



**Minutes  
Flatonia City Council**

**Public Hearing  
September 12, 2023 at 5 p.m.**

**PH9.1.2023.1**

Mayor Geesaman opened the public hearing at 5:02 p.m.

The proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget was discussed at a series of special budget meetings in August.

There was no citizen participation.

Mayor Geesaman closed the public hearing at 5:03 p.m.

**Regular Meeting  
September 12, 2023 at 6 p.m.**

**Present:**

Mayor	Dennis Geesaman
Mayor Pro Tem	Joanye Eversole
Councilmembers	Ginny Sears Allen Kocian Donna Cockrell Travis Seale
City Manager	Sonya Bishop
City Secretary	Jacqueline Ott
Police Chief	Lee Dick
Utilities Director	Jack Pavlas

**Opening Agenda**

Call to Order Mayor Geesaman called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.  
Invocation & Pledge Councilman Kocian led the invocation and pledges.

**Citizen Participation**

Dawn Wulf spoke as a parent requesting a designated drop-off zone at Clover Connection Daycare in the mornings.

**Reports**

Police Chief	August Activity
Utility Director	August Report Councilman Seale commented on citizen complaints regarding the potholes in the parking lot near Josesito's restaurant. It was noted that potholes are a line item on the upcoming budget. Councilman Seale asked if TXDOT would consider adding sidewalks on the north side of I-10, and City Manager Bishop informed Council that the TXDOT representative said not at this time.
Code Enforcement	August Report Mayor Geesaman stated something must be done with the truck parking lot at Amigo's Travel Center. It was decided to escalate the process to fine the property owners due to the lack of action on previous clean-up requests.
City Manager	August Report

**Presentations**

Erica Grimm with YOLOTX Statewide Travel TV Show presented to the Council, pitching a filmed advertisement for the City of Flatonia. They were attracted to Flatonia by the Czhlispiel but are open to recording other areas of the city.

Joseph Willrich and Bradley Loehr with Befco Engineering presented the tentative projects to be completed with the upcoming grant money. They also discussed other ongoing projects.

**Consent Agenda**

- C1.** Councilman Seale motioned to approve the August 8, 2023, meeting minutes. Councilwoman Cockrell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- C2.** Councilman Seale motioned to approve the August 22, 2023, meeting minutes. Councilwoman Cockrell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- C3.** Councilman Seale made a motion to approve the financial statements for August 2023. Councilwoman Sears seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

**Discussion Agenda**

- D1.** It was discussed to add designated parking for Clover Connection Daycare. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole suggested the surrounding business owners find a private solution. This will be added as a deliberation item on the agenda at the next regular meeting.
- D2.** It was discussed to fill the vacancy for the City of Flatonia representative on the Fayette County Appraisal District Board of Directors. City employees are not allowed to serve. This will be added as a deliberation item on a future agenda.
- D3.** It was discussed to have the Public Hearing to approve the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 tax rate on Thursday, September 21, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. The Special City Council meeting will take place immediately after at 5:15 p.m.

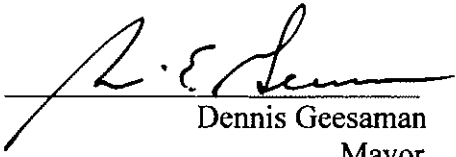
**Deliberation Agenda**

- DA9.1.2023.1** Councilwoman Sears moved to approve Ordinance #2023.9.1. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- DA9.1.2023.2** Councilman Seale moved to approve using HOT funds to hire YOLOTX to create one 6-minute segment about the City of Flatonia and one 4-minute segment about Czhlispiel marketing video. Councilwoman Cockrell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

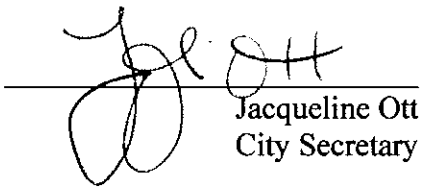
**Adjournment**

Councilman Kocian moved to end the meeting. Councilman Seale seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried. Mayor Geesaman adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

**Signed**

  
Dennis Geesaman  
Mayor

**Attest**

  
Jacqueline Ott  
City Secretary

