

**Minutes  
Flatonia City Council  
Regular Meeting  
May 12, 2020  
Via Zoom**

**Present:**

**Mayor**

**Councilpersons**

**City Staff**

Bryan Milson

Catherine Steinhauser

Donna Cockrell

Dennis Geesaman

Ginny Sears

Mark Eversole

Sarah Novo – City Manager

Melissa Brunner – City Secretary

Angela Beck – City Attorney – via telephone

Jack Pavlas – Utility Director

Lee Dick – Police Chief

**Opening Agenda**

- Mayor Milson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
- Mayor Milson gave the invocation and led the pledges.
- There were no citizens who wished to participate in the meeting.
- Mayor Milson read a letter of appreciation for Chief Lee Dick’s response to a situation with a traveler with dementia who became agitated when she did not recognize her husband. Chief deescalated the situation and handled it with compassion and professionalism

**Reports**

- Utility Director Jack Pavlas was out on a call out when the meeting started thus nothing added to his report.
- Chief Lee Dick did not have anything to add to the March and April 2020 reports.

**Consent Agenda**

Dennis Geesaman motioned to approve the consent agenda, to include the Minutes of the March 31, 2020 Special Meeting, the Hotel Occupancy Tax Reports from the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce, Flatonia Special Projects and EA Arnim Archives and Museum and the appointment of Rose Velasquez to serve on the Flatonia Housing Authority Board of Commissions for a term of May 12, 2020 – February 21, 2021. Mark Eversole and Ginny Sears abstained. Catherine Steinhauser seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

**Deliberation Agenda**

- 5-2020.1. No action was taken on the FY2019 audit as it was not ready for presentation.
- 5-2020.2. Donna Cockrell motioned to approve the resolution allowing for the Flatonia Economic Development Corporation’s COVID-19 Small Business Utility Grant Program. Mark Eversole seconded the motion.

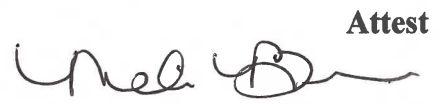
- 5-2020.3. Ginny Sears motioned to approve the ordinance amending the City of Flatonia and Flatonia Economic Development Corporation's FY20 Budget adding \$8000 to the Capital Improvements line item thus allowing the Economic Development Corporation to pay for restrooms at 7 Acre Park and adding \$9,500 to a new line item that will account for the COVID-19 Small Business Utility Grant Program. Donna Cockrell seconded the motion. Catherine Steinhauser opposed. Motion carried.
- 5-2020.4. Donna Cockrell motioned to approve the resolution allowing for the submission of an application for a grant to pay for Rifle Body Armor for the Flatonia Police Department, changing the Authorized Official to Mayor Bryan Milson. Catherine Steinhauser seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 5-2020.5. Catherine Steinhauser motioned to take approve the ordinance temporarily suspending late fees for utilities and disconnections for non-payment of utilities. Mark Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 5-2020.6. Ginny Sears motioned to take approve the resolution naming the new playground park to be located in the W First Street right of way between S. Penn St. and S. Hudson St. Flato Park. Donna Cockrell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 5-2020.7. Catherine Steinhauser motioned to approve the resolution amending the Flatonia Economic Development Corporation's By-Laws to reflect Sarah Novo as the Registered Agent of the Corporation. Mark Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 5-2020.8. Dennis Geesaman motioned to approve the proposed 2020 Street Project as presented. Donna Cockrell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 5-2020.9. Catherine Steinhauser motioned to approve the resolution authorizing the submission for a grant for COVID-19 Disinfection through the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division. Ginny Sears seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 5-2020.10. Catherine Steinhauser motioned to authorize City Manager Novo to amend the contract with Jesus Aguillon for general carpentry work for construction renovations of the public restrooms at the Flatonia Civic Center, increasing the amount of the contract by \$1800.00 for the additional cost for material due to mislabeled display price for floor tiles used for submitting original, accepted bid, and \$149.00 for additional trim work and labor. Ginny Sears seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 5-2020.11. No action was taken on City Manager Novo's report.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.**

  
**Signed**  
 Bryan Milson  
 Mayor

Approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020.



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