

Minutes
Flatonia City Council
Regular Meeting
August 12, 2003

Present:

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| Mayor | Lori Berger |
| Councilpersons | Ken Freytag – Mayor Pro Tem Carlene Carlock Larry Branecky Robert Bizzell |
| City Staff | Robert Wood – City Manager Melissa Brunner – City Secretary Leonard Cox – Police Chief |

Opening Agenda:

Call to Order Mayor Berger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation & Pledge Councilman Bizzell led the invocation and Mayor Berger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen's Participation Margie Cecil spoke. She asked about the emergency meeting. She also asked about how the public could find out about what is going on with the city. She further asked about the bankruptcy proceedings in regards to a business in town. She was told that it was still up to the courts to decide.

Reports

Mayor's Activity Report Mayor Berger had nothing separate from the agenda to report.

Council members' Activity Report

Ken Freytag reported that they Fayette County Airport is sponsoring a program called the Young Eagles the first Saturday of each month. This program allows 12-18 year olds the chance to learn about aviation and fly in a plane at no cost.

Police Chief's Report

Police Chief Leonard Cox presented the activity report for the month of July 2003. Cox further reported that there had been no word yet on the COPS Grant or the Homeland Security overtime grant but that he had received word that the Flatonia Police Department had received the tobacco enforcement grant. Cox

will have to attend some schooling before this money will be released.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Wood reminded the council that the Texas Municipal League convention will be held in November in San Antonio and that the housing forms have to be in by August 22nd. Wood also reported on the house that is still in process of being moved through town. It is currently scheduled to move on out on Thursday morning. Wood further reported that Flatonia's portion of the homeland Security Grant discussed in previous months, will be approximately \$31,000, but about half of that money will go to the regional homeland security efforts. The City's portion of this grant, \$16,000 - \$17,000, will be used to purchase equipment for security use, probably some type of communication equipment that will enable all parts of emergency services in Fayette County to communicate during an emergency. This will be a joint effort between Fayette County and the cities in Fayette County.

Planning and Zoning Commission

City Manager Wood reported that commission had not met this month and there was nothing to report.

Consent Agenda

Minutes of June 11, 2003, July 28, 2003 and August 1, 2003 Special Meetings and the July 8, 2003 Regular Meeting.
July 2003 Financial Report

Ken Freytag moved to accept the Minutes of the June 11, 2003, July 28, 2003 and August 1, 2003 Special Meetings and the July 8, 2003 Regular Meeting as well as the July 2003 Financial Report. Carlene Carlock seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Public Hearing (opened at 6:18 p.m.)

- PH-8.1. None of the citizens present spoke concerning the FY 2003-2004 proposed budget.

(closed at 6:21 p.m.)

Deliberation Agenda opened at 6:22 p.m.

- 8-1. Julie Elliott of the Children's Advocacy Center gave a presentation to the council about the work done by the center. Carlene Carlock motioned to take this into consideration with the budget. Ken Freytag seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 8-2. Ken Freytag motioned to appoint Bill Hassell to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Robert Bizzell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 8-3. No action was taken on the request for "Children At Play" signs on Hackberry Street. Chief Cox was asked to increase patrols in the area to discourage speeding.
- 8-4. Robert Bizzell motioned to continue using Texas Municipal League – Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool for the employee medical insurance with no changes to the policy, accepting the increase in rates for the 2003 – 2004 fiscal year. Carlene Carlock seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 8-5. Larry Branecky motioned to set the proposed ad valorem tax rate at .3300. Ken Freytag seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Workshop Agenda (opened at 7:20 p.m.)

- 8-6. Council discussed the budget for fiscal year 2003- 2004.

(closed at 7:20 p.m.)

Executive Session (opened at 7:20 p.m.)

As authorized by Section 551.072, *Texas Government Code*, the council may enter into closed or executive session to discuss the following real property matter:

- ES-8.2. Deliberation regarding real property.

(closed at 7:50 p.m.)

Deliberation Agenda (opened at 7:52 p.m.)

- 8-7. Carlene Carlock moved to authorize City Manager Robert Wood and Mayor Lori Berger to negotiate and sign an earnest money agreement on the Woodrow Johnson property. Ken Freytag seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Signed

Lori Berger
Mayor

Attest

Melissa Brunner, TRMC
City Secretary

Approved this 9th day of September, 2003.