



FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Agenda
Monday, September 21, 2026, 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 6:32 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 Lori Cobler, City Attorney Dan Findlay, Water Superintendent Brandon Harris, Water Consultant Tom Piltingsrud, and Chief of Police Sean Humphrey.

3) PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Keith Shaw- 507 N Pikes Peak

Referenced a potential past civil dispute on property access near his property. Sought clarification on the accessibility, and property ownership versus easement access.

Dale Paris- 511 N Pikes Peak

Disputed Mr. Shaw's public comment and quoted dangerous terrain on his property leaving him potentially liable. He referenced and questioned past City communications.

Tyler Kurelich-

Implied domestic terrorism and organized crime was happening within the City of Florence. He requested an end to the corruption and would be taking action against the City and State.

Adria Cipra- Recyclops

Represented Recyclops and the free recycling service to the citizens of Florence. Recyclops was looking to establish the program using local hired talent and collaborate with the City regarding program opportunities.

4) CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Consider approving the minutes as written for the Regular City Council Meeting on September 8, 2026
- b) Consider approving City expenditures prepared on September 10, 2026, in the amount of \$50,343.69, on September 16, 2026, in the amount of \$102,522.35
- c) Consider authorization to enter into a multi-year contract for SAFE Evidence Management System.

- d) Consider approving the Special Events Permit for the Florence Elks Lodge #611
- e) Consider approving the Temporary Use Permit for the Florene Pioneer Museum
- f) Consider awarding a contract for the Water Department's Wireless Network Infrastructure Upgrade
- g) Consider authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement related to the School Resource Officer program with Fremont RE-2 School District
- h) Consider awarding a contract to Craig Addington Construction, Inc. for the Public Works breakroom project

Councilor MacKinnon removed item e from the consent agenda, Councilor Mergelman removed item c from the consent agenda.

Councilor Stone motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Gardner seconded. With the Councilmembers voting in favor of the motion, the motion carried.

Mayor Wolfe clarified the financial impact regarding the start-up fee and annual license fee for the evidence management system.

City Attorney clarified this item was presented to council due to the multi-year contractual obligations, even if it was within the City's spending authority.

Councilor Stone motioned to authorize the City Manager to enter into a multi-year contract for a new (R.M.S.) evidence management system for the police department's law enforcement use. Councilor Mergelman seconded. With the Councilmembers voting in favor of the motion, the motion carried.

Councilor Stiefel motioned to approve the Temporary Use Permit for the Florence Pioneer Museum, as presented. Councilor Stone seconded. With the Councilmembers voting in favor of the motion, the motion carried.

5) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Consider adopting Resolution No. 11-2026, a Resolution establishing updated water tap fees and installation charges for the City of Florence, Colorado

Water Consultant Tom Piltingsrud elaborated on the proposed tap fee and tap installation increases. Mr. Piltingsrud referenced and utilized past professional tap fee studies to implement their data and suggestions. The increase in legal and engineering fees were also considered when re-evaluating the rate increase. Past studies did not include projected cost of infrastructure increases; therefore, the proposed rates in Resolution No. 11-2026 are a better representation of the City's water value, and provide a clear, transparent rate increase structure for applicants.

City Manager Cobler highlighted the state-of-the-art facility and unique capabilities of the Florence water system.

Councilor Mergelman confirmed cost comparison to other communities would be ineffective, and the proposed rates are a direct representation of the City's cost to the applicant.

City Attorney Findlay highlighted the automatic rate increase but reminded City Council of the opportunity to reassess the process if reevaluation was needed.

Councilor Stone motioned to adopt Resolution No. 11-2026, a resolution establishing updated water tap fees and installation charges pursuant to FMC § 13.04.330 and authorizing

administrative recording within the consolidated citywide fee schedule pursuant to FMC § 5.01.040.

Seconded by: Councilor MacKinnon

7 Ayes

Motion Passed: 7 – 0

6) COUNCIL REPORTS

a) City Council Reports

Councilor Gardner celebrated a successful Pioneer Day.

Councilor Mergelman attended Mayor's Round Table, Florence Arts Council, County Planning Commission, FEDC, CML District 13 Meeting, and reported the last farmers market date for 2026.

Councilor Stone announced upcoming ribbon cuttings for new businesses, and the recent American discovery trail relay hosted by the John C. Fremont Library.

Councilor MacKinnon attended Pioneer Day and the CML District 13 meeting.

Mayor Wolfe attended the Senior Coffee Chat, Mayors Round Table, Tour de Coal event, and give kudos for the Fall Clean Up week.

b) City Manager Report

City Manager Cobler spoke positively of Pioneer Day. She reported on the ongoing airport project with Fremont County, a new Volunteer Fire Fighter policy, the upcoming Sunny Side bid opening, Langston graded some City roads, Staff will continue the farmers market booth in 2027, code enforcement clean ups, and data from the 2026 Fall Clean Up.

7) **ADJOURNMENT:** Adjournment until the regular City Council Meeting Monday, October 5, 2026.

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 7:18 p.m.

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BY: _____
Steve Wolfe, Mayor

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: _____
Cortlyne Huppe, City Clerk