

Flatonia City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor	Travis Seale
Mayor Pro Tem	Joanye Eversole
Councilmembers	Ginny Sears
	Allen Kocian
	Josh Homan
	Donna Cockrell
City Manager	Sonya Bishop
City Secretary	Jacqueline Ott
Utility Director	Jack Pavlas
Utility Supervisor	Steve Cobler
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 Annie Pryor spoke about a recent interaction with the police department.

Public Hearing

PH9.2.2024.1 Mayor Seale opened the public hearing at 6:02 p.m. No citizens participated in the public hearing. Mayor Seale closed the public hearing at 6:03.

Staff Reports

Fire Chief August Report

Police Chief August Report

Utility Director August Report

Code Enforcement City Manager Bishop spoke on the overgrown grass complaints at Dollar General. Code Official Hernandez is aware of this and has mailed several letters. Councilman Kocian mentioned another vacant commercial property on La Grange Street, so Mayor Seale asked to have certified letters sent to both property owners before the end of the week.

City Manager Councilman Homan wants to clarify how citizens report code enforcement complaints. City Manager Bishop provided the email for Code Official Hernandez. Councilman Kocian asked about road construction, and Utility Pavlas stated he is implementing Mayor Seale's pothole repair plan.

Consent Agenda

C1. Councilwoman Cockrell motioned to approve the August 22, 2024, meeting minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

C2. Councilwoman Sears motioned to approve the August 2024 financials. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Agenda

D1. City Secretary Ott gave an update on the 941 tax issue. Mayor Seale stressed the importance of keeping up with this going forward.

Deliberation Agenda

DA9.2.2024.1 Councilwoman Sears motioned to approve Ordinance 2024.9.1, an ordinance adopting an amendment to the general fund budget for Fiscal Year 2024. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

DA9.2.2024.2 Mayor Pro Tem Eversole motioned to approve Ordinance 2024.9.2, an ordinance adopting an amendment to the electric fund budget for Fiscal Year 2024. Councilwoman Cockrell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

DA9.2.2024.3 Councilwoman Sears motioned to approve Ordinance 2024.9.3, an ordinance adopting the annual budget for the Fiscal Year 2025, including the general fund, the utility funds, the Hotel Occupancy Tax fund, and the Flatonia Economic Development Corporation fund. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

DA9.2.2024.4 City Secretary Ott informed the council that the previous version they voted on at the last regular meeting was not the most accurate; therefore, they must vote again. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole motioned to approve Resolution 2024.8.3A, an amended resolution of the City of Flatonia, Texas, authorizing the City Manager and Mayor to enter into a contract to transfer ownership of the softball field at McWhirter Park to the Flatonia Independent School District. Councilwoman Sears seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

DA9.2.2024.5 Mayor Pro Tem Eversole motioned to renew the annual contract with no changes for Flatonia Fire and Rescue. Councilwoman Cockrell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

DA9.2.2024.6 No action was taken on the request from the Economic Development Corporation to change the by-laws. It was decided to leave the by-laws as is, which requires two City Councilmembers to serve on the board.

DA9.2.2024.7

Mayor Pro Tem Eversole motioned to approve the promotion and tourism contracts with the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce, EA Arnim Archives and Museum, and Flatonia Special Projects. Councilman Kocian seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

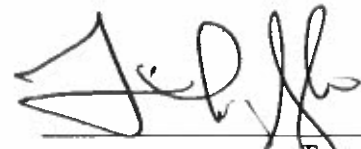
DA9.2.2024.8

Mayor Pro Tem Eversole motioned to approve the interlocal agreement between Region 8 Education Service Center and the City of Flatonia. Councilman Homan seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

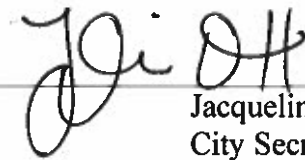
Councilman Kocian motioned to end the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Seale adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Signed



Travis Seale
Mayor

Attest



Jacqueline Ott
City Secretary

