

**Flatonia City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**

Present

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| Mayor Pro Tem Council | Ginny Sears |
| | Allen Kocian |
| | Jeff Brazil |
| | Kevin Laney |
| | Josh Homan |
| City Manager | Ray Miller |
| City Secretary | Jacqueline Ott |
| Police Chief | Lee Dick |
| Utility Director | Steve Cobler |

Absent

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| Mayor | Travis Seale |
| Fire Chief | Chris Swenning |

Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Sears 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. Cyndi Johnson spoke to the Council regarding the proposed electric rate increase.

Discussion Agenda

1. Susannah Mikulin of the Greater Fayette Community Foundation spoke to the Council regarding possible options to establish a 501(c)(3) for the City parks system. City Manager Miller informed the Council that the Parks Committee is interested in establishing its own nonprofit organization to be able to apply for more grants and accept donations for parks projects.

Staff Reports

1. Fire Chief Swenning was absent and no report was provided.
2. Police Chief Dick presented the annual racial profiling report.
3. Utility Director Cobler did not have anything to add to his report.
4. City Manager Miller did not have anything to add to the code enforcement report.
5. Councilman Homan asked for an update on the TXCDBG CDV23-0369 booster pump grant. City Manager Miller informed the Council that he and Steve have met with BEFCO to identify areas to cut back on spending in order to meet the grant award parameters. The plan is to rebid the project at the end of January.

Deliberation Agenda

1. Councilman Laney moved, with a second from Councilman Brazill, to approve Ordinance 2025.12.2, an ordinance amending Section 7.008 of the Flatonia Fee Schedule, Appendix A, establishing electric rates for the City of Flatonia with an increase of 22% across two years effective April 1, 2026. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
2. Councilman Laney moved, with a second from Councilman Homan, to approve Ordinance 2026.1.1, an ordinance amending Article II, Section 2(c) "Powers and Duties of the Planning and Zoning Commission" to allow the committee to see variance requests. The Council asked City Manager Miller to work on the second part of the ordinance request regarding fence height regulations and bring it back at the next regular meeting. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
3. No action was taken on Ordinance 2026.1.2. The Council asked City Manager Miller to bring this item back at the next regular meeting.
4. No action was taken on Ordinance 2026.1.3. The Council asked City Manager Miller to bring this item back at the next regular meeting.
5. Councilman Homan moved, with a second from Councilman Kocian, to approve authorizing the City Manager to sign a letter of support for the Capital Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS) request for funding to the Fiscal Year 2026 Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Coordinated Call for Projects grant application. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Adjournment

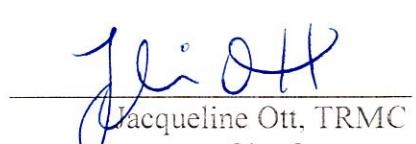
Mayor Pro Tem Sears adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Signed



Ginny Sears
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST



Jacqueline Ott, TRMC
City Secretary

