



**Minutes
Flatonia City Council
Regular Meeting
October 4, 2023, at 6:00 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
City Attorney	Barbara Boulware-Wells

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.

Reports

Police Chief September Activity
Councilwoman Cockrell asked about an accident that involved a police vehicle. Chief Dick reported no parties were harmed, and the vehicle is under insurance inspection for repair.

Utility Director September Report
Councilwoman Cockrell commended the utility department on their excellent work during the microburst storm on September 14th and clean up thereafter.

Code Enforcement September Report

City Manager September Report

City Manager Bishop clarified on her report that EDC is installing lights for the historic signs, not Memorial Park. She also added that we must hold a special city council meeting later this month to reject the bids received for the CDBG-CDV21-0342 grant, as the bids received were incomplete and cannot be accepted. It was decided that a Special City Council meeting would be held on Monday, October 16th, at 5:00 p.m. to hold a vote. Councilman Seale voiced concerns on the quality of construction on the bathrooms at Garbade Park. City Attorney Boulware-Wells suggested hiring an inspector to ensure the job is completed properly.

Consent Agenda

- C1.** Councilman Seale motioned to approve the September 12, 2023, meeting minutes. Councilwoman Cockrell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- C2.** Councilman Seale motioned to approve the September 21, 2023, meeting minutes. Councilwoman Cockrell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- C3.** Councilman Seale made a motion to approve the financial statements for September 2023. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

- D1.** It was discussed to fill the vacancy for the City of Flatonia representative on the Fayette County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole suggested Jyl Stavinoha and stated she is waiting for a decision. A formal vote will be held at the next regular city council meeting.
- D3.** It was discussed to review the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget for the Chamber of Commerce.

Deliberation Agenda

- DA10.1.2023.1** Councilwoman Sears moved to approve Resolution #2023.10.1 affirming the park boundaries for Memorial Park and directing the City Manager and City Attorney to coordinate cleanup and lighting of the park property, including removing any remaining personal items after ten (10) days. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried. Councilman Seale and Councilman Kocian cautioned City Manager Bishop against appearing biased and targeting certain citizens. It was decided that City Attorney Boulware-Wells would write a letter and send it to both property owners adjacent to the park, giving them ten (10) days to clean up their personal items encroaching on park property. On the eleventh day, city workers will remove any remaining items. The city will not pursue financial compensation for any clean-up efforts made. However, if the

problem persists, the adjacent property owners will be held responsible for breaking the established ordinance.

DA10.1.2023.2 Councilman Seale moved to approve the proposed city projects using funds from the GLO MOD grant. The projects include sludge removal from the wastewater treatment plant, replacing water well #10, replacing AC water lines on the southwest side of town, and upgrading from 6" to 8" water line in the vicinity of Flatonia ISD. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried. Councilman Seale asked how to prioritize projects to ensure the most critical projects are completed as funds are available. Alyssa Bickford, the City of Flatonia's project manager from Langford Community Management Services, verified the flexibility of the project list.

DA10.1.2023.3 No action was taken to approve two designated parking spots in front of Clover Connection for use during morning drop-off hours.

DA10.1.2023.4 Mayor Pro Tem Eversole moved to approve Ordinance #2023.10.1 revising the code of ordinances to delete the curfew established in Ordinance #410 adopted March 3, 2007, an ordinance to establish curfew hours for minors of the City of Flatonia, Texas. Councilman Seale seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

DA10.1.2023.5 Councilwoman Sears moved to approve Resolution #2023.10.2, updating the hazard mitigation action plan. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

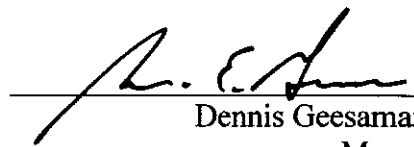
DA10.1.2023.6 Councilwoman Cockrell moved to approve the Assessment and Collection Services contract with the Fayette County Appraisal District. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

DA10.1.2023.7 Councilman Seale moved to approve Ordinance #2023.10.2, an ordinance relating to the use of hotel occupancy taxes for the construction of improvements related to interconnectivity and accessibility between municipal parks and local tourist attractions and lodging. Councilwoman Sears seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

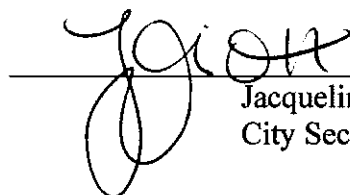
DA10.1.2023.8 Mayor Pro Tem Eversole motioned to approve the proposed oil and gas lease with Rosewood Resources. The proposed property location is 21.936 acres, M. Muldoon League #14, A-76 and the W.A. Faires Survey, A-180 Fayette County, Texas. Councilwoman Cockrell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Adjournment Councilman Seale moved to end the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried. Mayor Geesaman adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Signed


Dennis Geesaman
Mayor

Attest


Jacqueline Ott
City Secretary

