

**Flatonia City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 8, 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 Secretary	Jacqueline Ott
Utility Director	Jack Pavlas
Utility Supervisor	Steve Cobler
Fire Chief	Chris Swenning

Absent

Police Chief	Lee Dick
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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

None

Presentation Agenda

1. Covey Morrow, Area Engineer for TxDOT, gave an update on the expansion of I-10 in Fayette County. He reported that two active projects are in Colorado County, but, as it currently stands, no further expansion will take place in the next fifteen to twenty years. Mr. Morrow also reported that the construction on the remaining sidewalks will likely occur after Czhilispiel.

Staff Reports

1. Fire Chief Swenning had nothing to add to his report.
2. Police Chief Dick was absent from the meeting. Mayor Seale announced that Chief Dick recently celebrated thirty years in law enforcement and commended him on his accomplishment.
3. Utility Director Pavlas advised the Council that the Altec is being repaired and must be replaced soon.
4. There were no questions from the Council on the Code Enforcement report.

5. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole confirmed that the finance consultant is insured. Mayor Seale stated he would like more information on why the City was not selected for the LCRA grant. City Secretary Ott informed the Council that she will work with an LCRA representative to tailor the next grant application.
6. Councilman Homan informed the Council that he has had one-on-one meetings with each individual on the review committee. He is planning one more group meeting in April and then he will present the final review to the Council for approval the first week in May.

Consent Agenda

Consider and take appropriate action on the following items:

1. Minutes from the Regular City Council meeting held on March 11, 2025.
2. Minutes from the Special City Council meeting held on March 27, 2025.
3. Financial reports from March 2025.
4. Hotel Occupancy Tax reports for Quarter 1 2025 from the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce, Special Projects, and the EA Arnim Archives and Museum.
5. Reappoint Joe Breads, Robert Cunningham, William Richter, and Susan Steinhauser to the Flatonia Planning & Zoning Commission for two-year terms.

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

Discussion Agenda

1. City Secretary Ott informed the Council that there have been fourteen resumes received for the City Manager position. Mayor Seale asked each Council member to rate the resumes, then took those ratings and found the average for each candidate. The top six resumes will be screened by a panel consisting of Police Chief Dick, Utility Director Pavlas, City Secretary Ott, Interim City Manager Geesaman, Mayor Pro Tem Joanye Eversole, and former Interim City Manager Bernie Satterwhite. The panel will decide which candidates will go on to phone interviews.
2. Councilwoman Sears requested the Council find funds in the budget to use in the Parks department to replace the climbing wall on the playground in McWhirter Park, the mulch around the playground at McWhirter Park, and the picnic tables at the pool and in Garbade Park. Mayor Seale asked that the finance consultant conduct a budget review in order to find the funds within the budget.
3. City Secretary Ott presented the proposal from Strand Associates for a drainage study near 4th Street and Middle Street. Councilman Homan asked for a timeline. Mayor Pro Tem asked if there is money in the budget for this project. Again, Mayor Seale referred to a budget review for more information.

Deliberation Agenda

1. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole moved, with a second from Councilman Kocian, to approve Resolution 2025.4.1, a resolution adopting a plan to prescribe policies and procedures consistent with the Local Government Records Act and in the interests of cost-effective and efficient recordkeeping. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

2. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole moved, with a second from Councilwoman Cockrell, to approve a contract with RCI. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole asked if there was money in the budget. Mayor Seale once again referred to a budget review for more information. Mayor Pro Tem Eversole withdrew her motion, and Mayor Seale postponed the vote until the meeting on April 28.
3. Councilwoman Sears moved, with a second from Mayor Pro Tem Eversole, to approve dedicating and naming the new little league field at 7 Acre Park for Coach Shawn Bruns. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Adjournment

Mayor Seale adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Signed



Travis Seale
Mayor

Attest



Jacqueline Ott
City Secretary

