

Minutes
Flatonia City Council
Regular Meeting
March 9, 2004

Present:

**Mayor
Councilpersons**

Lori Berger

Carlene Carlock – Mayor Pro Tem

Robert Bizzell

Steve Morrill

Larry Branecky

City Staff

Robert Wood – City Manager

Melissa Brunner – City Secretary

Leonard Cox – Police Chief

Jack Pavlas – Utility Director

Gregory Robinson – Code Enforcement Officer

Opening Agenda:

Call to Order

Mayor Berger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and gave the invocation.

Citizen's Participation

There were no citizens present who wished to participate.

Reports

Mayor's Activity Report

Mayor Berger did not have anything she wished to report at this time.

Council Member's Activity Report

Councilman Bizzell reported that the Small Cities Problem Solving Clinic that he, Councilwoman Carlock and City Manager Wood attended in Caldwell was very informative especially concerning the legislative session and some little known scholarship programs for students interested in a career in law enforcement.

Police Chief's Report

Police Chief Leonard Cox presented the activity report for the month of February 2004. Cox further reported that we may be losing our reserve officer, Joshua South to the City of Waelder where he may be accepting a full-time position tonight.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Wood reminded Councilmembers of the TML Region X meeting to be held in Caldwell on March 23rd. There

were a number of proposed changes to school financing which were discussed at the Small Cities Problem Solving Clinic that will impact cities. There is a TML meeting on Friday discussing this further. The Flatonia Volunteer Fire Department received a grant from the Texas Forest Service for \$ 98,100.00 for a new tanker truck. There have been a number of Requests for Proposals lately coming through the state and the LCRA for companies that are looking for places to locate. There are a few more that have just come in. Hopefully some of the companies that have received our proposals will call soon to set up visits to Flatonia. Judge Janecka has contacted the City concerning a rededication of the Fayette County Courthouse. Janecka is looking to have the cities and chambers involved in a committee to assist in this rededication.

Planning and Zoning Report There was no report as the Committee did not meet this month.

Economic Development Report

Robert Wood reported that there may be an economic development grant available through the Texas Forest Service for economic development that he is looking into. Mayor Berger reported that she put together a packet from CENTEX for small businesses to come in and get information about loans, grants and other assistance for small businesses. The Office of Rural Community Affairs is now the administrator for grant funds for the Texas Department of Housing and other federal grant monies and they are making changes that are not favorable for many communities. The Association of Rural Communities in Texas, which Mayor Berger is on the board of, held a conference call today to see what they could maybe do to check into this. Mr. Bizzell informed Council that the signs went up at the Dollar General Store coming to Flatonia that should open late this month.

Consent Agenda

Steve Morrill motioned to approve the consent agenda including the Minutes from February 10, 2004 and the February 2004 Financial Report. Carlene Carlock seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Deliberation Agenda

- 3-1. Robert Bizzell motioned to approve the Racial Profiling Report from the Flatonia Police Department, noting that the Flatonia City Council recognizes that the Flatonia Police Department does not exercise racial profiling. Larry Branecky seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 3-2. No action was taken on improvements at the American Legion Field.
- 3-3. No action was taken on the program design for the HOME Investment Partnership Program.
- 3-4. Carlene Carlock motioned to approve Ordinance #364 amending the water and wastewater tapping fees charged by the City of Flatonia. Steve Morrill seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 3-5. Steve Morrill motioned to approve Resolution # 2004-2 approving the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan with the Texas Colorado River Floodplain Coalition. Carlene Carlock seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 3-6. No action was taken on appointing a new representative to the Fayette Airport Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Signed

Lori Berger
Mayor

Attest

Melissa Brunner, TRMC
City Secretary

Approved this 22nd day of March, 2004.