



**Minutes**  
**Flatonia Economic Development Corporation**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**August 17, 2023**

**Present**

Ginny Sears, President  
Richard Niemann, Vice President  
Dennis Geesaman  
Brad Bass  
Randy Johnson  
Taylor Laney  
Shirley Williams  
Sonya Bishop, City Manager  
Jacqueline Ott, City Secretary

**Budget Workshop**

President Sears called the budget workshop to order at 6:02 PM. The budget was adjusted to allow rollover projects from the previous year to include \$29,000 to construct restrooms at 7 Acre Park and \$20,000 to construct a driveway at McWhirter Park. The Business Incentive Program grant fund was increased to \$60,000 to allow for upcoming applications. It was discussed to add \$90,000 in a 9-month CD at First National Bank of Shiner.

**Opening Agenda**

Call to Order	President Sears called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.
Invocation & Pledge	Vice President Niemann led the invocation and pledges.

**Discussion**

1. President Sears gave an update on the Grifaldo house. The attached building has been removed. The carport roof has been moved to the city's Utilities shop to be installed at the city pool at a later date.
2. Discussed adding lights to the historic signs around town. Committee members discussed the merits of installing solar lights versus hardwired lights. It was decided that City Manager Bishop will order solar lights online.

**WS8-2023.1**

Potential projects and opportunities to improve Economic Development for the City of Flatonia in accordance with the Bylaws of the Flatonia Economic Development Corporation and governed by Local Government Code, Chapter 501-Provisions Governing Development Corporations, and Chapter 505-Type B Corporations.

1. President Sears proposed the installation of electric vehicle charging stations in downtown Flatonia. Discussion included potential locations, cost versus profit, and funding. City Manager Bishop will research the issue.

**Reports**

YTD Financial Report of the Economic Development Corporation.

**Consent Agenda**

C-1 Committee member Johnson motioned to approve minutes from the July 20, 2023, EDC meeting. Committee member Bass seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

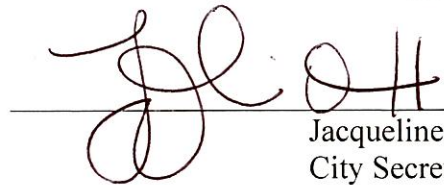
**Adjournment**

President Sears adjourned the meeting at 6:44 PM.

**Signed**

Ginny Sears  
President

Approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023

**Attest**

Jacqueline Ott  
City Secretary

