

**Flatonia City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**

Present

Mayor Travis Seale
Mayor Pro Tem Ginny Sears
Council Allen Kocian
Jeff Brazill
Kevin Laney
Josh Homan
City Manager Ray Miller
City Secretary Jacqueline Ott
Police Chief Lee Dick
Asst. Fire Chief James Robinson

Absent

Utility Director Steve Cobler

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. None

Consent Agenda

1. Councilman Laney moved, with a second from Councilman Homan, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on February 10, 2026. None opposed. Motion passed.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Sears moved, with a second from Councilman Kocian, to approve the financial reports for February 2026. She then stated there is an error in the EDC fund on the line item for Business Incentive Program Grant. Councilman Brazill suggested the motion be amended to include the change. Mayor Pro Tem Sears amended her motion to approve the financial reports for February 2026 with the stipulation that the EDC fund be corrected. Councilman Kocian seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion passed.

Staff Reports

1. Assistant Fire Chief Robinson added to the report that the organization received two grants: one for \$10,000 for training and one for \$25,000 for personal protection equipment.
2. Police Chief Dick added to the report that the department received a grant for \$2,800 for gun-related equipment. He also announced that Officer Amos is resigning on March 31.
3. Utility Director Cobler was absent. City Manager Miller updated the Council that the utility crew has replaced several street signs. Mayor Seale asked about street projects, but City Manager Miller did not have any information. Councilman Homan asked about the state

visits and City Manager Miller informed the Council of several scheduled inspections from various governmental entities for public works.

4. City Manager Miller added to the report that several certified letters have been sent to business owners on FM 609.
5. Mayor Pro Tem Sears asked about the meeting with Stampede Coating. City Manager Miller informed the Council that he is working on renovating the basketball court at McWhirter Park and this was a meeting for a quote. Councilman Brazill asked for an update on the warning siren. City Manager Miller responded that the IT technician has been corresponding with the siren company to make the necessary system upgrades and he will get an update from them. Mayor Seale mentioned he plans to meet with a TxDOT representative to discuss the quality of the sidewalks that were installed.

Deliberation Agenda

1. Bradley Loehr from BEFCO Engineering presented the booster pump bids for the TDA CDV23-0369 grant. The engineer recommends awarding the project to TTE, LLC for \$361,700. Councilman Kocian moved, with a second from Councilman Brazill, to approve awarding the project to TTE, LLC. None opposed. Motion carried.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Sears moved, with a second from Councilman Kocian, to approve Resolution 2026.3.1 designating Fayette Savings Bank as the City's depository for April 1, 2026, through December 31, 2031. None opposed. Motion passed.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Sears moved, with a second from Councilman Homan, to approve a Depository Agreement between the City of Flatonia and Fayette Savings Bank and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement. None opposed. Motion passed.
4. Councilman Homan moved, with a second from Councilman Kocian, to approve adding Mayor Travis Seale, Mayor Pro Tem Ginny Sears, City Manager Ray Miller Jr., and City Secretary Jacqueline Ott as signatories for all accounts at Fayette Savings Bank. None opposed. Motion passed.
5. Councilman Brazill moved, with a second from Councilman Kocian, to approve terminating the auditor engagement with Goldman, Hunt, & Notz, LLP and contracting with Armstrong, Vaughn, & Associates, PC. None opposed. Motion passed.
6. Councilman Kocian moved, with a second from Mayor Pro Tem Sears, to approve canceling the General election scheduled for May 2, 2026, in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. None opposed. Motion passed.
7. Councilman Laney moved, with a second from Mayor Pro Tem Sears, to approve Ordinance 2026.1.2 amending Division 12, Section 10.02.391 "Drainage"; Section 10.02.392 "Ditches"; and Section 10.02.393 "Storm sewers and curb inlets" of the City of Flatonia Code of Ordinances to provide for "zero net increase" in storm water runoff rates, drainage calculations based on a one hundred (100) year storm instead of a twenty-five

(25) year storm; open drainage channels capable of conveying a one hundred (100) year storm; and storm sewers capable of conveying a twenty-five (25) year storm. Councilman Brazill opposed. Motion passed.

Discussion Agenda

The Council discussed potentially having a town celebration for the 250th anniversary of the nation. It was decided that the City should not initiate anything but should assist the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce if needed.

Workshop Agenda

Mayor Seale entered the workshop at 6:40 p.m. The Council discussed the Comprehensive Plan and potential items for future budgets. Mayor Seale closed the workshop at 7:32 p.m.

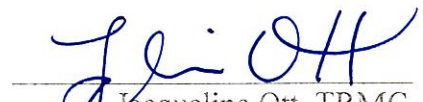
Adjournment

The Council discussed changing the next meeting date due to City Manager Miller and Mayor Seale having planned absences for the current date. The Council decided to leave the date as is for now and will make adjustments if needed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Signed


Ginny Sears
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST


Jacqueline Ott, TRMC
City Secretary

