

**Flatonia City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**

Present

Mayor	Travis Seale
Councilmembers	Ginny Sears
	Allen Kocian
	Josh Homan
	Donna Cockrell
Interim City Manager	Dennis Geesaman
City Secretary	Jacqueline Ott
City Attorney	Barbara Boulware-Wells
Financial Consultant	Le Ann Piatt
Utility Director	Jack Pavlas
Utility Supervisor	Steve Cobler
Fire Chief	Chris Swenning
Police Chief	Lee Dick

Absent

Mayor Pro Tem	Joanye Eversole
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Call to Order

Mayor Seale called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Kocian led the invocation and pledges.

Citizen Participation

None

Presentation Agenda

1. City Secretary Ott canvassed and officially declared the results of the general election held on May 3, 2025.
2. Mayor Seale thanked Councilwoman Cockrell for her service. He then swore in the newly elected Council members, Jeff Brazill and Kevin Laney.
3. Financial Consultant Piatt presented the mid-year budget review and proposed budget amendment.
4. Mayor Seale read the Proclamation of April as Fair Housing Month.

Staff Reports

1. Fire Chief Swenning had nothing to add to his report.
2. Police Chief Dick added a few personnel items to his report, including introducing Officer Cesar Lopez. Also, Chief Dick applied for a Friends of the NRA grant. He also reminded

the Council that the Shattered Dreams program would be running at Flatonia ISD on Thursday, May 15th.

3. Utility Director Pavlas added that his crew has started street work.
4. There were no questions from the Council on the Code Enforcement report.
5. Mayor Seale thanked the groups who donated money for the park projects. City Secretary Ott gave a quick update on the swimming pool. Councilman Brazill asked for clarification on the railroad quiet zone.

Consent Agenda

Consider and take appropriate action on the following items:

1. Minutes from the Regular City Council meeting held on April 8, 2025.
2. Minutes from the Special City Council meeting held on April 19, 22, and 28, 2025.
3. Financial reports from April 2025.

Councilwoman Sears moved, seconded by Councilman Kocian, to approve the consent agenda items. There were four ayes, and Councilman Brazill voted no. Motion passed.

Old Business Agenda

1. Councilwoman Sears moved, seconded by Councilman Homan, to approve Resolution 2025.4.2 amending the Fiscal Year 2025 budget. Councilman Homan suggested reviewing the Bureau Veritas fees to verify that the fee schedule is accurate. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
2. Councilwoman Sears moved, seconded by Councilman Kocian, to approve the contract with Records Consultants, Inc. to organize old City records. Mayor Seale explained to the new councilmembers the purpose of this contract. Councilman Homan clarified that the contract fees are covered by the budget rearrangements. Councilman Brazill voted against. Motion passed.

New Business Agenda

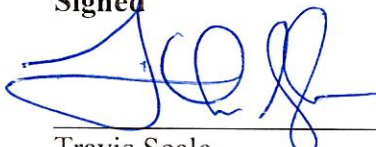
1. Councilman Homan moved, seconded by Councilman Brazill, to appoint Councilwoman Ginny Sears as the Mayor Pro Tem. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
2. Councilman Homan moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sears, to appoint Councilman Laney as the City Council representative to the EDC Board of Directors. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
3. Councilman Homan moved, seconded by Councilman Kocian, to remove Joanye Eversole and add City Manager Raymond Miller Jr. to all City of Flatonia accounts at Prosperity Bank, First National Bank, and Fayette Savings Bank. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

4. Councilman Homan moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sears, to approve Resolution 2025.5.4 to update the signatories on the TexPool investment account. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
5. Mayor Pro Tem Sears moved, seconded by Councilman Brazill, to approve the agreement with TxDOT and Resolution 2025.5.1 for Czhilispiel road closures. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
6. Councilman Brazill moved, seconded by Councilman Kocian, to award the bid for sludge removal at the wastewater treatment plant to Synagro. The project budget is \$458,693 to remove 535 dry tons of sludge. An additional \$96,000 was accidentally left out of the budget, so the Council debated on using the funds to remove additional sludge or retain the funds for other projects. The sludge budget will be voted on at the June 10th Council meeting. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
7. Councilman Homan moved, seconded by Councilman Brazill, to approve Resolution 2025.5.2 to designate authorized signatories for contractual and financial documents pertaining to the GLO Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Method of Distribution (MOD) Program, Contract #24-065-159-F074. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
8. Mayor Pro Tem Sears moved, seconded by Councilman Kocian, to approve Resolution 2025.5.3 regarding the civil rights policies for the GLO Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Method of Distribution (MOD) Program, Contract #24-065-159-F074. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
9. Councilman Homan moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sears, to approve Amendment #2 for the Grant Administrative Services contract for the GLO Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Method of Distribution (MOD) Program, Contract #24-065-159-F074. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
10. Mayor Pro Tem Sears moved, seconded by Councilman Brazill, to approve Amendment #2 for the Engineering Services contract for the GLO Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Method of Distribution (MOD) Program, Contract #24-065-159-F074. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Adjournment

Mayor Seale adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

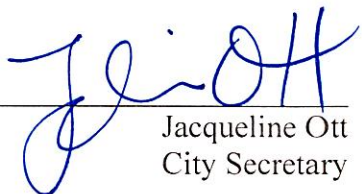
Signed



Travis Seale
Mayor



ATTEST



Jacqueline Ott
City Secretary