

**Minutes
Flatonia City Council
Regular Meeting
February 10, 2009**

Present:

Mayor	Jeff M. Hairgrove
Mayor Pro Tem	Len Waska
Councilpersons	Kathy Collins Jan Lahodny Teri Wilks Mark Eversole
City Staff	Melissa Brunner – City Secretary Jack Pavlas – Utility Director Mike Noak – Chief of Police Greg Robinson – Code Compliance Officer

Opening Agenda

Call to Order Mayor Hairgrove called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Invocation and Pledge City Secretary Brunner led the invocation and Mayor Hairgrove led the pledge of allegiance.
Citizen's Participation There were no citizens present who wished to participate.

Reports

Council Members' Activity Reports

Councilman Collins reported that the Parks Task Force had completed one grant with Texas Parks and Wildlife and expected to hear from them in August. She also reported that they were working on another grant for trails in the downtown area that is due in May.

Mayor's Activity Report

Mayor Hairgrove reported that the sidewalk project has begun on Penn Street. Hairgrove also reported that the Parks Task Force will meet on February 11th, there will be a Special City Council Meeting on the 24th, the Economic Development Commission will meet on the 25th and the Railpark Committee will meet on March 4th. All of these meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend. Hairgrove also reported that he and the city manager had attended a meeting with several of the other mayors and city managers from Fayette County to discuss county concerns. The group is hoping to make this a regular meeting. Hairgrove reported that the *Victoria Advocate* is

now available at Food Mart on a limited basis. If more interest is shown, more papers will be available.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Noak reported on the activity for the month of January 2009. Noak also reported that Sergeant Rudloff and Officer Loehr, with the assistance of resident Billy Dunk were able to stop a train that would most likely have de-railed if it hadn't been stopped, due to damage done to the tracks by a train that had passed earlier. Rudloff and Loehr ran down the tracks with flares to stop the incoming train and got it stopped within a very short distance to the damaged rail. Noak further reported that Officer Norton had noticed a fire on a deck on 5th Street and with the assistance of the Flatonia VFD was able to stop the fire from growing and possibly damaging the home the deck was attached to.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Knight was not able to attend the meeting due to illness.

City Secretary's Report

City Secretary Brunner reported that "application for a place on the ballot" packets were available at City Hall for both the special and general elections. Brunner also reported that the filing time period for both elections was now open. The last day to file for the special election that will be for the one year term for a mayor a council seat is March 3rd. This is different than the deadline for the general election. The deadline for the general election which will be for the three full two year council terms, is March 9th. Brunner further reported that the last day to register to vote for people who wish to vote in the May 2009 election is April 9th.

Brunner lastly thanked the Council and City Manager for allowing the City to host the Capital Chapter meeting. She reported that there were 18 City Secretaries in attendance and that the gift bags and door prizes were very much appreciated.

Economic Development Report

Chair of the Economic Development Commission, Kirk Pate, reported that all of the committees within the Economic Development Commission were progressing on their different tasks. Pate further reported that Kathy Hairgrove was planning on resigning from the commission and council would need to appoint a new person in the near future.

Consent Agenda

Kathy Collins motioned to approve the consent agenda, including the minutes of the January 13, 2009 Regular Meeting, the January 20, 2009 Special Meeting and the January 2009 Financial Report. Len Waska seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Deliberation Agenda

- 2-2009.1 Kathy Collins motioned to accept Terra Renewal’s bid to dredge one of the City of Flatonia’s Wastewater Treatment Plant lagoons. Teri Wilks seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 2-2009.2 Dennis Geesaman, President of the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce, presented the report from the Chamber on the expenditures made with the hotel occupancy taxes. Mark Eversole motioned to accept the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce’s report concerning the Hotel Occupancy Tax monies. Teri Wilks seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 2-2009.3 Kathy Collins motioned to authorize the Flatonia Economic Development Commission to give its recommendation on a Business Incentive Policy to the Flatonia City Council at the March Council Meeting. Teri Wilks seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 2-2009.4 Teri Wilks motioned to approve the application of the Texas Preservation Trust Fund Grant from the City of Flatonia for use on the rehabilitation of the downtown water tower. Mark Eversole seconded the motion. Len Waska opposed. Motion carried.
- 2-2009.5 Kathy Collins motioned to appoint Mary Lou Galvan, Sharon Cosson and Estella Velasquez to the Flatonia Housing Authority’s slate of Commissioners. Teri Wilks seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 2-2009.6 Mayor Hairgrove announced that an amended contract had been approved with the Lower Colorado River Authority.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.



Signed
Jeff M. Hairgrove
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Mayor

Attest
Melissa Brunner
Melissa Brunner, TRMC
City Secretary

Approved this 10th day of March 2009.