

Minutes
Flatonia City Council
June 11, 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
Permit Clerk	Jennifer Schaffner

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

Presentation

P1. A potential developer presented a proposal for a property located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Highway 95 and Interstate 10. There is currently a gas station on the property, which the developer intends to convert into a restaurant space. They hope to develop the land into a complex of multifamily rental units with amenities. The land purchase has not been finalized, but the developer wanted to give the citizens an idea of their intentions.

P2. Mark Eversole and Dennis Geesaman gave an update on the development of a CARTS/Amtrak depot located downtown. They recently received a grant to conduct an environmental study on the land owned by the City and leased by Flatonia Mobility.

Reports

Police Chief

May Report

Police Chief Dick updated the Council on a recent active shooter drill at Flatonia Independent School District. He also reported that the Fayette County Sheriff's Office has begun patrolling at night due to the staff shortage.

Utility Director

May Report

Mayor Seale asked for a log of equipment to include maintenance for the budget workshops. Permit Clerk Schaffner gave an update on permits issued for a mobile home park on Converse Street. She is working with Utility Director Pavlas to ensure the new home permits issued remain within the parameters of what the existing utility infrastructure can handle.

Code Enforcement

May Report

City Manager Bishop gave an update on the demolished properties. She also spoke about a business that has been issued several letters regarding its state. The property owner is now involved and understands that a citation will be issued to them if the property is not brought into compliance soon. Mayor Seale offered accolades to Code Official Hernandez on a job well done.

City Manager

May Report

City Manager Bishop updated the Council on a stop-work order she issued to a citizen. The original permit was issued for an accessory structure, but the property owner constructed a garage and small apartment. Also, the subdivision on First Street is still in negotiations through attorneys to reach an agreement on infrastructure.

Fire Chief

May Report

Fire Chief Swenning updated the Council on volunteer numbers.

Consent Agenda

C1.

Councilwoman Cockrell motioned to approve the May 14, 2024, meeting minutes. Councilman Homan seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

C2.

Councilwoman Cockrell motioned to approve the May 2024 financial statements. Councilman Homan seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Agenda

D1.

City Manager Bishop proposed conducting an electric rate study. The last study was done in the early 2000s. Mayor Seale advised her to gather cost information to present at the next regular Council meeting. Councilwoman Cockrell and Mayor Pro Tem Eversole would like to know how much we are charged for electricity by LCRA versus how much revenue we receive from customers. This will be discussed in an Executive Session in the near future.

D2.

Councilwoman Sears asked City Manager Bishop to go over the roles and responsibilities of her position as well as the Mayor and City Secretary.

D3.

Mayor Seale reviewed the short-term and long-term financing options for sludge removal at the wastewater treatment plant. It was decided by the Council that everyone prefers a hybrid option. City Manager Bishop will prepare a plan by the next regular meeting.

Deliberation Agenda

DA6.1.2024.1

Councilwoman Cockrell motioned to approve the Texas Health Benefits rates for City employees for Fiscal Year 2025. Councilwoman Sears seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

DA6.1.2024.2

Councilwoman Sears motioned to approve removing Dennis Geesaman and replacing him with Travis Seale as an authorized signer for all City of Flatonia bank accounts held at First National Bank of Shiner. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

DA6.1.2024.3

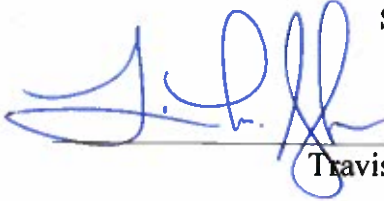
Councilwoman Cockrell motioned to approve making the following changes for all City of Flatonia bank accounts held at Prosperity Bank: remove Dennis Geesaman, Tamela Louvier, and Catherine Steinhauser and add Travis Seale and Jacqueline Ott as authorized

signers. Councilman Kocian seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session City Manager Bishop invoked her right to conduct her performance evaluation in open meeting per the Open Meetings Act Chapter 6, Section 551.074(b). All council members provided feedback.

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 7:58 p.m.

Signed



Travis Seale
Mayor

Attest



Jacqueline Ott
City Secretary