Flatonia City Council Regular Meeting Minutes October 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Present		Absent	
Mayor	Travis Seale	Council	Josh Homan
Mayor Pro Tem	Ginny Sears	Police Chief	Lee Dick
Council	Allen Kocian		
	Jeff Brazill		
	Kevin Laney		
City Manager	Ray Miller		
City Secretary	Jacqueline Ott		
Utility Director	Steve Cobler		
Fire Chief	Chris Swenning		

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

1. Mike Whitten spoke on the status of open work orders submitted by the American Legion to the City.

Consent Agenda

Consider and take appropriate action on the following items:

- 1. Minutes from the Regular City Council meeting held on September 9, 2025.
- 2. Minutes from the Special City Council meeting held on September 23, 2025.
- 3. Third quarter 2025 Hotel Occupancy Tax reports from the Flatonia chamber of Commerce, Special Projects, and EA Arnim Archives and Museum.
- 4. Financial reports for September 2025.

Mayor Pro Tem Sears moved, with a second from Councilman Kocian, to approve the consent agenda items. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Staff Reports

- 1. Fire Chief Swenning had nothing to add to his report.
- 2. Police Chief Dick was absent.
- 3. Utility Director Cobler spoke on potential solutions to extending the life of existing streets.
- 4. City Manager Miller had nothing to add to the code enforcement report.

5. City Manager Miller gave an update on the electric rate study and the TxDOT sidewalk project.

Regular Agenda

- 1. Mayor Pro Tem Sears moved, with a second from Councilman Laney, to approve a resolution appointing Teri Wilks for a two-year term to the Fayette County Appraisal District Board of Directors. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
- 2. Councilman Kocian moved, with a second from Mayor Pro Tem Sears, to appoint Herbert Mann for a two-year term to the Flatonia Housing Authority Slate of Directors.
- 3. Mayor Pro Tem Sears moved with a second from Councilman Kocian, to amend the approved City Council meeting minutes to include the formal acceptance of bids for grant administration to Langford Community Management and for engineering services to BEFCO Engineering. Councilman Brazill expressed concern for voting for an item he was not involved in. Mayor Seale placed the meeting in recess at 6:40 p.m. for 15 minutes to give Councilman Brazill the opportunity to view the appropriate documents from the process.

Mayor Seale brought the meeting back into regular session at 6:55 p.m. The motion and second stood from earlier, so the vote was taken. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

4. Councilman Brazill expressed concern about the ambiguity of paragraph 7c. After discussing, the Council asked City Secretary Ott to review the recording from the last meeting in order to record the proposed wording from Fire Chief Swenning. Mayor Pro Tem Sears stated she would like to have the City Attorney use that instead of the current information. No motion was made, so Mayor Seale asked the staff to place this item on the agenda at the next regular meeting.

Adjournment

Mayor Seale adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Travis Seale

Mayor

ATTEST

Jacqueline Ott City Secretary

