

**Minutes  
Flatonia City Council  
Regular Meeting  
May 11, 2021**

**Present:**

<b>Mayor</b>	Bryan Milson
<b>Councilpersons</b>	Catherine Steinhauser Mark Eversole Dennis Geesaman Ginny Sears Allen Kocian
<b>City Staff</b>	Sarah Novo – City Manager Angela Beck – City Attorney Jack Pavlas, Utilities Director Lee Dick, Police Chief Heather Ambrose – City Secretary
<b>Absent</b>	Jack Pavlas – Utilities Director

**OPENING AGENDA**

**Call to Order:**

Mayor Bryan Milson called the Regular meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Invocation and Pledge:**

The invocation and pledges to the American and Texas flags were led by Mayor Milson.

**Citizen's Participation:**

There was no citizen participation.

**REPORTS**

**Police Department Activity Report** *April 2021*

Chief Lee Dick was in attendance. Nothing new was added.

**Utility Department Activity Report** *April 2021*

Utility Director Jack Pavlas was not in attendance.

**City Manager's Report** *April 2021*

City Manager Sarah Novo was in attendance. Nothing new was added but Sarah Novo answered questions from Council.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**C1. Approve the appointment of Shirley Williams to serve on the Flatonia Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors to serve an unexpired term vacated by Robert Dornak, commencing on the appointment date, and ending on September 2021.**

**C2. Consider and take appropriate action on Ordinance 2021.5.1 of the City of Flatonia, Texas amending Ordinance 2021.4.2 amending provisions of the Flatonia Fee Schedule, Appendix A, Article A3.000, Animal Control Related Fees, Section A3.001 Dog License, of the City of Flatonia Code of Ordinances, establishing that dogs four (4) months of age and older must be properly vaccinated and licensed for the City of Flatonia, as amended, and providing for an effective date.**

Councilmember Dennis Geesaman made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Cathy Steinhauser. None opposed. Motion carried.

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

### **May 16-23, 2021, as Public Works Week**

Mayor Milson read a proclamation naming the week of May 16-23, 2021, as Public Works Week. Utilities employees Kyle Koncaba and Jon Blair were present to receive the proclamation on behalf of the department.

## **DELIBERATION AGENDA**

**DA5.1-2021.1 Consider and take appropriate action regarding Resolution 2021.5.1 of the City Council of the City of Flatonia, Texas, canvassing the election held on May 1, 2021, by certifying the General Election; and providing for severability and an effective date.**

Councilmember Geesaman made the motion to adopt Resolution 2021.5.1. Councilmember Steinhauser seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

**DA5.1-2021.2 Consider and take appropriate action regarding Resolution 2021.5.2 of the City Council of the City of Flatonia, Texas, electing a Mayor Pro Tempore for the City of Flatonia for a period of one (1) year.**

Councilmember Allen Kocian made the motion to adopt Resolution 2021.5.2 naming Cathy Steinhauser as the Mayor Pro Tempore for a period of one (1) year. Councilmember Geesaman seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

**DA5.1-2021.3 Consider and take appropriate action regarding Ordinance 2021.5.2 of the City of Flatonia, Texas, amending Chapter 1.13, Parks and Recreation, by repealing Section 1.13 in its entirety and replacing it with a new Chapter 1.13, establishing rules and regulations for park facilities and recreation areas, including city swimming pool, and amending Section A2.000, Miscellaneous Fees, of the City of Flatonia Fee Schedule, Appendix A, City of Flatonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, by adding a new Section A2.007, Park Fees and Rentals, and providing for an effective date.**

Councilmembers discussed the proposed Code amendment and asked questions related to alcohol, excessive noise/sound, and use of amenity rental fees for maintenance purposes.

Councilmember Geesaman made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2021.5.1. Councilmember Steinhauser seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

**DA5.1-2021.4 Consider and take appropriate action on Ordinance 2021.5.3 of the City of Flatonia, Texas amending Article 1.02, Administration, Division 1. generally, by adding a new Section 1.02.011, Payment by Credit Card or other Electronic Means, authorizing the acceptance of credit cards for payment of utility payments, fees, fines, costs and other charges; providing for a processing fee for online and telephone credit card payment, for fees, fines, costs and other charges as determined appropriate by the City Manager; providing for a service charge if payment by credit card is not honored; providing for severability, cumulative and saving clause; providing an effective date and ordaining other matters related to the foregoing.**

Councilmember Steinhauser made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2021.5.3. Councilmember Geesaman seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

**DA5.1-2021.5 Discussion related to payment of up to \$200.00 per month to defray cost of medical insurance for retirees.**

After discussion, Councilmembers expressed their interest in keeping the contribution for retiree insurance at \$200.00 per month as has been done in the past. However, a policy should be brought forth in ordinance form at a future Council meeting. No action was taken.

**DA5.1-2021.6 Discussion related to request for HOT funds for Lyric Theater.**

This request was withdrawn and not discussed.

**DA5.1-2021.7 Discussion and consider action on the approval and acceptance of City Secretary Heather Ambrose's resignation effective May 21, 2021.**

Councilmember Geesaman addressed City Secretary Heather Ambrose and said he had been made aware of Ms. Ambrose's willingness to rescind her resignation provided certain issues related to her employment and work duties were addressed. Councilmember Geesaman asked Ms. Ambrose if she was prepared to rescind the resignation under the circumstances, and she agreed.

The resignation of City Secretary Heather Ambrose was withdrawn, and no further action was taken.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **Executive Session – Open**

At 7:05 PM, Mayor Milson convened the Flatonia City Council in Executive Session to discuss:

**ES5.1-2021.1 551.074**

**Personnel Matters**

*City Attorney Memorandum of Agreement*

**ES5.1-2021.2 551.071; 551.072**

**Consultation with Attorney and Deliberations  
About Real Property  
*Mutual Settlement and Release Agreement with  
Flatonia RV Ranch LLC and Roy, Lanell and  
Troy Kolb and Release of Lien***

**Executive Session - Closed:**

At 7:46 PM, Mayor Milson reconvened the Flatonia City Council into Regular Session.

**DELIBERATION AGENDA**

**DA5.1-2021.8 Consider and take appropriate action regarding the City Attorney MOA.**

No action was taken.

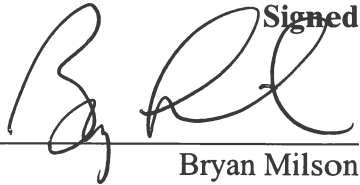
**DA5.1-2021-9 Consider and take appropriate action regarding Resolution 2021.5.3 of the City Council of the City of Flatonia, Texas, authorizing a mutual settlement and release agreement and release of lien between the City of Flatonia and the Flatonia RV Park, Roy Kolb, Lanell Kolb and Troy Kolb, authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement and release, and providing for an effective date of June 1, 2021, or receipt and agreed upon payment, whichever is sooner.**

Councilmember Geesaman made the motion to adopt Resolution 2021.5.3. Councilmember Mark Eversole seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.**

**Approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.**

Signed  
  
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Bryan Milson  
Mayor



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Heather Ambrose  
City Secretary