



**Agenda  
City Council  
Council Chambers/City Hall  
125 E. South Main, Flatonia, Texas**

**August 2, 2021  
City of Flatonia  
Regular Meeting  
5:00 p.m.**

## **Notice of City Council Meeting**

**(Rescheduled from August 10, 2021)**

In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting (**Rescheduled from August 10, 2021**) of the City Council of the City of Flatonia will be held on Monday, August 2, 2021, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 125 E. South Main St., Flatonia, Texas, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

The meeting agenda is posted online at:

[http://www.flatoniatx.gov/page/Council\\_Agendas\\_Minutes](http://www.flatoniatx.gov/page/Council_Agendas_Minutes)

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### **OPENING AGENDA**

Call to Order  
Invocation & Pledge  
Pledges to the Texas and American flags  
Citizens' Participation

### **PRESENTATION**

Introduction and expression of gratitude to the summer season 2021 McWhirter Pool staff.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

*The following agenda items may be acted upon in one motion. A Council Member or citizen may request items be removed from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration.*

C1. Approve the minutes of the May 11, 2021, Canvass Special City Council meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Executive Session – Open:**

- ES8.1-2021.1 As authorized by Texas Government Code 551.074 (Personnel Matters) regarding:  
  
Deliberating the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline or Dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee:  
*Interview of City Attorney Candidates*
- ES8.1-2021.2 As authorized by Texas Government Code 551.074 (Personnel Matters) regarding:  
  
Deliberating the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline or Dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee:  
*City Secretary*
- ES8.1-2021.3 As authorized by Texas Government Code 551.074 (Personnel Matters) regarding:  
  
Deliberating the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline or Dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee:  
*City Manager*

**Executive Session - Closed:**

**DELIBERATION AGENDA**

- DA8.1-2021.1 Consider and take appropriate action regarding the City Attorney RFQs.
- DA8.1-2021.2 Consider and take appropriate action on accepting the resignation of City Secretary Heather Ambrose.
- DA8.1-2021.3 Consider and take appropriate action on accepting the resignation of City Manager Sarah Novo.
- DA8.1-2021.4 Consider and take appropriate action on a request for improved safety measures and/or speed control devices on and in the vicinity of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

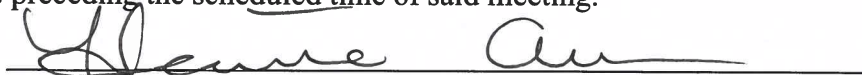
**WORKSHOP SESSION**

**Workshop Agenda**

- WS8.1-2021.1 Workshop on FY2021-2022 Budget

## Adjournment

I, the undersigned authority hereby certify that the Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board outside the front door of the City Hall of the City of Flatonia, Texas, a place convenient and **readily accessible to the public at all times** and said Notice was posted on the following date and time **Friday, July 30, 2021, by 6:00 p.m.** and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

  
Heather Ambrose, City Secretary, City of Flatonia

### NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE AT THE PUBLIC MEETING

The Flatonia City Hall is wheelchair accessible. Access to the building is available at the primary entrance facing Main Street. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, or large print are requested to contact the City Manager's Office at 361-865-3548 or by FAX 361-865-2817 at least two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION STATEMENT

The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations Regarding Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits), 551.086 (Certain Public Power Utilities: Competitive Matters) and 551.087 (Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations).



# Flatonia City Council

Staff Report

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## **PRESENTATION**

**Agenda Item:** Introduction and expression of gratitude to the summer season 2021 McWhirter Pool staff.

### **BACKGROUND:**

During 2020, the nation experienced the Covid-19 pandemic and the City's McWhirter pool had to remain closed for the protection of staff and the public. The community and pool staff (who had already been hired and trained) were disappointed.

When I (Heather Ambrose) was hired in January 2021, the pandemic was still going on and a vaccination had not been developed. With the pool having been closed since August 2019, and my inexperience and lack of time to adequately prepare, I was very hesitant about safely opening the pool this year.

The City was very fortunate to hire a knowledgeable and skilled Pool Manager, Mark Schlaudraff. In addition, despite a late notification, the City was able to hire eight young adult Lifeguards to provide trained safety to our patrons. The feedback we've received this year has been overwhelmingly positive. There have been comments and suggestions, and the occasional miscommunication or misstep. But overall, it was an amazing season. Without these temporary staff, it might not have been quite as positive. They have been responsible and mature while making the pool an enjoyable place to spend the day.

Finally, unknown to many is that several times over the course of the season, the Guards have been needed to aid visitors in trouble in the water. In some instances, it was a child that disobeyed the parent's instructions and went in the pool without having the ability to swim. In other cases, it was when a swimmer got tired or ventured into an area over their head and began to struggle. The Guards are trained to scan the pool back and forth, and there is a guard stationed at each side this year. Because of their attentiveness, there were no near drownings. The Guards were there to ensure the safety.

Some dismiss the danger of a “shallow water” pool such as ours, but the depth of the pool is not the only safety factor. Drownings can occur with a minimal amount of water under the right circumstances:

### **HOW MUCH WATER DOES IT TAKE TO DROWN?**

- Inches of water in a bathtub.
- A bucket of water.
- Standing water on top of a pool or spa cover.
- Any amount of water that covers the mouth & nose.

Source: YMCA OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

<https://gwrymca.org/sites/default/files/Drowning%20Facts%20%281%29.pdf>

While I wanted to have the Lifeguards present tonight to publicly acknowledge them, several of them are actually at work at the pool. Others have left employment in preparation for school sports or college. And, of course, I am not present, so I wanted to provide information in detail in hopes that my appreciation is extended to them from the organization and publicly. Our pool staff are mostly younger adults and/or students and I am very proud of them. Good work does not go unnoticed. I would like to publicly recognize and thank them for their work this year:

*Mark Schlaudraff, Pool Manager*

Lifeguards

*Taylor O’Reilly*

*Carly Bonds*

*Dayton Cliffe*

*Remington “Remi” Vallone*

*Caitlin Betak*

*Hannah Ellis*

*Macy Bonds*

*Alexia “Lexi” Vallone*



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# **DROWNING FACTS**

## **WATER SAFETY YMCA OF GREATER ST. LOUIS**

### **IN THE TIME IT TAKES TO...**

- Cross a room for a towel (10 seconds), a child in a bathtub can be submerged.
- Answer the phone (2 minutes), a child can lose consciousness.
- Sign for a package at the front door (4-6 minutes), a child submerged in a tub or pool can sustain permanent brain damage.

### **HOW MUCH WATER DOES IT TAKE TO DROWN?**

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- A bucket of water.
- Standing water on top of a pool or spa cover.
- Any amount of water that covers the mouth & nose.

### **DO PEOPLE ALWAYS YELL FOR HELP?**

- Most children do not yell for help.
- Non-swimmers or exhausted swimmers are unable to call for help.
- Drowning victims may be struggling under the water.

### **NEAR DROWNING - SURVIVAL AFTER SUBMERSION IN FLUID**

- For each child that drowns, it is estimated that 4 children are hospitalized for near-drowning
- Nationwide, 2700 children ages 14 and under were treated in hospital emergency rooms for unintentional drowning-related incidents
- As many as 20% of near drowning survivors suffer severe permanent neurological disability.
- Nearly all who require CPR die or are left with severe brain injury.

### **AREAS OF RISK RELATED TO DROWNING**

- Home Pools/Spas/Ponds
- Inside Homes
- Natural Bodies of Water
- Boating & Personal Water Crafts

### **APARTMENT & RESIDENTIAL POOLS**

- More than half of drownings among children ages 1-4 are pool related.
- More than half of these drownings occur in the child's home pool.
- Most children were last seen in the home and had been missing from sight for less than 5 minutes.

### **INFLATABLE POOLS & POOL COVERS**

- Inflatable & plastic pools should always be emptied after use.
- Remove steps from above ground pools.
- Drain water off the top of pool covers.

### **DIVING BOARDS & SLIDES**

- Not all pools are designed with diving in mind, especially residential pools.
- Most spinal cord injuries result from diving into shallow water.





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## **CONSENT**

**C1**

### **Agenda Item:**

Approve the minutes of the May 11, 2021, Canvass Special City Council meeting.

### **Background:**

Section 551.021 of the Government Code provides as follows:

- (a) A governmental body shall prepare and keep minutes or make a tape recording of each open meeting of the body.
- (b) The minutes must:
  - 1. State the subject of each deliberation; and
  - 2. Indicate the vote, order, decision, or other action taken.

### **Recommended Motion:**

I move to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2021 Canvass Special City Council meeting.

**Minutes  
Flatonia City Council  
Special Meeting - Canvass  
May 11, 2021**

**Present:**

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

**OPENING AGENDA**

**Call to Order:**

Mayor Bryan Milson called the Special meeting to order at 5:45 PM.

Councilmember Cathy Steinhauser made a motion for the Council to accept canvassed election returns from the May 1, 2021, General Election. Councilmember Dennis Geesaman seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

**The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.**

**Signed**

**Approved this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2021.**

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Bryan Milson  
Mayor

**Attest**

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Heather Ambrose  
City Secretary





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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ES8.1-2021.1**

### **Agenda Item:**

As authorized by Texas Government Code 551.074 (Personnel Matters) regarding:

Deliberating the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline or Dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee:

***Interview of City Attorney Candidates***



# Flatonia City Council

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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ES8.1-2021.2**

### **Agenda Item:**

As authorized by Texas Government Code 551.074 (Personnel Matters) regarding:

Deliberating the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline or Dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee:

***Resignation of City Secretary***



# Flatonia City Council

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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ES8.1-2021.3**

### **Agenda Item:**

As authorized by Texas Government Code 551.074 (Personnel Matters) regarding:

Deliberating the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline or Dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee:

***Resignation of City Manager***



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## **DELIBERATION AGENDA**

**DA8.1-2021.1**

### **Agenda Item:**

Consider and take appropriate action regarding the City Attorney RFQs.

### **Background:**

Former City Attorney Angela Flores Beck submitted her resignation in May 2021. An RFQ was posted in June to solicit a new City Attorney or law firm. The RFQ was posted in the Flatonia Argus on two (2) occasions and on the City's website. In addition, many area attorneys listed on the State Bar of Texas with municipal law specialties were contacted to extend an offer to submit. Three firms submitted RFQs, and they were reviewed by City Council at the July 13, 2021 meeting.

### **Recommended Motion:**

Motion will be determined by what action, if any, is needed following the discussion.



# Flatonia City Council

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## **DELIBERATION AGENDA**

**DA8.1-2021.2**

### **Agenda Item:**

Consider and take appropriate action on accepting the resignation of City Secretary Heather Ambrose.

### **Background:**

NA

### **Recommended Motion:**

I make the motion to accept the resignation of City Secretary Heather Ambrose.

### **Attachments:**

- Resignation letter dated 7/30/2021

July 30, 2021

Sarah,

I want to thank you for your leadership and support since I was hired on January 13, 2021. How you were able to stay positive and get anything done is amazing! I also greatly appreciate your understanding of the difficulties we went through in May. However, although I have enjoyed my work, I am experiencing health issues related to the position of City Secretary that I believe will be worsened by continuing in the position much longer. The stress of the dysfunctionality, chaos, financial uncertainty, backbiting, subterfuge, and lack of support has taken a toll on me both mentally and physically. I normally would provide a 2-weeks' notice period or longer, however, for my health it would be best that I make my notice effective immediately. I hope that under the circumstances, my file will be noted as having left in good standing. I think it is also wise to provide this notice now so that acceptance of my resignation by City Council can be on the 8/2/2021 agenda (since I will not be present).

Because of the time-sensitive demands and my desire to leave my office in the best condition it is possible under the circumstances, I would like to make my resignation effective 8/1/2021 to allow me to work Saturday and Sunday to try to tie up as many loose ends as possible. My awesome coworkers, Cheryl and Herminia, do not need any more added stress than is already going to happen. I promised them I would be different. I would not fail them. I would follow through. And I really tried.

At the end of the day on 8/1/2021, I will remove all of my personal belongings and leave my City keys in the drop box. I will lock my City issued credit card in the binder safely in the vault. My City cell phone and iPad will be left on my desk with the security code on top. Anything I am able to complete and have ready for another to handle I will leave with the best instructions I am able, on the top of my desk.

I want to add that almost all the citizens of Flatonia have been so lovely. On my bulletin board I have a personal note from a person who took the time to write it and put it in their utility bill:

***"Ms. Ambrose-I haven't had the pleasure of meeting you yet-but we have lived here all our lives and we really appreciate you taking care of our city."***

To this day, that note touches my heart. It was not the citizens that created difficulties for me, it was the problems within. I tried to do my best for the community of Flatonia and the employees of the City and wish only the very best in the future for everyone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather Ambrose". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Heather Ambrose



# Flatonia City Council

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## **DELIBERATION AGENDA**

**DA8.1-2021.3**

### **Agenda Item:**

Consider and take appropriate action on accepting the resignation of City Manager Sarah Novo.

### **Background:**

NA

### **Recommended Motion:**

I make the motion to accept the resignation of City Manager Sarah Novo.

### **Attachments:**

- Resignation letter dated 7/29/2021

## Flatonia City Manager

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**From:** Flatonia City Manager  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 29, 2021 6:08 PM  
**To:** Flatonia City Manager  
**Subject:** Notice

CITY OF FLATONIA, TX

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RECEIVED TIME



Mayor and Council,

As you know I was entirely unaware of the many issues plaguing Flatonia when I took this role, and although have invested significant time, effort, and energy into repairing these issues, I cannot stay in a place where I am not able to move forward without the full support of this team. I wish you well in finding someone who will serve Flatonia well and who will move this city toward what I feel could be a very promising and wonderful future.

My contract states that I will serve as City Manager for a 3-year term – expiring 3/15/23 and if the manager decides to resign in the meantime, there shall be a 30-day notice provided. Please consider this my 30-day notice.

All the best,

**Sarah Novo**

City Manager



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# Flatonia City Council

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## DELIBERATION AGENDA

DA8.1-2021.4

### **Agenda Item:**

Consider and take appropriate action on a request for improved traffic safety measures and/or speed control devices on and in the vicinity of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

### **Background:**

At the July 13, 2021, City Council meeting, the Mayor read an electronically submitted citizen comment from Taryn and John Trussell related to their concerns about high speed and related dangers on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. They explained that traffic speeds down this street from the Flatonia ISD complex and there are many children riding bikes and playing in the area that could be injured or worse. They requested City Council consideration of placing 4-way stop signs at the intersection of Hudson Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and law enforcement monitoring of the area.

Some suggestions are 4-way stop signs or possibly speed control devices, such as speed bumps, to slow traffic. If traffic control devices are placed that will result in the need to publish the corresponding ordinance in the paper.

The City of Flatonia Code of Ordinances states:

Sec. 12.02.005 Installation

(a) The city council shall by ordinance direct that the utility superintendent shall have the duty of erecting or installing upon, over, along, or beside any street or alley signs, signals, and markings, or causing the same to be erected, installed, or placed, in accordance with this article and consistent with the manual. Said traffic-control devices shall be installed immediately, or as soon as the specific device, sign or signal can be procured.

(b) Whenever the utility superintendent has erected and installed any official traffic-control device, signal or sign at any location in the city, or has caused the same to be done under his or her direction, in obedience to this article and the manual, he or she shall thereafter file a report with the city secretary in writing stating the type of traffic-control device, sign or signal, and when and where the same was erected and installed. The city secretary shall file and maintain such report among the official papers of the office of the city secretary.

**Recommended Motion:**

Motion will be determined by what action, if any, is needed following the discussion.

**Attachments:**

- Electronic citizen comment from Taryn and John Russell submitted for the July 13, 2021, meeting
- Sections of the Flatonia City Code of Ordinances related to Traffic Control Devices, and Ordinances
- Photo of existing school zone signage and request for costs

**Per Sarah on 7/29/2021, no response received for packet.**

**From:** [Flatonia City Manager](#)  
**To:** [Heather Ambrose](#)  
**Subject:** FW: School sign  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 27, 2021 3:54:37 PM

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**From:** Flatonia City Manager  
**Sent:** Monday, July 26, 2021 2:11 PM  
**To:** Jack Pavlas <[JackPavlas@ci.flatonia.tx.us](mailto:JackPavlas@ci.flatonia.tx.us)>  
**Subject:** FW: School sign

In response to the 2<sup>nd</sup> st speed concern, can you please pull costs for the following signs?

1. No left turn
2. No right turn
3. Replacement signs for photo below
4. Cost of speed bumps on 2<sup>nd</sup> st.
5. Stop sign costs

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**From:** Heather Ambrose <[hambrose2@hotmail.com](mailto:hambrose2@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 26, 2021 12:37 PM  
**To:** Flatonia City Manager <[Manager@ci.flatonia.tx.us](mailto:Manager@ci.flatonia.tx.us)>  
**Subject:** School sign





Sent from my iPhone



## ARTICLE 12.02 TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICES\*

### Sec. 12.02.001 Conformity with state manual

All traffic-control devices including signs, signals and markings (pavement and/or curb) installed or used for the purpose of directing and controlling traffic within the city shall conform with the manual and specifications adopted by the state transportation commission as provided in V.T.C.A., Transportation Code, section 544.001. All signs, signals and markings erected or used by the city must conform to the manual and specifications adopted under V.T.C.A., Transportation Code, section 544.001. All existing traffic control devices and those erected in the future by the city being consistent with the manual and specifications, state law and this section shall be official traffic-control devices. (Ordinance adopting Code)

**State law reference**—Adoption of sign manual and specifications, V.T.C.A., Transportation Code, sec. 544.001.

### Sec. 12.02.002 Obedience

The driver of any vehicle, motor vehicle or animal shall obey the instructions of any official traffic-control device, sign, signal or marking applicable thereto placed in accordance with this article, unless otherwise directed by a police officer, subject to the exceptions granted the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle permitted by this chapter. (2001 Code, sec. 12.102)

**State law reference**—Compliance with traffic-control device, V.T.C.A., Transportation Code, sec. 544.004.

### Sec. 12.02.003 Unauthorized devices

(a) No person shall place, maintain, or display upon or in view of any highway, street or alley any unauthorized sign, signal, marking or device which purports to be or is an imitation of or resembles an official traffic-control device or railroad sign or signal, or which attempts to direct the movement of traffic, or which hides from view or interferes with the effectiveness of any official control device or any railroad sign or signal.

(b) No person shall place or maintain nor shall any public authority permit upon any highway, street or alley any traffic sign or signal bearing thereon any commercial advertising.

(c) This article shall not be deemed to prohibit the erection upon private property adjacent to highways, streets or alleys of signs giving useful directional information and of a type that cannot be mistaken for official signs.

(d) Every such prohibited sign, signal or marking is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, and the chief of police is hereby empowered to remove the same or cause it to be removed without notice.

(2001 Code, sec. 12.103)

**State law reference**—Display of unauthorized signs, signals or markings, V.T.C.A., Transportation Code, sec. 544.006.

### Sec. 12.02.004 Altering, damaging or removing

No person shall without lawful authority attempt to or in fact alter, deface, injure, knock down or remove any official traffic-control device, sign or signal or any railroad sign or signal or any inscription, shield, or insignia thereon, or any part thereof. (2001 Code, sec. 12.104)

**State law reference**—Interference with traffic-control devices or railroad signs or signals, V.T.C.A., Transportation Code, sec. 544.005.

### Sec. 12.02.005 Installation

(a) The city council shall by ordinance direct that the utility superintendent shall have the duty of erecting or installing upon, over, along, or beside any street or alley signs, signals and markings, or causing the same to be erected, installed or placed, in accordance with this article and consistent with the manual. Said traffic-control devices shall be installed immediately, or as soon as the specific device, sign or signal can be procured.

(b) Whenever the utility superintendent has erected and installed any official traffic-control device, signal or sign at any location in the city, or has caused the same to be done under his or her direction, in obedience to this article and the manual, he or she shall thereafter file a report with the city secretary in writing stating the type of traffic-control device, sign or signal, and when and where the same was erected and installed. The city secretary shall file and maintain such report among the official papers of the office of the city secretary.

(2001 Code, sec. 12.105)

**Sec. 12.02.006 Evidence of validity**

It shall be proof, in any prosecution for a violation of this article or any traffic ordinance of the city, that any traffic-control device, sign, signal or marking was actually in place on any street shall constitute prima facie evidence that the same was installed by the utility superintendent pursuant to the authority of this article and of the ordinance directing the installation of such device, signal or marking since it is unlawful for any person other than the utility superintendent, acting pursuant to an ordinance of the city, to install or cause to be installed any signal, sign or device purporting to direct the use of the streets or the activities on those streets of pedestrians, vehicles, motor vehicles, or animals. (2001 Code, sec. 12.106)

## Division 4. Stop Intersections<sup>†</sup>

### Sec. 12.03.121 Designated

Every driver of a vehicle approaching any of the following stop intersections shall stop before or at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway and may proceed thereafter only when such driver may safely enter the intersection without interference or collision with traffic or pedestrians.

<b>Stop On:</b>	<b>At:</b>
Old Hallettsville Road	South Faires Street
West First Street	South Faires Street
West Second Street	Faires Street
West Third Street	South Faires Street
East Third Street	South Market Street
West Fourth Street	South Faires Street
East Fourth Street	South Market Street
West Fifth Street	South Faires Street
East Fifth Street	South Market Street
West Sixth Street	South Mill Street
West Sixth Street	South Faires Street
East Sixth Street	South Market Street
West South Main Street	South Faires Street
East South Main Street	South Market Street
West North Main Street (eastbound only)	South Faires Street
West Seventh Street	North Faires Street
Seventh Street	North Penn Street
East Seventh Street	North La Grange Street
East Seventh Street	North Mesquite Street
Eighth Street	North Penn Street

East Mulberry Street	North La Grange Street
Ninth Street	North Penn Street
East Ninth Street	North La Grange Street
East Ninth Street	Hackberry Street
East Tenth Street (westbound only)	North Penn Street
East Tenth Street (westbound only)	North La Grange Street
Martin Luther King Street (westbound only)	North La Grange Street
Martin Luther King Street (10th St)	Hackberry Street
East Eleventh Street	North Converse Street
East Eleventh Street (westbound only)	North La Grange Street
East Eleventh Street	Hackberry Street
East Eleventh Street	North Walnut Street
West Twelfth Street (eastbound only)	North Penn Street
East Twelfth Street	North La Grange Street
East Twelfth Street	Hackberry Street
South Colorado Street	West First Street
South Mill Street	West First Street
South Mill Street	West Fifth Street
Faires Street	U.S Highway 90
North Faires Street	West Ninth Street
North Hudson Street (northbound only)	West Seventh Street
South Hudson Street	Old Hallettsville Road
South Hudson Street	U.S. Highway 90
South Penn Street	Old Hallettsville Road
South Penn Street	Fourth Street



South Penn Street	South Main Street
South Market Street	Old Hallettsville Road
South Market Street	East Second Street
South Market Street	East Fourth Street
South Market Street	East South Main Street
Market Street	U.S. Highway 90
North Market Street	East Seventh Street
North Market Street	East Tenth Street
South Converse Street	Old Hallettsville Road
South Converse Street	East Second Street
South Converse Street	East Fourth Street
South Converse Street	East South Main Street
North Converse Street	U.S. Highway 90
North Converse Street	IH-10 Frontage Road
Middle Street	U.S. Highway 90
La Grange Street	U.S. Highway 90
North Cedar Street	U.S. Highway 90
North Mesquite Street	U.S. Highway 90
North Mesquite Street	East Mulberry Street
South Pecan Street	South La Grange Street
South Pecan Street	U.S. Highway 90
Garbade Lane	U.S. Highway 90
Slaughterhouse Road	F.M. 609

(Ordinance 2018.5.1 adopted 5/8/18)

### Division 3. Yield Intersections<sup>\*</sup>

**Sec. 12.03.091 Designated**

Every driver of a vehicle approaching any of the following yield intersections shall slow down, or stop if necessary, before or at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway and may proceed thereafter only when such driver may safely enter the intersection without interference or collision with traffic or pedestrians:

<b>Yield Right-of-Way On:</b>	<b>To:</b>
West Fourth Street	South Mill Street
East Fourth Street	School Street
East Sixth Street	South Converse Street
East Sixth Street	South Penn Street
South Colorado Street	West Sixth Street
<b>South Hudson Street</b>	<b>West Second Street</b>
South Penn Street	Second Street
South Penn Street	Fifth Street
North Market Street	East Ninth Street
Collins Street (westbound only)	North Walnut Street

(Ordinance 2017.12.2 adopted 12/12/17; Ordinance 2018.7.1 adopted 7/10/18)

**Secs. 12.03.092–12.03.120 Reserved**

## Division 2. Speed Limits<sup>†</sup>

### Sec. 12.03.051 Generally

No person shall drive a vehicle on any street in the city limits at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard for the actual and potential hazards then existing. In every event, speed shall be so controlled as may be necessary to avoid colliding with [any person, vehicle or other conveyance on or entering the highway in compliance with] legal requirements, and it shall be the duty of all persons to use due care. No person shall operate or drive any vehicle within the city limits on any street at a speed greater than thirty (30) miles per hour, unless signs are erected designating another speed limit (see [section 12.03.052](#)), or in any alley at a speed greater than fifteen (15) miles per hour. (2001 Code, sec. 12.801)

**State law reference**—Prima facie speed limits, V.T.C.A., Transportation Code, sec. 545.352.

### Sec. 12.03.052 Speed limits on specific streets

(a) Upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation heretofore made as authorized by the provisions of V.T.C.A., Transportation Code, section 545.356, the following prima facie limits hereinafter indicated for vehicles are hereby determined and declared to be reasonable and safe, and such speed limits are hereby fixed at the rate of speed indicated for vehicles traveling upon the named streets and highways, or parts thereof, described as follows:

(1) Middle Street.

(A) Middle Street from Fourth Street to Converse Street: 15 miles per hour.

(B) Middle Street from East Fourth to South Converse: 10 miles per hour.

(2) State Highway 95.

(A) On S.H. 95 (Penn Street) from a point at its intersection with U.S. 90 (Main Street) to a point nine hundred ninety-eight feet (998') north, a distance of approximately 0.189 of a mile: Thirty-five (35) miles per hour.

(B) On S.H. 95 (Penn Street) from a point nine hundred ninety-eight feet (998') north of its intersection with U.S. 90 (Main Street) to a point one thousand three hundred sixty feet (1,360') north, a distance of approximately 0.258 of a mile: Forty-five (45) miles per hour.

(C) On S.H. 95 (Penn Street) from a point at the north city limit to a point four hundred eighty feet (480') south, a distance of approximately 0.091 of a mile: Forty-five (45) miles per hour.

(D) On S.H. 95 (Faires Street) from a point at its intersection with U.S. 90 (Main Street) to a point one thousand fifty-one feet (1,051') south, a distance of approximately 0.199 of a mile: Thirty-five (35) miles per hour.

(E) On S.H. 95 (Faires Street) from a point one thousand fifty-one feet (1,051') south of its intersection with U.S. 90 (Main Street) to a point one thousand fifty-six feet (1,056') south, a distance of approximately 0.200 of a mile: Forty (40) miles per hour.

(F) On S.H. 95 (Faires Street) from a point at the south city limit to a point one thousand one hundred fourteen feet (1,114') north, a distance of approximately 0.211 of a mile: Forty-five (45) miles per hour.

(3) Twelfth Street. Twelfth Street beginning at a point in the intersection of Twelfth Street and Converse Street to a point three hundred and fifty feet (350') east of the intersection of 12th Street and Converse Street: Fifteen (15) miles per hour.

(4) U.S. Highway 90.

(A) On U.S. 90 (Main Street) from a point six hundred thirty-three feet (633') west of its intersection with S.H. 95 (Penn Street) to a point eight hundred ten feet (810') east, a distance of approximately 0.273 of a mile: Thirty (30) miles per hour.

(B) On U.S. 90 (Main Street) from a point at the east city limit to a point two thousand three hundred thirteen feet (2,313') west, a distance of approximately 0.438 of a mile: Thirty-five (35) miles per hour.

(C) On U.S. 90 (Main Street) from a point at the west city limit to a point one thousand two hundred fifty-one feet (1,251') east, a distance of approximately 0.237 of a mile: Fifty (50) miles per hour.

(D) On U.S. 90 (Main Street) from a point one thousand two hundred fifty-one feet (1,251') east of the west city limit to a point one thousand fifty-six feet (1,056') east, a distance of approximately 0.200 of a mile: Forty (40) miles per hour.

(5) I.H. 10 Frontage Road.

(A) On I.H. 10 Frontage Road on south side of main lanes from a point at its intersection with S.H. No. 95 to a point 2,344 feet east, a distance of approximately .444 of a mile, 45 miles per hour.

(B) On I.H. 10 Frontage Road on north side of main lanes from a point at its intersection with S.H. No. 95 to a point 2,043 feet east, a distance of approximately .387 of a mile, 45 miles per hour.

(b) School zone. There shall be a school zone, during the school year of the Flatonia Independent School District, or any successor thereto, during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to and 9:00 a.m. and during the hours of 1:00 p.m. to and including 4:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, defined as follows:

(1) East Fourth Street.

(A) East Fourth Street from South Market Street to South Converse Street: Twenty (20) miles per hour.

(B) East Fourth Street from South Converse Street to the east end of East Fourth Street: Fifteen (15) miles per hour.

(2) East Second Street.

(A) East Second Street from South Market Street to South Converse Street: Twenty (20) miles per hour.

(B) East Second Street from South Converse Street to South Middle Street: Fifteen (15) miles per hour.

(3) East Third Street. East Third Street from South Market Street to South Converse Street: Twenty (20) miles per hour.

(4) East Fifth Street. East Fifth Street from South Market Street to South Converse Street: Twenty (20) miles per hour.

(5) East Sixth Street. East Sixth Street from South Market Street to South Converse Street: Twenty (20) miles per hour.

(6) South Middle Street. South Middle Street from East Fourth Street to East Second Street: Fifteen (15) miles per hour.

(7) South Converse Street. South Converse Street from East Second Street to East South Main Street: Twenty (20) miles per hour.

(8) South Market Street. South Market Street from East Second Street to East South Main Street: Twenty (20) miles per hour.

(c) Other specific street speed designations.

(1) South Converse Street.

(A) South Converse Street beginning at a point seventy feet (70') south of the south intersection of East Twelfth Street and South Converse Street to a point two hundred feet (200') north of the north intersection of East Twelfth Street and Converse Street: Fifteen (15) miles per hour.

(B) Converse Street from East Fourth Street to South Main Street: Twenty (20) miles per hour.

(2) F.M. 609. F.M. 609 (La Grange Street) from a point at its intersection with U.S. 90 (East North Main Street) to a point north at the north city limit, a distance of 0.533 of a mile: Forty (40) miles per hour.

(2001 Code, sec. 12.802; Ordinance 2010.4.2 adopted 5/11/10; Ordinance 2010.4.3 adopted 5/11/10; Ordinance 2011.8.1, secs. 2, 3, adopted 8/9/11)

### **Sec. 12.03.053 Exceptions**

The provisions of this division regulating speeds of vehicles shall not apply to authorized emergency vehicles responding to calls, nor to police patrols, nor to physicians and/or ambulances responding to emergency calls.

(2001 Code, sec. 12.803)



## ARTICLE 1.03 ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

### **Sec. 1.03.001 Authority of council**

The city council shall have the power to pass, publish, amend, repeal and enforce all ordinances, rules and police regulations, not contrary to the constitution of this state, for the good government, peace, and order of the city and the trade and commerce thereof, that may be necessary or proper to carry into effect the powers vested to local governments. (2001 Code, sec. 1.1001)

### **Sec. 1.03.002 Style**

The style of all ordinances shall be "BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLATONIA, TEXAS" and the style of all resolutions shall be "BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLATONIA, TEXAS." (2001 Code, sec. 1.1002)

### **Sec. 1.03.003 Introduction; reading; required vote**

All ordinances and resolutions shall be in writing and shall be introduced by some member of the city council at an open meeting of the city council when it shall be read and acted upon. It shall only be necessary to provide a brief explanation and read the caption of the ordinance or resolution unless a motion is made by any councilmember to read the entire ordinance or resolution. An ordinance must be adopted by a majority vote, unless otherwise required (e.g., levying taxes, zoning when 20% of property owners object, etc.). (2001 Code, sec. 1.1003)

### **Sec. 1.03.004 Approval by mayor; recording**

All ordinances and resolutions, upon passage, shall be approved by the mayor, numbered, and attested by the city secretary, and shall be recorded by the city secretary in a book of ordinances or in the minutes for resolutions. Such book of ordinances shall by authority touch all questions arising under the laws and ordinances of the city. (2001 Code, sec. 1.1004)

### **Sec. 1.03.005 Publication; effective date**

Every ordinance imposing any penalty, fine, or forfeiture shall, after passage thereof, be published in one issue of the official newspaper, and such ordinances shall take effect and be in force from and after the publication thereof, unless otherwise expressly provided. Ordinances not required to be published shall take effect from their passage, unless otherwise specified. In lieu of the publication of the entire ordinance, the city council may in its direction provide for the publication of a descriptive caption or title, stating in summary the purpose of the ordinance and the penalty for violation thereof. (Ordinance 2011.5.1 adopted 5/10/11)

### **Sec. 1.03.006 Veto power of mayor**

Every ordinance or resolution passed by the city council must be filed with the city secretary. Thereupon, the mayor may either sign or refuse to sign the ordinance or resolution. If the mayor refuses to sign the ordinance or resolution, his or her objections must be set forth in writing and submitted to the city secretary within three (3) days of the time the ordinance or resolution was filed. (If the mayor's statement of objections is not filed within three (3) days, the ordinance or resolution automatically goes into effect without his or her signature.) If the mayor timely files a statement of objections to the ordinance or resolution, it is killed unless a majority of the whole number of councilmembers (not just a majority of those present and voting) votes to override the mayor's veto by adopting the ordinance or resolution as originally proposed, with the votes of each councilmember entered in the minutes of the meeting at which the vote was taken. (2001 Code, sec. 1.1006)



# Flatonia City Council

Staff Report

August 2, 2021 Council Meeting

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## **WORKSHOP AGENDA**

**WS8.1-2021.1**

### **Agenda Item:**

Workshop on FY2021-2022 Budget.

### **Background:**

Staff has been working to develop requested budgets for each department/service area. A Workshop Session was held on July 19, 2021, and this is a follow-up to that discussion. The final adopted budget is due by September 30<sup>th</sup>, with the tax rates adopted no later than September 29<sup>th</sup>. Unless Council wishes to hold a special meeting, the final budget will be adopted at the September 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

### **Recommended Motion:**

Workshop only. No action required.