

**Minutes
Flatonia City Council
Regular Meeting
January 14, 2014**

Present:

Mayor Pro Tem

Bryan Milson

Councilpersons

Matt Freytag
Catherine Steinhauser
Dennis Geesaman

City Staff

Scott Dixon - City Manager
Melissa Brunner – City Secretary
Angela Beck – City Attorney
Mike Noak – Police Chief
Gregory Robinson – Code Compliance Officer

Opening Agenda

Mayor Pro tem Milson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Code Compliance Officer Gregg Robinson led the invocation
Mayor Pro Tem Milson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Participation:

Sheila Brunner spoke to the Council about several concerns she has regarding the responsibilities of different city employees, junk in street rights of way, converted garages with multiple families living in them with no utilities and the condition of city streets.

Mike Steinhauser spoke in favor of the EPA resolution that was being brought to Council for consideration at this meeting.

City Manager Dixon and Police Chief Noak recognized Oak Valley Resources and Maraboo for their donation toward equipment for the police department. Francis Murry, Chris Cottrell and Troy Thibodeaux were in attendance from Oak Valley. A statement was presented from both entities saying that they greatly appreciate the hard work and dedication of Chief Noak and his patrolmen and thanking them for their service. The representatives who could not be at the meeting were Steve Collins of Oak Valley Resources, Karl Klanke, Jesse Klanke and Mike Goswick of Maraboo.

Reports

Chief Noak presented his activity report for the month of December 2013.

City Secretary Brunner reported that the City would hold two elections on May 10, 2014. A Special Election for a one year council term for the position currently held by Matt Freytag and the general election for mayor and two councilmen, currently held by Mayor Scott Mica, Councilman Tyler Mica and Councilman Bryan Milson.

The first day to file for any of these positions is January 29th. The last day to file for the positions involved in the general election is February 28th. The last day to file for the position in the special election is March 10th.

City Manager asked for questions on his written report presented to Council with their Council Packets. None were asked.

Discussion Items

1. Spring Break Council Schedule – Council discussed the possibility of moving the February and March meetings due to schedule conflicts that may cause the lack of a quorum on the regular meeting dates.
2. Pursuit of Oil & Gas leases for City owned streets and alleys – Council discussed the possibilities of such. No determination was reached. Council asked the city manager to continue to investigate the possibilities.

Public Hearing – opened at 6:40 p.m.

PH1-2014.1 Public hearing on the request from Guillermo Manzano for a variance to reduce the 7th Street side yard setback from twenty-five (25) feet to zero (0) feet for the following property: PID 54931, 628 W US Hwy 90 This request has been submitted in order to enclose an existing carport on the north side of the structure.

Closed at 6:41 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Dennis Geesaman motioned to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2013 Regular Meeting and the December 2013 Financial Report. Matt Freytag seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Deliberation Agenda

1-2014.1. Matt Freytag motioned to deny the request from Guillermo Manzano for a variance to reduce the 7th Street side yard setback from twenty-five (25) feet to zero (0) feet for the following property: PID 54931, 628 W YS Hwy 90. Dennis Geesaman seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

- 1-2014.2. Catherine Steinhauser motioned to approve the resolution in support of the oil and gas operators as presented. Bryan Milson seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 1-2014.3. No action was taken on the resolution authorizing the city manager to establish a financing agreement with Government Capital for certain personal property including but not limited to new radios for police, fire and utility departments and new camera equipment for the police department.
- 1-2014.4. Catherine Steinhauser motioned to accept the reports from the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce, EA Arnim Archives and Museum and Flatonia Special Projects on the Hotel Occupancy Tax Expenditures from the fourth quarter of 2013. Matt Freytag seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 1-2014.5. Dennis Geesaman motioned to approve the resolution adopting fiscal and budgetary policies for the City of Flatonia. Bryan Milson seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 1-2014.6. Matt Freytag motioned to call the May 10, 2014 Special Election for the city of Flatonia for the purpose of electing a councilman for an unexpired term. Catherine Steinhauser seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 1-2014.7. Catherine Steinhauser motioned to call the May 10, 2014 General Election for the City of Flatonia for the purpose of electing two councilmen and a mayor. Matt Freytag seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 1-2014.8. Matt Freytag motioned to order the May 10, 2014 Special Election for the City of Flatonia for the purpose of electing a councilman for an unexpired term. Catherine Steinhauser seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 1-2014.9. Matt Freytag motioned to order the May 10, 2014 General Election for the City of Flatonia for the purpose of electing a mayor and two councilmen. Catherine Steinhauser seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 1-2014.10. Dennis Geesaman motioned to appoint Jim Murphy as a committee member of the City of Flatonia's Economic Development Committee. Catherine Steinhauser seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 1-2014.11. No action was taken on appointment of replacements to the Comprehensive Planning Committee.
- 1-2014.12. No action was taken on annexing portions of I10 in order to facilitate better traffic control.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Signed


Bryan Milson
 Mayor Pro Tem

Approved this 18th day of February, 2014



Attest

Melissa Brunner

Melissa Brunner, TRMC, CMC
 City Secretary