

**Flatonía City Council**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**December 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**

**Present:**

Mayor	Travis Seale
Mayor Pro Tem	Joanye Eversole
Councilmembers	Ginny Sears
	Allen Kocian
	Josh Homan
City Manager	Sonya Bishop
City Secretary	Jacqueline Ott
Fire Chief	Chris Swenning
Utility Director	Jack Pavlas
Utility Supervisor	Steve Cobler
Police Chief	Lee Dick
Police Sergeant	Trey Tunis
Police Investigator	Geneva Titus

**Absent:**

Councilmember	Donna Cockrell
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**Opening Agenda**

<i>Call to Order</i>	Mayor Seale called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
<i>Invocation &amp; Pledge</i>	Councilman Kocian led the invocation and pledges.
<i>Citizen Participation</i>	none

**Staff Reports**

<i>Fire Chief</i>	November Report
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<i>Police Chief</i>	Chief Dick reported there is a potential candidate who is in the process of joining the academy.
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<i>Utility Director</i>	Director Pavlas reported Water Well #10 is not producing as expected and needs to be tested and repaired. He presented an estimate from J&S Water Wells, and Council advised him to proceed. They also discussed the importance of maintaining the other wells to prevent similar issues in the future. Mayor Seale asked for the street projects to be included in the monthly report. He requested the list be organized to show the progression to an estimated completion date.
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<i>Code Enforcement</i>	Mayor Pro Tem Eversole requested a timeline be included in the monthly report so they can follow the progression leading up to a citation if needed.
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*City Manager*

Manager Bishop added a new Downtown Revitalization grant for which the city will apply to update sidewalks and lighting. Mayor Seale asked for an update on the 2021 SLFRF grant for COVID funds, and Manager Bishop stated the grant should be completed and closed out later this month.

**Consent Agenda**

**C1.**

Mayor Pro Tem Eversole asked about the City Manager Report notes from the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting that say BEFCO would attend the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Manager Bishop said she was unsure of having BEFCO come since the sludge removal timeline was included in her current City Manager Report. Mayor Seale reiterated he wants BEFCO to come before the Council and finalize the timeline. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole also asked for clarification on the November 12<sup>th</sup> minutes for DA11.1.2024.3 since the ordinance number is not stated. She also asked about DA11.1.2024.14 because the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee list was not included on this agenda. Secretary Ott explained that she did not include the list because she had not received a response from each committee or department. Mayor Pro Tem asked to receive the running list as soon as possible, and Secretary Ott said she will email it tomorrow.

Mayor Pro Tem Eversole moved to approve the meeting minutes from November 12, 2024, with the suggested edit to DA11.1.2024.3, and December 3, 2024. Councilman Kocian seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**C2.**

Mayor Seale asked for clarification on charges for street improvements and 7 Acre Park. Councilwoman Sears asked about the annual fee for EZ Task for the city website, and Secretary Ott expressed that the office staff is happy with the service and does not plan to change vendors. Mayor Seale asked about progress on closing out Fiscal Year 2024. Manager Bishop stated she should be done soon.

Mayor Pro Tem Eversole moved to approve the financial reports from November 2024. Councilwoman Sears seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Deliberation Agenda**

**DA12.1.2024.1**

Mayor Pro Tem Eversole moved to approve Resolution 2024.11.2, a resolution adopting the Flatonia Police Department Policy Manual. Councilwoman Sears seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**DA12.1.2024.2**

Councilman Homan questioned Section 4 of the proposed tire ordinance. He thought the definitions should be more specific to avoid loopholes. After discussion, it was decided to add the phrase “as defined by TCEQ” to the end of that paragraph.

Mayor Pro Tem Eversole moved to approve Ordinance 2024.11.1, an ordinance setting restrictions on discarded tires, with the suggested amendment. Councilman Homan seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**DA12.1.2024.3** Councilwoman Sears moved to cancel the Sign Ad – Luling contract. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

**DA12.1.2024.4** Manager Bishop explained the history of how this park was established. She would like to have an official survey completed to formally incorporate the space into the city’s documented parkland, which will help in the exchange of the ballfields at McWhirter Park to Flatonia ISD. BEFCO quoted \$3,850 for the project.

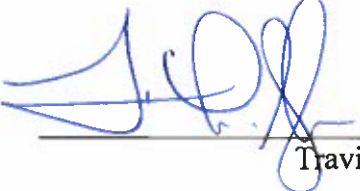
Mayor Pro Tem Eversole moved to approve conducting a land survey on Flato Park. Councilwoman Sears seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**DA12.1.2024.5** Manager Bishop informed the Council that Director Pavlas suggested a generator for Water Well #3 as a project for the FEMA HMGP grant. The recent city-wide power failure made her aware of the shortfalls in the city, so Manager Bishop would like to add generators for City Hall and possibly the Police Department, funds permitting.

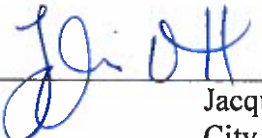
Mayor Pro Tem Eversole moved to approve selecting generators as the project for the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application. Councilwoman Sears seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**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 7:17 p.m.

**Signed**

  
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Travis Seale  
Mayor

**Attest**

  
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Jacqueline Ott  
City Secretary

