

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

Present:

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

Opening Agenda

Call to Order Mayor Hairgrove called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
Invocation and Pledge Code Compliance Officer Gregory Robinson led the invocation and Mayor Hairgrove led the pledge of allegiance.

Reports

Council Members' Activity Reports

Mark Eversole reported that the Code Compliance Committee had met and prioritized properties that had issues that needed to be addressed. Three letters had gone out to the owners of buildings. Chief Noak has also given some "friendly reminders" to owners of neglected/abandoned vehicles.

Kathy Collins reported that there would be a new gazebo installed in Central Park. The Parks Committee will be power washing and repainting the gazebo located downtown. The committee will also be discussing an email received about the skate park at their meeting.

Len Waska reported that the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Committee 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 had been a Town Hall meeting on February 27th at 9 am focusing on economic development. He further reported that there would be another Town Hall meeting on March 27th again at 9 am to discuss community development issues that would need to be addressed in the plan.

Mayor's Activity Report

Mayor Hairgrove announced the meetings for March:

Parks Meeting – 10th @ 5:30 pm in Council Chambers
Amtrak Info Meeting – 11th at 5:30 pm in Council
Chambers
2020 Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee –
27th at 9:00 a.m. in Council
Chambers
Economic Development – 24th @ 6:00 pm in Council
Chambers
2020 Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee – 30th
at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers
Council Meeting – next one will be on April 13th

Hairgrove also recommended that all Council members review the open records and open meetings requirements again. There will be a training if anyone is interested on March 30th.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Kenneth Knight reported that the bids for the new city warehouse complex are due on March 23rd.

Knight also reported that we were waiting for the appraisal on the park land to make the next move on the parks grant.

Knight further reported that the City was still waiting on word from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality before we can move forward with the arsenic abatement project.

Knight also reported that there was a leak on the work done last year on the downtown water tower. The City is awaiting quotes on repair of the leak and on re-lettering the "Flatonia" on the tower.

Lastly, Knight reported that the City was still in the administrative process of the Community Development Block Grant that it was awarded last year.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Noak presented his February 2010 activity report.

City Secretary's Report

City Secretary Brunner reported that the candidates that will appear on the May 8, 2010 Flatonia Municipal Ballot are as follows: Mayor – Scott Mica and Mark Eversole; Councilmember (2 places up for election) – James Longmire, Len Waska, Tyler Mica, Bryan Milson and Brad Cosson.

Brunner also reported that the Utility Billing Secretary/Municipal Court Clerk certified as a Municipal Court Clerk I in 2005 and completes her continuing education annually. Brunner also reported that Administrative Assistant Cheryl Sedlar also attends annual education to be able to be the Deputy Court Clerk. Brunner finally reported that Dale, Sedlar and she had all attended notary training as they all provide notary services to the community.

Economic Development

Economic Development Commission Chair Bob Duncan reported that the commission was currently working on a list of all of the businesses in Flatonia as well as a list of those entities that are 501(c)3 in the area. The Commission is also working on a relocation package for businesses and individuals who wish to relocate to Flatonia. Duncan also reported that Nick Dynis will be attending the I10 Corridor meetings on behalf of the commission. Duncan further reported that there had not been any business assistance packages awarded at this time.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing on Curfew for minor children in the City of Flatonia

The public hearing opened at 6:21 pm.

No one in attendance wished to speak on the subject.

The public hearing closed at 6:22 pm.

Consent Agenda

Kathy Collins motioned to adopt the consent agenda, including the minutes of the February 9, 2010, Regular Meeting, the February 2010 Financial Report and Ordinance 2010.3.1 renewing the curfew for minors under the age of 16. Len Waska seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Deliberation Agenda

- 3-2010.1 Kathy Collins motioned to approve the report from the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce on the Hotel Occupancy Tax Expenditures. Teri Wilks seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 3-2010.2 Teri Wilks motioned to approve the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce use of the North Main Street Parking Lot for Crawfest. Mark Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 3-2010.3 Kathy Collins motioned to approve the FY 2008-9 Audit as presented by Jamie Notz of Goldman, Hunt and Notz, LLC. Teri Wilks seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 3-2010.4 No action was taken on the "noon fire whistle".
- 3-2010.5 No action was taken on the City holding a membership in the Texas Revenue recovery Association (TRRA).
- 3-2010.6 Kathy Collins motioned to contract with Fayette County for the use of electronic voting equipment for the City of Flatonia's May 8, 2010 general election. Mark Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 3-2010.7 Teri Wilks motioned to contract with Flatonia ISD for conducting a joint election on May 8, 2010. Kathy Collins seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.



Signed
Jeff M. Hairgrove
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Mayor

Attest
Melissa Brunner
Melissa Brunner, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

Approved this 13th day of April 2010