

**Flatonia City Council
Special Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.**

Present

Mayor	Travis Seale
Mayor Pro Tem	Joanye Eversole
Councilmembers	Ginny Sears
	Allen Kocian
	Josh Homan
	Donna Cockrell
Interim City Manager	Dennis Geesaman
City Secretary	Jacqueline Ott
Permit Clerk	Jennifer Schaffner

Call to Order

Mayor Seale called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States

Mayor Seale led the invocation and pledge.

Citizen Participation

Lisa and Jay Kirtley addressed the Council regarding the proposed drainage study. Their property has been impacted by the drainage issues around 4th Street and Middle Street.

Public Hearing

1. Mayor Seale entered the public hearing on the replat request from Ben and Raul Duperrior for the property located at 513 South La Grange Street, Flatonia, Texas 78941 at 6:35 p.m. The request is to divide the property into two parcels. No citizens wished to speak on the matter. Mayor Seale closed the public hearing at 6:36 p.m.

New Business Agenda

1. Councilman Kocian moved, with a second from Mayor Pro Tem Eversole, to hear the replat request from Ben and Raul Duperrior for 513 South La Grange Street. Ben Duperrior informed the Council that they currently have two houses on the same parcel. Each house has its own utilities and are designated by separate addresses. Their intent is to split the property into two parcels in order to maintain separate properties. Permit clerk Schaffner clarified that because La Grange Street curves, separating the parcels would cause one to be about three feet short of the planning and zoning ordinance requirements. Councilman Homan amended the motion, with a second from Mayor Pro Tem Eversole, to approve the replat request. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Old Business Agenda

1. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole moved, with a second from Councilwoman Cockrell, to approve the proposal from Strand Associates, Inc. to conduct a drainage study. Councilman Homan expressed concern on the timeline and thoroughness of the project. Interim City Manager Geesaman noted this project would put a strain on the current budget. Councilwoman Sears suggested that EDC may be able to help with the cost as this project falls within the boundaries of development. Mayor Seale stated he would like to pause permits in the area until the study is complete. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
2. Councilwoman Sears moved, with a second from Councilman Kocian, to approve the proposed contract with Records Consultants, Inc. to organize old City records. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole stated she would prefer to hear the New Business agenda item 2 regarding the budget amendment prior to taking a vote on this item. Councilwoman Sears withdrew her motion, and this item was tabled.

New Business Agenda (continued)

3. City Secretary Ott gave a brief explanation of the resolution proposed by the financial consultant, Le Ann Piatt. The budget review found money within each department to cover the needs, once the money was rearranged. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole expressed concern that some items from the original budget may not be handled because of this movement of money. After some discussion, the Council stated they would like to see a full budget review comparing the old budget to the proposed amended budget from Mrs. Piatt at the next regular meeting. This item was postponed to the meeting on May 14.

Old Business Agenda (continued)

2. This item was postponed to the meeting on May 14.

Executive Session

1. Mayor Seale opened the executive session at 7:24 p.m.

As authorized by the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.074 (Personnel Matters), the Council may convene into closed or executive session to discuss the following personnel matters:

Discuss the terms of the City Manager contract.

Mayor Seale closed the executive session at 7:43 p.m.

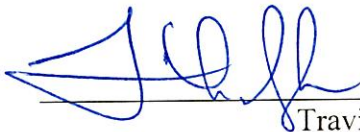
Regular Session

3. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole moved, with a second from Councilman Kocian, moved to allow Interim City Manager Geesaman and City Secretary Ott carry out the instructions from the executive session regarding the position of the new City Manager Ray Miller Jr. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

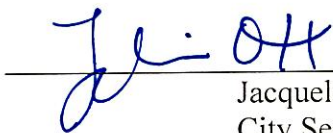
Adjournment

Mayor Seale adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Signed


Travis Seale
Mayor

Attest


Jacqueline Ott
City Secretary

