

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

Present:

**Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem
Councilpersons**

Jeff M. Hairgrove
Len Waska
Kathy Collins
Jan Lahodny
Teri Wilks

City Staff

Mark Eversole
Melissa Brunner – City Secretary
Jack Pavlas – Utility Director
Mike Noak – Chief of Police
Greg Robinson – Code Compliance Officer

Opening Agenda

Call to Order

Invocation and Pledge

Citizen's Participation

Mayor Hairgrove called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. code Enforcement Officer Gregory Robinson led the invocation and Mayor Hairgrove led the pledge of allegiance. Joe Brown spoke concerning the noise ordinance and asked the council to consider a stricter ordinance.

James Longmire spoke concerning the Movies on Main program that he assisted with last summer. He also spoke on some of his plans for any money raised from this endeavor if allowed this summer. He stated that he was interested in a long term lease for the lot next to the Lyric.

Reports

Council Members' Activity Reports

Jan Lahodny reported on the idea that the lack of coverage of Flatonia High School sports may impact the ability of the kids to get sports scholarships. She also stated that if people went to other towns to buy a paper, they were likely to spend money in the other towns. She stated that this might be something that the Economic Development Commission could look into.

Councilman Collins reported that she had gone to Austin to testify in front of a senate committee concerning SB 361. As

a result of her testimony, Senator Patrick is looking into making some changes to the bill.

Mayor's Activity Report

Hairgrove reported that the Parks Task Force will meet on March 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 April 1st. All of these meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

Hairgrove also reported that the sidewalk project was progressing and was complete from the empty lot to the clinic. He also reported that the railings would be installed to at the end of the project.

Hairgrove lastly commended Councilperson Collins on her testimony on SB 361.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Noak reported on the activity for the month of February 2009. He also reported that he had hired another reserve officer, Joe Gonzales from Georgetown.

City Secretary's Report

City Secretary Brunner reported that the time to apply for a place on the ballot had passed with only the incumbents filing. She also reported that it was still possible for someone to file as a "write-in" candidate. The deadline for that is March 16th.

Fire Chief Report

Fire Chief Greg Robinson reported that the cab and chassis

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.

Consent Agenda

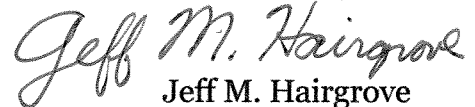
Kathy Collins motioned to approve the consent agenda, including the minutes of the February 10, 2009 Regular Meeting, the February 24, 2009 Special Meeting and the February 2009 Financial Report. Mark Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Deliberation Agenda

- 3-2009.1 No action was taken on the audit from fiscal year 2007-2008.
- 3-2009.2 No action was taken on the Business Incentive Policy developed by the Flatonia Economic Development Commission.
- 3-2009.3 Kathy Collins motioned to accept the proposal from Momentum Grant Strategies in conjunction with the agreed monetary participation from Flatonia's participating non-profits. Teri Wilks seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 3-2009.4 Teri Wilks motioned to accept the 2008 Racial Profiling Report from Flatonia Police Chief Mike Noak finding that the Flatonia Police Department does not racially profile. Len Waska seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 3-2009.5 Len motioned to appoint Bill Wright to Kathy Hairgrove's vacated position on the Flatonia Economic Development Commission. Mark Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 3-2009.6 Council did not enter into executive session and therefore there was no action on the consultation with the city attorney in regards to the Wood lawsuit.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Signed



Jeff M. Hairgrove
Mayor

Attest



Melissa Brunner, TRMC
City Secretary

Approved this 14th day of April 2009.