

**Minutes
Flatonia City Council
Special Meeting
November 18, 2008**

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
	Kenneth Knight – City Manager
	Mike Noak – Chief of Police
	Greg Robinson – Code Compliance Officer
	Angela Beck – City Attorney

Opening Agenda

Call to Order	Mayor Hairgrove called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Invocation and Pledge	Gregory Robinson led the invocation and Mayor Hairgrove led the pledge of allegiance.
Citizen's Participation	Joe Brown spoke concerning the noise ordinance, asking for relief from the noise of the music at Brenda's Restaurant.

Reports

Council Members' Activity Reports

Councilman Wilks reported that there had been a good turnout at the special workshop meeting held on November 15th concerning the noise ordinance and ways to implement and make the ordinance more palatable for the community in general.

Councilman Lahodny reported that she had attended several workshops at the Texas Municipal League Conference; Working With Your City Attorney, Managing Emotional Audiences and Community Partnerships. Lahodny also reported that she was working with others in the community to try to get the Victoria Advocate to continue to deliver papers to the Flatonia area. The Advocate has ceased delivering papers to this area.

Councilman Waska reported that he had also attended several workshops at the Texas Municipal League Conference: Effective Media Relations, Revenue and Taxation Issues, Small Communities and Great Ideas for Small Cities. He reported that some of

these had given him some ideas for things that could be done here in Flatonia, others not so much.

Councilman Collins reported that the Parks Task Force had met with Judy Langford to discuss the best grants that were out there for a new park. There are two that are being looked at for the park to be built on the former Woodrow Johnson property and another for the downtown area.

Mayor's Activity Report

Mayor Hairgrove introduced Kenneth Knight, the new City Manager for the City of Flatonia and gave a brief overview of his background in municipal government.

Fire Chief's Report Flatonia Volunteer Fire Department Chief, Gregory Robinson reported that the Fire Department was in process of purchasing a multi-purpose truck for its use. He also reported that seven sets of bunker gear had been purchased with the money from the donations through the utility bills.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Noak reported on the activity for the month of October 2008.

Economic Development

Economic Development Commission Chair Kirk Pate reported that new approaches to take to retain existing businesses had been discussed at the October meeting. The next meeting will be held on November 26th.

Consent Agenda

Kathy Collins motioned to approve the consent agenda, including the minutes of the October 6, 2008 Special Meeting, the October 14, 2008 Regular Meeting and the October 2008 Financial Report. Len Waska seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Executive Session – opened at 6:31 p.m.

ES11-2008.1 As authorized by Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, council may enter into closed or executive session to consult with the city attorney in regards to the Wood lawsuit.

Council discussed the suit with City Attorney Angela Beck

Deliberation Agenda – reconvened at 6:46

11-2008.1 Kathy Collins motioned to accept the report from the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce on the expenditures from the Hotel Occupancy Tax. Teri Wilks seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

11-2008.2 Kathy Horn gave a brief report on where the Railpark Association was on the proposed depot.

Kathy Collins motioned to authorize the city manager and/or city attorney to negotiate a memorandum of understanding or other legal device to devise a public/private partnership for the Railpark/Depot project subject to review and approval by the City Council. Teri Wilks seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

11-2008.3 Len Waska motioned to authorize the city manger to sign the assignment letter from Rapid Acquisition Co. to Almega Cable Inc. with an updated pole count. Mark Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

11-2008.4 Kathy Collins motioned to remove herself as the Capital Area Council of Governments General Assembly Representative. Teri Wilks seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Teri Wilks motioned to appoint Kenneth Knight as the Capital Area Council of Governments General Assembly Representative. Kathy Collins seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

11-2008.5 Teri Wilks motioned to authorize the City Manager and Police Chief to draft an implementation policy regarding the noise ordinance for council review at a future meeting. Jan Lahodny seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

11-2008.6 Len Waska motioned to authorize the city manager and fire chief to research and develop an ordinance amending the fire code for 911 address identification. Teri Wilks seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

11-2008.7 No action was taken on the consultation with the attorney.

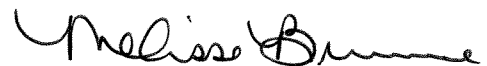
The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Signed



Jeff M. Hairgrove
Mayor

Attest



Melissa Brunner, TRMC
City Secretary

Approved this 9th day of December 2008