



**Minutes
Flatonia City Council**

**Training Session
January 9, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.**

Present:

Mayor	Dennis Geesaman
Mayor Pro Tem	Joanye Eversole
Councilmembers	Ginny Sears
	Allen Kocian
	Donna Cockrell
	Travis Seale
P&Z Committee	Len Waska
	Lisa Kirtley
	Robert Cunningham
	Susan Steinhauser
	Joe Breads
City Manager	Sonya Bishop
City Secretary	Jacqueline Ott
City Attorney	Audrey Guthrie

Planning & Zoning City Attorney Guthrie gave a legislative update regarding changes in laws pertaining to the planning and zoning process. It was determined that the current guidelines and ordinances are inadequate to serve the citizens and the City of Flatonia; therefore, another gathering will be held in February in order to update the process.

Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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City Secretary	Jacqueline Ott
Police Chief	Lee Dick
Utility Director	Jack Pavlas
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Opening Agenda

Call to Order Mayor Geesaman called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Invocation & Pledge Mayor Geesaman led the invocation and pledges.

Citizen Participation None

Reports

Police Chief December Report
Chief Dick presented the required annual Racial Profiling Report.

Utility Director December Report
Utility Director Pavlas updated the Council on the bucket truck repair.

Code Enforcement December Report
City Secretary Ott updated the Council on the removal of another dilapidated house.

City Manager December Report
City Manager Bishop updated the Council on a property lien that was handled incorrectly in 2003. City Attorney Guthrie stated the lien must be released. City Manager Bishop also informed the Council she will be applying for a drainage grant. She is also working with LCRA on their annual community project, including painting the gazebo in Central Park and the light posts and horse bridle posts next to City Hall.

Consent Agenda

- C1.** Councilman Seale motioned to approve the December 5, 2023, meeting minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- C2.** Councilman Seale motioned to approve the December 12, 2023, meeting minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- C3.** Councilman Seale motioned to approve the December 19, 2023, meeting minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- C4.** Councilman Seale motioned to approve the financial statements for December 2023. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Agenda

- D1.** The council addressed the drainage issues caused by adding pavement at Flatonia ISD. Utility Director Pavlas said he could add a berm to redirect the water flow into a nearby pond. Councilman Seale suggested having a discussion with Flatonia ISD since the problem arose from their construction. City Attorney Guthrie agreed and said she would be available for a meeting.
- D2.** City Manager Bishop explained the contract for repayment of the mausoleum construction. The City is contracted to send all money collected from the sale of mausoleum crypts to the Oak Hill Cemetery Association until the debt is repaid. Her concern is that the cost of nameplates and vases has become a City expense due to this agreement. She and City Secretary Ott attended the Oak Hill Cemetery Association meeting on January 8, 2024, and spoke to their committee members regarding this matter. The Committee agreed to raise the prices of mausoleum crypts in order to cover the cost of the nameplates and vases.

Additionally, the Association has agreed to pay for the cost of an Incode module for cemetery records. City Secretary Ott will handle data entry when the module is activated and has permission to hire a temporary assistant if needed.

Deliberation Agenda

DA01.1.2024.1

Councilman Seale motioned to approve the annual Luling contract with Sign Ad for \$8,320. Councilwoman Sears seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

DA01.1.2024.2

Councilwoman Sears motioned to approve Resolution #2024.1.1. Councilwoman Cockrell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

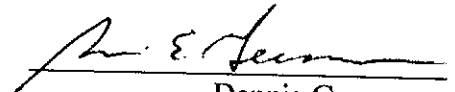
ES01.1.2024.1

Executive Session was called at 6:37 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code 551.071 to consult with legal counsel regarding councilmember and employee interactions. Executive Session ended at 6:47 p.m.


Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Eversole moved to end the meeting. Councilman Seale seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Geesaman adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Signed


Dennis Geesaman
Mayor

Attest


Jacqueline Ott
City Secretary

