUCH IMPROVEMENTS TO BE OF MORE THAN LOCAL OR ORDINARY PUBLIC BENEFIT AND THAT THE EXPENSES THEREOF BE PAID FOR BY THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM TAXES UPON THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN A CERTAIN

DISTRICT TO BE KNOWN AS “ANTHEM AT MERRILL RANCH LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 4” (THE “DISTRICT”); AND ORDERING THAT SUCH IMPROVEMENTS BE PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 48-572 AND 48-616, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES.

Ms. Lisa Garcia, Deputy Town Manager/Town Clerk, explained the difference between a majority petition and unanimous petition. A unanimous petition is typically done at the time of platting prior to anyone residing in the district or every member of the community signs of on the petition, making it a unanimous petition. A majority petition happens when people already reside in the District and the Town has to go through the process. This is the Council’s first ever majority petition. Pulte collected signatures which equated to 78% of those owners in the District with 54% of the assessed valuation. The law requires 50 + 1% of the owners living in the area and the assessed valuation.

Ms. Garcia stated that SLID 4 has enough signatures to be presented to the Council. The majority petition, once presented to the Council, would adopt a resolution that would give the Town Engineer and the Town Clerk the ability to go out and post the area, as well as in the local newspaper for two consecutive weeks. During the same time, signs would be placed around the property perimeter noticing the people that a SLID is being formed. They would have 40 days to file a letter with the Clerk’s Office challenging the signature or asking for their signature to be removed.

Ms. Garcia stated that the Notice of intent Resolution starts the process to allow for the residents within District 4 to have a right to protest the District. If protests are received, they are brought forth to Council for review. If no protests are received, then staff will proceed with the timeline set forth.

Ms. Garcia stated that if Council adopts Resolution No. 1715-19, the first day to receive protests will be on August 20, 2019. Notices will be placed in the Florence Reminder on August 29, 2019 and September 5, 2019. Signs will also be installed. The last date to submit protests will be September 20, 2019. If no one challenges the petition, a petition to form the SLID would come before Council on October 5, 2019.

Ms. Garcia stated that this is the beginning of the process. Pulte is working with a sign company. The dates may have to be adjusted slightly, based on when the signs are received. If the dates need to be revised, the petition to form a SLID would come before Council on October 21, 2019.

Ms. Garcia stated in accordance with Arizona State Law, SLIDS are not allowed to charge more than \$1.20 per \$100 net assessed valuation. She stated that they will also need to do a public hearing and announcement of the levy if Council chooses to proceed with the SLID.

Vice-Mayor Anderson stated the there was previous discussion with regards the difference in cost between SLID areas versus in the Non-Slid areas. He protests that those living in a SLID area has to pay for the lights and those living in a Non-Slid area do not. He is against the formation of this SLID. He would rather have SLIDS in all areas or no SLIDs at all.

Councilmember Larsen stated that there is an imbalance in how streetlights are being paid for. She would like to see how much it cost per light for the lights being paid for with Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF). With regards to the formation of a new SLID, they are being provided an opportunity to protest; however, she still wants answers to her questions prior to the October 5, 2019 meeting. She will not approve anything until her questions are resolved. She stated that she is still waiting for a legal opinion on what Council can/cannot do with regards to SLIDs.

Ms. Garcia stated that there will be approximately three or more SLIDs coming before Council before the end of this calendar year. SLIDs will be considered for all new development, not only in the Pulte area. The Town Code, as it exists today, states that SLIDs will be used for new development. She will share that section of the Town Code with Council. Inside the agreement, that was approved by the Town Council and Pulte, dated October 17, 2018, Page 4, Section J, states that streetlight improvements standard process completion of the SLIDS for Units 53, 55, 57 and 59 shall be resolved. The SLID issue for Units 53, 55, 57 and 59 by establishing a SLID for these units; therefore, Pulte shall establish a SLID for all subdivisions prior to the submission of final plat for each subdivision. Town staff agrees not to recommend to Council that any SLID position be denied. This is what is in the written agreement.

Ms. Garcia stated that the process moving forward on any development as it is platted is that the SLID will come at the same time as the final plats and then staff will move forward. This is part of the concept that new growth pays for itself, which is what is written in the Town Code and in the contract.

Ms. Garcia stated that Council can vote however they choose. She stated that this is a Notice of Intent to form a SLID that then starts the process to which the public has a right to speak.

Councilmember Cordes inquired if signatures that were collected. She inquired if the signatures were from residents. She also inquired if it makes a difference if it is the homeowner or renter who signs the petitions.

Ms. Garcia stated that signature petitions were signed and submitted to the Clerk's Office. She stated that the signatures were from the residents who reside in the area. She stated that the Clerk's Office obtained an active list from the Pinal County Assessor outlining the property owners. Only the owners who owned the property at the time of submittal were allowed to sign the petitions.

On motion of Councilmember Wall, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins, and carried (6: Walter, Hawkins, Wall, Larsen, Cordes, Hughes; 1: Anderson) to adopt Resolution No. 1715-19.

Discussion/Approval/Disapproval to contract with Bestway Electric Motor Service Co., Inc., to provide electric motor rewind, repair and purchases for water and wastewater projects, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Mr. Salas stated that Bestway has been servicing the SAM units at the wastewater treatment plant. The units are being evaluated and may be put out of service this year. He stated that staff

needs to have the ability to repair the units, while in service, as they have been unreliable. They currently have five units out of service. He stated that he and Mr. Timm Wainscott, Utility Superintendent toured a facility that utilizes a bubble diffuser, which is what the Town may utilize in the future.

Mr. Salas stated that by having the contract in place, this will allow the Town to respond in an event of an emergency.

Vice-Mayor Anderson inquired what fund the expense would be expensed to.

Mr. Salas stated that it would be expensed from line item #326 – services. He stated that they may not use this contract, it is a precautionary measure in the event an emergency arises.

On motion of Councilmember Wall, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins, and carried to approve to contract with Bestway Electric Motor Service Co. Inc., to provide electric motor rewind, repair and purchases for water and wastewater projects, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Discussion/Approval/Disapproval to contract with Ferguson Enterprises, Inc., to provide parts for water and wastewater projects, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

Mr. Salas stated that the Council previously approved a contract with Fortiline and staff is now coming before Council for approval of a contract with Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. Staff said there are times that vendor will be less expensive than the other or they may carry different items which is why there are multiple contracts.

Mr. Salas explained that Ferguson Enterprises was previously awarded the automated meter reading project. They will provide a free survey for the Town, which is a costly service that the Town will receive at no additional cost. The survey entails them opening every meter and determining every piece needed for each and every meter installation. This was not part of the procurement process as each contractor may have looked at this component differently.

Mr. Salas stated that the expenses will be expensed to line item #326 – services. He understands that they are overbudgeting the line item but assured the Council that they will not over expend on this account.

Mayor Walter stated that she appreciates how Mr. Salas is planning ahead for possible needs within the Department and has managed the spending accordingly. You also ensure that the Town is receiving the best product in the most economical way possible. She understands that things will arise specifically because there are old systems and appreciates his diligence in doing the improvements.

On motion of Vice-Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins, and carried to contract with Ferguson Enterprises, Inc., to provide parts for water and wastewater projects, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

Discussion/Approval/Disapproval to enter into a contract with Cactus Asphalt, for asphalt maintenance and repair services, for CIP Project T-69 Pavement Preservation, in an amount not to exceed \$363,653.36.

Mr. Salas stated that this is the 6th project with Cactus Asphalt. This request is for ongoing chip seal project as part of ongoing pavement preservation. The hope is to get 8-10 more years from the roads before the Town has to do a full mill of the roads. Staff is currently working on a full long-term HURF model for the next 20 years. He stated that work will need to be done on Hunt Highway. He outlined projects that have been completed and streets that will need treatment in the future.

On motion of Councilmember Hawkins, seconded by Councilmember Larsen, and carried to enter into a contract with Cactus Asphalt, for asphalt maintenance and repair services, for CIP Project T-69 Pavement Preservation, in an amount not to exceed \$363,653.36.

Discussion/Approval/Disapproval to enter into a contract with Zumar Industries Inc., for the purchase of various street signs, poles and pole accessories in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.

Mr. Salas stated that this is for a cooperative contract to allow the Town to purchase from them at a reduced rate. FHWA created new rules which require breakaway posts, which many of the signs do not meet. The posts are being updated to the square posts, which requires a different base and allows and limits that damage to a vehicle if contact is made. The poles would be expensed from the traffic line item in the HURF budget.

Mr. Salas explained that they installed a LED stop light, and it has not been hit. He stated that they will also be applying rumble strips to areas that are prone to people running the stop sign.

Vice-Mayor Anderson stated that the American Way Street sign is being blocked by an overgrown tree.

Mr. Salas stated that they will address this issue with the HOA. He stated that the Pinal County Attorney's office hosted a training pertaining to liability with regards to street signs and visibility of signs was a topic at this training.

On motion of Vice-Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Wall, and carried to enter into a contract with Zumar Industries Inc., for the purchase of various street signs, poles and pole accessories in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Garcia stated that she along, with five members of Council will be attending the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Conference. Mr. Bryan Hughes, Community Services Director, and his staff will be attending the Parks Association Conference. Ms. Jennifer Evans will also be attending a conference. Mr. Ben Bitter, Assistant to the Town Manager and Mr. Clifford L. Mattice, Attorney, will be in the office.

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Ms. Garcia stated that she is extremely proud of Florence and is very proud to work for Florence.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public comments.

CALL TO THE COUNCIL – CURRENT EVENTS ONLY

Councilmember Hawkins stated that he along with the Council is very proud of the community. He stated that it is amazing how much peanut butter and jelly was collected and it shows that the community steps up when called to do so.

Councilmember Wall thanked the staff and Pinal County for the use of the CERT trailer and the graffiti truck. She appreciates the partnership and cooperation between both entities. She thanked United Way for the presentation in which the PB and J drive was mentioned and is overwhelmed at the response. She thanked Councilmember Cordes for her hard work and for motivating the entire Town, businesses and public entities.

Councilmember Hughes stated that she is impressed with Councilmember Cordes and her work in the PB & J Drive.

Vice-Mayor Anderson stated that as part of the Town's support from FEMA is that they provided a CERT Trailer, which is different than the CERT truck. The trailer is housed at the Pinal County Storage Unit, at the airport. The difference between the truck and trailer is that the truck will be used to support Florence's Fire Department and will have cooling stations. The trailer will be used for larger emergencies and will help people in need. He is very proud of Florence and thanked every person who contributed. Florence has great people and its important to recognize them.

Councilmember Cordes stated that it took every person to help make the PB & J Drive a success. She is excited to see what the next challenge will be. She attended the Florence Unified School District meeting. There have been may administrative changes at the different schools, but it was great to see that they promoted from within. The numbers have increased by approximately 600 students.

Councilmember Larsen stated that she is so surprised at how amazing the community responded. It is impressive that everyone comes together and how wonderful it is to see the community step up and help.

Vice-Mayor Anderson inquired where the bread will come from.

Mayor Walter stated that the premise was that peanut butter and jelly is more expensive than a loaf of bread; however, the local churches distribute bread as well as a bread bank.

Mayor Walter thanked Councilmember Hawkins, Ms. Lisa Garcia, Fire Captain David Strayer and Police Chief Dan Hughes. Today marks the 150th Anniversary for the United States Post Office. She provided envelopes gifts with the commemorative stamps.

Mayor Walter echoed the sentiments of others with regards to the PB & J Drive.

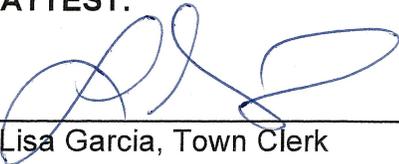
ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Vice-Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.



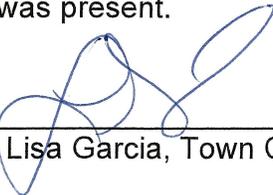
Tara Walter, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Garcia, Town Clerk

I certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Florence Town Council meeting held on August 19, 2019, and that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.



Lisa Garcia, Town Clerk