

**Flatonia City Council
Workshop Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.**

Present:

Mayor	Travis Seale
Mayor Pro Tem	Joanye Eversole
Councilmembers	Ginny Sears
	Allen Kocian
	Josh Homan
	Donna Cockrell
City Manager	Sonya Bishop
City Secretary	Jacqueline Ott

Workshop Agenda City Secretary Ott proposed a few changes to the layout of the agenda and agenda summary form. The Consent Agenda items will be voted on as one item. There will be a new section called “Old Business” for items that were previously discussed but not decided on. The former “Deliberation Agenda” will now be called “New Business”. The agenda summary forms will now contain more of a summary of the item. Also, the section previously called “Options” will now be called “Suggested Motion(s).”

City Secretary Ott went on to recommend some adjustments to the parliamentary procedure. A motion and a second are required to begin debate. A motion and a second do not mean that you agree with the item; it simply means the motioner wants to discuss the item. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole asked about the bring back motion, and City Secretary Ott advised against it since some members of the public in attendance may leave the meeting early. This may cause confusion if they hear a vote on an item and then find out later that the result has changed. City Secretary Ott also went over the difference between tabling an item, postponing an item for a later date, and postponing an item indefinitely. She also went over how to abstain from a vote, which must meet certain requirements and require an Affidavit of Abstention.

Adjournment Mayor Seale adjourned the workshop at 5:40 p.m.

**Flatonia City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**

Present:

Mayor	Travis Seale
Mayor Pro Tem	Joanye Eversole
Councilmembers	Ginny Sears
	Allen Kocian
	Josh Homan
	Donna Cockrell
City Manager	Sonya Bishop
City Secretary	Jacqueline Ott
Utility Supervisor	Steve Cobler
Police Chief	Lee Dick
Police Investigator	Geneva Titus
Fire Chief	Chris Swenning

Absent:

Utility Director	Jack Pavlas
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Call to Order

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

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

Councilman Kocian led the invocation and pledges.

Citizen Participation

Danny Velasquez spoke to the Council about the drainage issue in his neighborhood. He said the problem started when the road was reworked, and the school added the new football field and several buildings. He asked that the City do something to alleviate the flooding on his and surrounding properties.

Presentation Agenda

TXCDBG CDV23-0369 Grant – City Secretary Ott presented the Section 3 information for the TXCDBG CDV23-0369 Grant. The amount is \$500,000 and will be used to install two booster pumps, piping, tie-ins, electrical controls, and necessary appurtenances at Water Plant 3, also known as Well #10, located at 1975 E. US Highway 90, Flatonia, Texas.

Staff Reports

1. Fire Chief Swenning presented the annual report for the fire department.
2. Police Chief Dick added that the officer involved in the shooting on November 18, 2024, has been cleared by the Texas Rangers of any wrongdoing. The investigation of the incident is still ongoing.
3. Utility Supervisor Cobler reported that the crew has been working on filling potholes around town, especially around the school.
4. City Manager Bishop stated code enforcement has slowed down due to the upcoming audit since Ms. Hernandez is also the accounts payable clerk and is needed to help the auditors gather information. Mayor Seale expressed concern about not issuing citations and urged City Manager Bishop and Police Chief Dick to work together to follow the process. Councilman Homan mentioned an area near Hudson and 4th Street

where the grass has grown over a large part of the road. Utility Supervisor Cobler said he would handle it.

5. City Manager Bishop updated the Council on the progress of the agreement for Estrada Hill Country Estates. The utilities department is finalizing the estimates for infrastructure. She also added that the baseball field transfer negotiations with the Texas Parks and Wildlife may result in adding Flatonia Independent School District as a co-owner of the land. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole asked for clarification on the upcoming Economic Development Corporation meeting date. City Manager Bishop addressed her mistake and advised the meeting is actually on February 20th. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole also asked about finances because item c regarding sales tax seems incorrect. City Manager Bishop adjusted her statement and explained the amount given does not include the adjustment from Trump Burger. Mayor Seale added there may be a future grant to fund a microgrid for a City building to enable the City to provide a storm shelter for the community if necessary. Mayor Seale also suggested creating an emergency management package that consists of wifi pucks, a printer, and supporting equipment to keep City Hall running during power outages. City Secretary Ott will add the item to the agenda for the regular meeting in March.
6. Councilman Homan and Councilwoman Sears provided an update on the CPRC Town Hall and meeting. Mayor Pro Tem commended everyone involved with this project and expressed her appreciation.

Consent Agenda

1. **Minutes** – Consider and take appropriate action on the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on January 14, 2025.
2. **Financial Reports** – Consider and take appropriate action on the financial reports from January 2025.
3. **Appointment for the Parks Committee** – Consider and take appropriate action on appointing Cathy Horn to the Parks Committee.
4. **Appointment for the Housing Authority** – Consider and take appropriate action on appointing Rosa Velasquez, Elias Flores, and Julia Webster to serve for two years on the Slate of Commissioners for the Housing Authority.

Councilwoman Cockrell moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Eversole, to approve the consent agenda items. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Deliberation Agenda

DA2.1.2025.1

Councilman Homan motioned, with a second from Councilman Kocian, to consider and take appropriate action on the code violation extension request from Victor Rodriguez. Councilwoman Cockrell, supported by Mayor Pro Tem Eversole, asked about the deadline, and City Manager Bishop said the extension would start tomorrow (February 12) and should end in August. Councilman Homan expressed concern about granting such a long extension and the effect this may have on enforcing ordinances in the future.

Councilwoman Cockrell motioned, with a second from Councilman Kocian, to approve granting Victor Rodriguez a code violation extension to August 30, 2025. Councilman Homan motioned to amend the motion to strike August 30, 2025, and replace it with May 30, 2025. There was not a second, so the motion died. Going back to the main motion, Councilmembers Sears, Kocian, Cockrell, and Mayor Pro Tem Eversole voted yes. Councilman Homan voted no. The motion carried.

DA2.1.2025.2

Mayor Pro Tem motioned, with a second from Councilwoman Cockrell, to approve the contract with the Fayette County Elections Office for the general election on Saturday, May 3, 2025. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

DA2.1.2025.3

Mayor Pro Tem Eversole motioned, with a second from Councilman Kocian, to order the General Election on May 3, 2025. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

DA2.1.2025.4

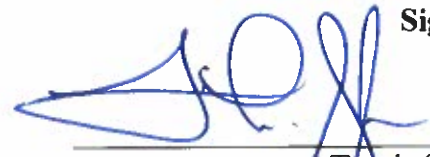
Mayor Pro Tem Eversole motioned, with a second from Councilwoman Sears, to approve Resolution 2025.2.1, a resolution for the agreement to conduct a joint election with the Flatonia Independent School District for the General Election on May 3, 2025. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

DA2.1.2025.5

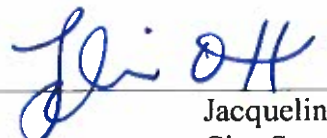
Mayor Pro Tem Eversole motioned, with a second from Councilwoman Cockrell, to approve Resolution 2025.2.2, a resolution authorizing the City of Flatonia to provide additional local funds in the amount of \$957.45 for the Texas General Lan Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Supplemental Program, Contract #22-119-001-D359. Mayor Pro Tem asked for the original approved amount. City Manager Bishop agreed to provide the amount to all Councilmembers. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Adjournment

Mayor Seale adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.



Signed
Travis Seale
Mayor



Attest
Jacqueline Ott
City Secretary

