

**Minutes
Flatonia City Council
Regular Meeting
April 14, 2009**

Present:

**Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem
Councilpersons**

Jeff M. Hairgrove

Len Waska

Kathy Collins

Teri Wilks

Mark Eversole

City Staff

Melissa Brunner – City Secretary

Jack Pavlas – Utility Director

Mike Noak – Chief of Police

Greg Robinson – Code Compliance Officer

Jamie Notz – City Auditor

Angela Beck – City Attorney

Opening Agenda

Call to Order

Mayor Hairgrove called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge

Mayor Hairgrove led the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

Citizen's Participation

There were no citizens who wished to speak.

Reports

Council Members' Activity Reports

Councilman Collins reported that the Parks Task Force is pursuing a Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant for the downtown area.

Councilman Eversole reported that he had met with representatives from the Rest Haven Cemetery Association and the City will complete the improvements that were promised thirty years ago. Some work has already started. Some trees have been taken out and underbrush has been cleared by City workers. He is planning on continuing to meet with the representatives to research funding and to establish more community support.

Councilman Waska reported that the 2010 Census work will begin in April. Flatonia was under represented in the last census and this can impact funding for grants. He is representing Flatonia on the Fayette County committee.

Mayor's Activity Report

Hairgrove reported that the Rest Haven Cemetery will meet on April 28th at 6:00 in Council Chamber, the Economic Development Commission will meet on the 22nd in at 6:00 in Council Chambers, the next Council meeting will be on May 12th at 6:00 and the Parks Task Force will meet at 5:30 in Council Chambers May 13th. 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 on the south side of the railroad tracks and had begun on North Main St.

Hairgrove further reported that the City is setting up an agenda email list. If anyone is interested in receiving all agendas by email, they must notify the City Secretary by email or by coming to City Hall to fill out a form.

Hairgrove also reminded the council members of the deadlines for placing items on the agenda.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Knight reported that he had attended some human resources and ethics training in San Antonio.

Knight also reported that he attended the Summit on Recovery Grants in Washington DC. The City has applied for a COPS Grant and will be applying for some law enforcement grants for equipment.

Knight also reported that the new hardware for the Quiet Zone had been installed on three intersections. TXDOT had asked the City to wait on the fourth intersection. As of midnight on April 14th, the quiet zone will go into effect and the signs will be uncovered.

Knight reported that he was unaware of any decibel level requirements in the area that were lower than 85 decibels in any zone.

Knight asked the Council to consider if they would like to use the current Planning and Zoning Commission as the Comprehensive Plan Committee for the 2020 Comprehensive Plan or if they would like to seat another committee.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Noak reported on the activity for the month of March 2009. He also reported that he had applied for the COPS Grant for another full time officer. He is also applying for a grant for laptop computers in the cars, possibly in conjunction with Fayette County.

City Secretary's Report

City Secretary Brunner reported that there had been no contested races for this year's municipal election and thus there was information later on the agenda to cancel the election.

Fire Chief Report

Fire Chief Greg Robinson reported that the Fire Department Utility Donation check for the first quarter of 2009, for had been deposited and the balance in the account was \$43,086.86.

Economic Development Report

There was no report from the Economic Development Commission.

Consent Agenda

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

Public Hearing

PH4-2009.1 Public Hearing on request from Dean, Emil and Donald Stavinoha that the property they own in Block 14, City of Flatonia, known as Stavinoha Mobile Park be subdivided.

Greg Robinson gave a brief summary of the request and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended that it be approved.

Deliberation Agenda

4-2009.1 Kathy Collins motioned to accept the report from the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce on the Hotel Occupancy Tax expenditures. Len Waska seconded the motion. Len Waska also stated that the new report style was much better and more informative. None opposed. Motion carried.

4-2009.2 Kathy Collins motioned to approve the request for subdivision as requested by Dean, Emil and Donald Stavinoha pending the review and

approval of the final plan by the City Manager and Code Compliance Officer. Mark Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

- 4-2009.3 Jamie Notz, CPA of Goldman, Hunt and Notz presented the audit from fiscal year 2007- 2008. Council will look over the audit and return next month for a motion.
- 4-2009.4 Len Waska motioned to adopt the ordinance canceling the General and Special Election scheduled to be held on May 9, 2009. Kathy Collins seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 4-2009.5 Teri Wilks motioned to accept the donation for the purchase of new body armor for the Flatonia Police Department and expend the funds for said purchase. Mark Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 4-2009.6 Kathy Collins motioned to adopt the Memorandum of intent (MOI) and Joint Use and access Agreement (JUAA) between Flatonia Special Projects and the City of Flatonia for the reconstruction of the depot at the rail park. Councilman Eversole stated that he was a member of the Rail Park Board. Teri Wilks seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 4-2009.7 Kathy Collins motioned to authorize the City Manager to apply for law enforcement grants for equipment and personnel. Len Waska seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Executive Session – entered at 6:56 p.m.

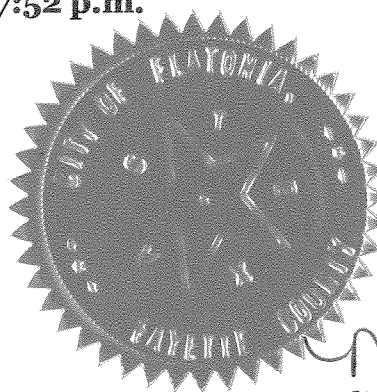
- ES4-2009.1 As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, council may enter into closed or executive session to consult with the city attorney in regards to the Wood lawsuit.

Executive Session closed at 7:50 p.m.

Deliberation Agenda

- 4-2009.8 No action was taken on the consultation with the City Attorney.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.



Signed

Jeff M. Hairgrove
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Mayor

Approved this 12th day of May 2009.

Attest

Melissa Brunner
Melissa Brunner, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary