



Minutes
Flatonia City Council
Regular Meeting
February 13, 2024, 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
City Secretary	Jacqueline Ott
Police Chief	Lee Dick
Utility Director	Jack Pavlas
City Attorney	Audrey Guthrie
Fire Chief	Chris Swenning

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.

Citizen Participation None

Reports

Police Chief January Report


Utility Director January Report
Well #10 is losing water but is scheduled for repair with the latest GLO grant. A citizen has requested to pick up the leftover concrete from demolishing the old fire station. The sewage line repair on Fourth Street is complete, and the street will be repaired after a water line upgrade. Councilman Kocian commended Utility Director Pavlas and his crew for working diligently on the repair despite the bad weather.

Code Enforcement January Report
City Manager Bishop mentioned the half-block lot on Third Street between Market Street and Penn Street has had several buildings removed. The owner is working on clearing out the remaining detritus. The Code Enforcement Official has begun the process to condemn a house on Walnut Street and is working with City Attorney Guthrie to ensure the process is done accurately and lawfully.

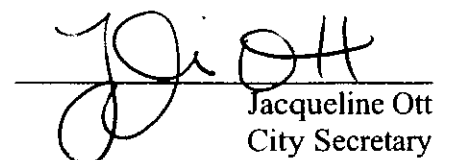
- City Manager** **January Report**
Councilwoman Sears questioned City Manager Bishop about bids for the repairs on the gazebo next to the City Hall. No bids have been received. City Manager Bishop gave a new business update.
- Fire Chief** **January Report**
Fire Chief Swenning stated there has been a noticeable rise in call-outs from this time last year. He and his volunteer staff are working on certifications for emergency medical services.
- Consent Agenda**
- C1.** Councilman Seale motioned to approve the January 9, 2024, meeting minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- C2.** Mayor Pro Tem Eversole motioned to approve the financial statements for January 2024. Councilman Seale seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion Agenda**
- D1.** City Manager Bishop requested the hiring of a permanent part-time finance employee. She would like to find a college student intern who needs experience or someone similar. Council members agreed and will allow City Manager Bishop to proceed with the search.
- Deliberation Agenda**
- DA2.1.2024.1** Mayor Pro Tem Eversole motioned to approve Ordinance 2024.2.1, an ordinance amending the zoning map of the City of Flatonia, Texas, by changing the zoning classification of real property Walnut Street and Eleventh Street, City of Flatonia, from single family R1 to medium density R2 as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Committee. Councilwoman Cockrell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- DA2.1.2024.2** Mayor Pro Tem Eversole motioned to approve Ordinance 2024.2.2, an ordinance amending Ordinance 413 authorizing health benefits coverage to the City of Flatonia retirees. Councilman Seale seconded the motion. City Manager Bishop explained that in November 1999, there were minutes stating the City Council agreed to pay this benefit. However, there was never an ordinance in place to make it official. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- DA2.1.2024.3** Councilman Seale motioned to approve the lease amendment agreement between the City of Flatonia and the American Legion of Flatonia, delegating final authority to the City Manager for final changes. Councilwoman Cockrell seconded the motion. As the Flatonia ISD will not obtain a property survey as requested, and a survey is not typical in a lease agreement, City Attorney Guthrie will remove the phrasing for the survey and move it to Article 6, indicating that it will be obtained if needed for a property transfer. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- DA2.1.2024.4** Mayor Pro Tem Eversole motioned to approve the lease agreement at the Civic Center between the City of Flatonia and the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce. Councilwoman Cockrell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- DA2.1.2024.5** Councilwoman Sears motioned to approve the lease agreement at the Civic Center between the City of Flatonia and the Flatonia Food Pantry. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

- DA2.1.2024.6** Mayor Pro Tem Eversole motioned to approve the construction of a solid wall with locking double doors between the Civic Center rental space and Flatonia Food Pantry at the expense of the Flatonia Food Pantry. Councilman Seale seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- DA2.1.2024.7** Mayor Pro Tem Eversole motioned to approve action to order the Saturday, May 4, 2024, general election. Councilwoman Sears seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- DA2.1.2024.8** Councilman Seale motioned to approve holding a joint election with the Fayette County Elections Office for the general election on Saturday, May 4, 2024. Councilwoman Cockrell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- DA2.1.2024.9** Councilwoman Cockrell motioned to approve the 4th Quarter Hotel Occupancy Tax expenditure reports from the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce, Special Projects, and EA Arnim Archives and Museum. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- DA2.1.2024.10** Councilwoman Sears motioned to approve paying the retiree healthcare reimbursement benefit to Doris Walker as of March 1, 2024. Councilman Seale seconded the motion. Councilwoman Cockrell questioned if Ms. Walker is owed reimbursement for previous years and both City Manager Bishop and City Attorney Guthrie said no. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- Adjournment** Councilman Seale motioned to end the meeting. Councilman Kocian seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Geesaman adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Signed


Dennis Geesaman
Mayor

Attest


Jacqueline Ott
City Secretary

