

Minutes
Flatonia City Council
August 13, 2024
Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor	Travis Seale
Mayor Pro Tem	Joanye Eversole
Councilmembers	Ginny Sears
	Allen Kocian
	Donna Cockrell
	Josh Homan
City Manager	Sonya Bishop
City Secretary	Jacqueline Ott
Utility Director	Jack Pavlas
Police Chief	Lee Dick
Fire Chief	Chris Swenning

Opening Agenda

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

Invocation & Pledge Councilman Kocian led the invocation and pledges.

Citizen Participation none

Reports

Fire Chief July Report

Police Chief July Report

Utility Director July Report
Utility Director Pavlas introduced Steve Cobler.

Code Enforcement July Report

City Manager July Report
City Manager Bishop added that City Secretary Ott received a letter from the IRS regarding missing 941 tax deposits. Ms. Ott researched the issue and discovered that the outstanding balance is lower than anticipated, and she will continue to work with an IRS agent to resolve the debt.

Consent Agenda

- C1.** Councilwoman Cockrell motioned to approve the August 6, 2024, meeting minutes. Councilwoman Sears seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- C2.** Councilwoman Sears motioned to approve the July 2024 financial statements. Councilman Homan seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Agenda

- D1.** Casey Ring from the Chamber of Commerce and Judy Pate from the EA Arnim Museum and Archives submitted requests for a raise in the maximum allowable amount receivable per quarter from the Hotel Occupancy Tax in their contracts. City Manager Bishop expressed concerns about the HOT spending. Mayor Seale requested that each entity send a calendar of events when they submit their quarterly expenditure reports. The Council will vote on the Promotion and Tourism contracts in the next meeting.
- D2.** Councilwoman Sears informed the Council that the Economic Development Corporation board voted in June to amend their by-laws only to require one Councilmember. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole opposed this change. The Council will vote on the change at the next regular meeting.

Deliberation Agenda

- DA8.2.2024.1** Mayor Seale requested a comparison of the previous fees to the proposed changes. He also asked that "Residential" be added to Section 4 to clarify the list of fees. Councilwoman Sears motioned to approve Ordinance 2024.8.1, an ordinance amending permit fees. Councilwoman Cockrell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously with the requested change.
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- DA8.2.2024.2** City Manager Bishop informed the Council that the previously requested change has been made. City Secretary Ott will meet with each employee to go over the explanation and proposed pay scale to ensure everyone understands the pay scale and has the necessary information to make an informed choice. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole motioned to approve Resolution 2024.8.1, a resolution to adopt a salary scale for City employees. Councilman Homan seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- DA8.2.2024.3** Councilman Homan presented Resolution 2024.8.2, a non-binding resolution opposing commercial wind turbine projects in Fayette County and surrounding areas. He has heard opposition from Flatonia citizens and would like to represent that opinion formally. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole expressed concern because no facts have been presented to support the

resolution. Councilwoman Sears stated that she opposed the resolution because this issue does not affect the city in any way. It is a county issue, which the Fayette County Commissioners Court has already addressed. Mayor Seale suggested contacting the county for the information they received and possibly holding a public hearing to determine the position of Flatoria's citizens. No action was taken at this time.

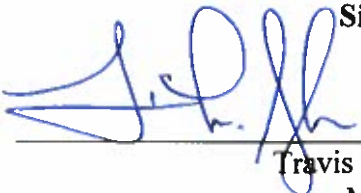
DA8.2.2024.4

No action was taken at this time.

Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Eversole moved to end the meeting. Councilman Kocian seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Seale adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Signed



Travis Seale
Mayor

Attest



Jacqueline Ott
City Secretary

