

**Minutes  
Flatonia City Council  
Regular Meeting  
February 9, 2010**

**Present:**

<b>Mayor</b>	Jeff M. Hairgrove
<b>Councilpersons</b>	Len Waska Jan Lahodny Kathy Collins Teri Wilks Mark Eversole
<b>City Staff</b>	Kenneth Knight – City Manager Melissa Brunner – City Secretary Jack Pavlas – Utility Director Greg Robinson – Code Compliance Officer Mike Noak – Police Chief

**Opening Agenda**

<b>Call to Order</b>	Mayor Hairgrove called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
<b>Invocation and Pledge</b>	City Secretary Brunner led the invocation and Mayor Hairgrove led the pledge of allegiance.

**Reports**

*Council Members' Activity Reports*

Kathy Collins reported that she had attended the Railroad Advocacy Conference and felt that the City is in a good position to benefit from marketing rail enthusiasts to visit Flatonia.

Len Waska reported that the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Committee had met several times. Most recently it had gone over the surveys that had been sent out in the utility bills. The surveys showed that there was a lot of interest in economic development. Waska further announced that there would be a Town Hall meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup> at 9 am focusing on economic development.

### *Mayor's Activity Report*

Mayor Hairgrove announced the meetings for February:

Parks Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 in Council Chambers  
2020 Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee –  
27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in Council  
Chambers

Economic Development – 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 in Council  
Chambers

Council Meeting – next one will be on March 9<sup>th</sup>

Hairgrove also reported that Period for filing for a place on the ballot for the City of Flatonia's May 8, 2010 General election was open. Hairgrove further reported that he would be checking and updating the map for the old section of Oak Hill Cemetery and if anyone else saw a mistake, to please let him know.

### *City Manager's Report*

OTA Contract – The OTA Contract expires at the end of August. The current contract calls for the city to make up any difference to the Chamber of Commerce if the \$8,000 exceeds 28% of the funds transferred to the museum. In 2008-09 the total collection of \$24,667.04 meant that the \$8,000 was 32.4% of amount collected. The city thereby owes the Chamber \$3,904.38 to make up the difference. The council may want to address this issue when negotiating a new contract. Who would like to join with me as part of the negotiating team?

TDS Contract – The contract the city has with TDS expires later this year. Does the city want to renegotiate this contract or request bids for services from other waste haulers?

MOU RailPark Caboose – The city does not have a Memorandum of Understanding with the RailPark Group concerning the care and maintenance of the caboose. The RailPark is seeking to create a formal MOU to delineate duties and responsibilities.

TxDoAg Meeting – Several community members met with Judy Ford of the TxDoAg on Tuesday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting was informative and we will be looking at their programs to see if we can apply for funds.

Arsenic Abatement – The addendum report by Layne was sent to TCEQ on January 11<sup>th</sup>. TCEQ has 100 days to review and reply to this report. Until we receive positive notification from TCEQ on the pilot project we can not proceed with the project.

Parks Grant – We have received positive report of the cultural survey. We need to have an appraisal of the property completed and once that is approved; we should be in position to start that project.

Met with Jack Pavlas and Gene Kruppa to discuss the drainage issues at the new utility warehouse site Gene will be finalizing the plans so we can move forward on that project, bid the purchase of the buildings, and bid the construction of the buildings.

The whistle has been repaired, but we are waiting for South-Central Electric to come over and complete the install of the controller unit.

#### *Police Chief's Report*

Chief Noak presented his January 2010 activity report. Noak also presented Reserve Officer Joshua South a certificate of appreciation for his service while Rudloff was out.

#### *City Secretary's Report*

City Secretary Brunner reported that the period for filing for a place on the May 8, 2010 City of Flatonia's General Election ballot is open. The last day for filing is March 8<sup>th</sup>. The last day to withdraw is March 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### *Utility Director*

Utility Director Jack Pavlas reported that two of his employees had tested for their C Water License. Both passed – Mario Perales and Steven Lehman. Pavlas further reported that work was done on two of the ground storage tanks east of town and a large leak was discovered in one. It has been temporarily fixed, but he would like Council to consider replacing the tank in the next budget cycle in order to maintain current storage capacity.

### **Consent Agenda**

Kathy Collins motioned to adopt the consent agenda, including the minutes of the January 12, 2010, Regular Meeting, the January 2010 Financial Report. Len Waska seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

### **Deliberation Agenda**

- 2-2010.1 Stacy Norris of the American Red Cross made a presentation on the services that the Red Cross provides here in Fayette County. She invited all to participate in the different activities.
- 2-2010.2 There was noon present to present the report from the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce on the Hotel Occupancy Tax Expenditures.
- 2-2010.3 Jamie Notz of Goldman, Hunt and Notz, LLC, presented the audit from fiscal year 2008-2009. No action was taken.

- 2-2010.4 Kathy Collins motioned to approve the contract for assessment and collection services for 2010 and 2011 with Fayette County Appraisal District. Teri Wilks seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 2-2010.5 Teri Wilks motioned to call the May 8, 2010 Flatonia General Election. Mark Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.**



**Signed**  
*Jeff M. Hairgrove*  
Jeff M. Hairgrove  
Mayor

**Attest**  
*Melissa Brunner*  
Melissa Brunner, TRMC, CMC  
City Secretary

Approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2010