

**Minutes
Flatonia City Council
May 14, 2024**

Public Hearing at 5:50 p.m.

Present:

Mayor	Dennis Geesaman
Mayor Pro Tem	Joanye Eversole
Councilmembers	Ginny Sears
	Allen Kocian
	Donna Cockrell
	Travis Seale
City Secretary	Jacqueline Ott

Absent:

City Manager	Sonya Bishop
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Public Hearing

Mayor Geesaman opened the Public Hearing for a replat request from Laura Evans for PID #57078, the property at 605 Martin Luther King St., Flatonia, Texas 78941. The request is to divide the property into two lots. The property owner's realtor, who is also the purchaser, stated they have plans to renovate the existing home on the property, which meets all setback requirements. No citizens requested to speak. Mayor Geesaman closed the Public Hearing at 5:52 p.m.

Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

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

Absent:

City Manager	Sonya Bishop
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Opening Agenda

Call to Order	Mayor Geesaman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
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Invocation & Pledge	Councilman Kocian led the invocation and pledges.
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Citizen Participation	None
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Election Agenda City Secretary Ott officially canvassed and declared the May 4, 2024, General Election results.

Presentation

P1. Mayor Geesaman swore in Mayor Elect Seale. Mayor Seale then swore in Councilmen Kocian and Homan.

P2. Mayor Seale presented Dennis Geesaman with a gift from the City for his service on the City Council from 2013-2024.

P3. Amanda Kridel and Stephanie Shroyer from Senior Connections presented a proposed program to be held at Flatonia Civic Center.

Reports

Police Chief April Report
Chief Dick asked for time during an Executive Session soon to discuss staffing issues.

Utility Director April Report
Councilwoman Sears asked for clarification on the invoice for Well #9. Utility Director Pavlas stated it was an unexpected expense he wanted the Council to know about.

Code Enforcement April Report
Councilwoman Cockrell asked about dangerous buildings. City Secretary Ott informed the Council that City Attorney Audrey Guthrie is no longer with The Knight Law Firm and that City Attorney Boulware-Wells is working on a replacement for our ongoing projects; therefore, that project is on hold for now.

City Manager April Report
City Secretary Ott informed the Council that City Manager Bishop entered into a contract with Shorty Roofing for \$9,900 to repair the rotting wood and replace the roof on both gazebos, as previously discussed. City Secretary Ott also informed the Council that the swimming pool will open on May 25 and is fully staffed for the summer. Councilwoman Cockrell asked about the P&Z issue with John Estrada, but it was decided to table the discussion until City Manager Bishop is available.

Fire Chief April Report
Chief Swenning updated the Council on the recent fire at Timewise gas station and asked for time during the upcoming Executive Session to discuss staffing.

Consent Agenda

C1. Councilwoman Sears motioned to approve the April 9, 2024, meeting minutes. Councilwoman Cockrell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

C2. Councilman Kocian motioned to approve the April 2024 financial statements. Councilwoman Sears seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Agenda

D1. Utility Director Pavlas expressed concern about the list of stop signs ordered in Ordinance 2023.06.21.1. Mayor Seale asked him to update the list and present it for deliberation at the next meeting.

D2. Mayor Seale addressed concerns about the recent changes to the certificate pay resolution and other compensation questions. It was decided that City Secretary Ott will send an editable version of the resolution to all Councilmembers so that they may make suggested changes. The issue will be discussed in an Executive Session in June.

Deliberation Agenda

DA5.1.2024.1 Councilwoman Cockrell moved to appoint and swear in Joanye Eversole to fill the vacated position from Mayor Seale. Councilman Kocian seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Seale paused deliberation to swear in Councilwoman Joanye Eversole.

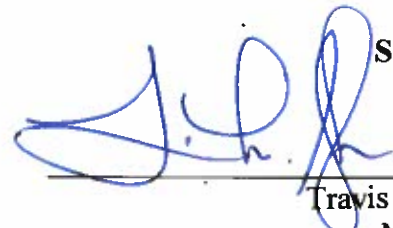
DA5.1.2024.2 Councilman Kocian moved to appoint Councilwoman Eversole as the new Mayor Pro Tem. Councilwoman Cockrell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

DA5.1.2024.3 Councilwoman Sears moved to approve the replat request from Laura Evans for PID #57078, the property at 605 Martin Luther King St., Flatonia, Texas 78941. The request is to divide the property into two lots. City Secretary Ott verified that the request meets all setback requirements, the existing structure on the property is within the parameters of the property, and it has already been assigned its own address.

DA5.1.2024.4 Councilwoman Cockrell moved to approve the engagement letter with Goldman, Hunt, & Notz for the audit for Fiscal Year 2022. Councilwoman Sears seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole asked about the fees referred to in the letter. There was discussion on whether the Council should use this firm to perform the remaining audits. It was agreed to move forward with this firm now and renew discussions for finding a new firm for future audits. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

DA5.1.2024.5 Councilwoman Sears moved to approve renewing the two-year terms for the Planning & Zoning Commissioners Len Waska, Sheila Novak, Joe Breads, Lisa Kirtley, and Susan Steinhauser. Councilman Kocian seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment Councilman Kocian moved to end the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Seale adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.


Signed

Travis Seale
Mayor

Attest


Jacqueline Ott
City Secretary