



**Minutes
Flatonia City Council
Regular Meeting
November 14, 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 (via conference call)
City Secretary	Jacqueline Ott
Police Chief	Lee Dick
Utilities Director	Jack Pavlas
City Attorney	Audrey Guthrie (via conference call)

Opening Agenda

Call to Order Mayor Geesaman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation & Pledge Councilman Kocian led the invocation and pledges.

Reports

Police Chief October Report

Utility Director October Report
Mayor Pro Tem Eversole asked about the new project at the Flatonia Elementary cafeteria.

Code Enforcement October Report
City Secretary Ott informed the Council that Code Enforcement Official Hernandez is taking an online course to become certified.

City Manager October Report
City Manager Bishop reminded the Council that the Flatonia Sesquicentennial celebration will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2023. Councilman Seale asked about the restroom project at 7Acre Park. Councilwoman Sears said EDC will discuss the issue at their meeting on November 20, 2023, and she will have more information for the Council afterward. Councilwoman Cockrell asked about the 2020-2021 audit. City Manager Bishop said the auditors are still working and should have an answer by December 1, 2023.

Consent Agenda


- C1.** Councilman Seale motioned to approve the October 4, 2023, meeting minutes. Councilwoman Cockrell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- C2.** Councilman Seale motioned to approve the October 16, 2023, meeting minutes. Councilwoman Cockrell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- C3.** Councilman Seale motioned to approve the financial statements for October 2023. Councilwoman Sears seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Deliberation Agenda

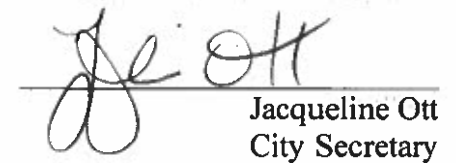
- DA11.1.2023.1** No action was taken as the Public Hearings necessary to proceed were not posted properly. Mr. Estrada was allowed to speak in a Citizen's Participation capacity. He expressed frustration with the process and lost revenue due to the government's red tape. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole requested a Special City Council meeting as soon as possible. City Secretary Ott determined that date to be December 5, 2023, at 5 p.m.
- DA11.1.2023.2** No action was taken.
- DA11.1.2023.3** Councilwoman Cockrell moved to approve appointing Herbert Mann and Ted Bratton to serve on the Housing Authority's Slate of Commissioners for a term of two (2) years. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- DA11.1.2023.4** No action was taken. Joseph Willrich with BEFCO Engineering was present to discuss the delay in the bid. A clarification needs to be made with the Texas Department of Agriculture grant program before we can award the bid. This item was determined to be added to the Special City Council meeting agenda on December 5, 2023.
- DA11.1.2023.5** Mr. Willrich informed the Council the grant amount is \$234,310, and the recommended bid is \$304,899.15, making the project \$70,589.15 over budget. His recommendation is to approve the bid as is. When the contract is signed, we will immediately submit a change order to remove some items to reduce costs. Utility Director Pavlas will perform the extra work. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole moved to approve and accept the bid received from TTE, LLC on October 24, 2023, for the GLO CDBG MIT #22-119-001-D359 grant. Councilman Seale seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- DA11.1.2023.6** Mr. Willrich updated the Council on the changes in grant projects for the GLO CDBG MIT-MOD grant. The grant administration did not approve the previously approved projects for sludge removal and water line upgrades near the school. The alternative projects suggested are an interconnect water line with Fayette County near FM 154 and Nickel Mica Road and a water line upgrade from South Converse Street, under the railroad, to North Converse Street. Councilman Seale moved to approve the proposed projects using funds from the GLO CDBG MIT-MOD grant application. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- DA11.1.2023.7** Councilwoman Sears moved to approve transferring ownership of the softball field to Flatonia Independent School District pursuant to Section 272/001(b)(1) and (5), Texas Local Government Code. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- DA11.1.2023.8** No action was taken. The negotiated lease is still under review with the American Legion.

- DA11.1.2023.9** No action was taken. The negotiated lease is still under review with the American Legion.
- DA11.1.2023.10** Councilman Seale moved to approve the SignAd annual contract for \$6,110 for the City of Flatonia advertising billboard in Sealy, Texas. Councilman Kocian seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- DA11.1.2023.11** Mayor Geesaman nominated Terri Wilkes. Councilwoman Sears moved to approve nominee Terri Wilkes for the City of Flatonia representative on the Fayette County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Councilman Seale seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- Adjournment** Mayor Pro Tem Eversole moved to end the meeting. Councilwoman Cockrell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried. Mayor Geesaman adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Signed


Dennis Geesaman
Mayor

Attest


Jacqueline Ott
City Secretary

