

**Minutes  
Flatonia City Council  
Regular Meeting  
May 11, 2004**

**Present:**

<b>Mayor</b>	Lori Berger
<b>Councilpersons</b>	Carlene Carlock – Mayor Pro Tem Robert Bizzell Steve Morrill
<b>City Staff</b>	Robert Wood – City Manager Melissa Brunner – City Secretary Leonard Cox – Police Chief Jack Pavlas – Utility Director Gregory Robinson – Code Enforcement Officer

**Workshop Agenda**

Mayor Berger called the workshop to order at 5:05 p.m.

Council heard a presentation from Mike Bates of Broadband Horizons concerning broadband over power line services for the City of Flatonia.

The Workshop adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

**Opening Agenda:**

<b>Call to Order</b>	Mayor Berger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Robert Bizzell gave the invocation and Mayor Berger led the pledge.
<b>Citizen's Participation</b>	There were no citizens present who wished to participate.

**Reports**

<b>Mayor's Activity Report</b>	Mayor Berger reported that she is still trying to collect information about alternatives to the train whistles. One of the alternatives is a special type of arms and bells that range from \$25,000 to \$50,000 per crossing. Mayor Berger also had the Flatonia Volunteer Fire Department show some of the equipment they have purchased with the funds from the Homeland Security Grant. The City of Flatonia received approximately \$31,000. This was used to purchase radio/communication type
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equipment and safety equipment for the firefighters.

**Council Member's Activity Report**

Robert Bizzell reported that he attended the Texas Colorado River Floodplain Coalition quarterly meeting. Fayette County has been approved for the new floodplain maps and the City's and County's membership in the Coalition probably helped to make sure Fayette County was included in the new floodplain maps. Bizzell further reported that there is a limited number of weather radios available for free from the Texas Colorado River Floodplain Coalition and Mr. Wood and Greg Robinson are determining the number of radios needed in Flatonia.

**Police Chief's Report**

Police Chief Leonard Cox presented the activity report for the month of April 2004.

**City Manager's Report**

City Manager Wood reported that he had included some information about the special session of the Texas Legislature currently going on. He also reminded council that there will be a TML Region X Meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup> in Cameron.

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

**Economic Development Report**

City Manager Wood reported that Cal Maine Foods is interested in possibly building a new facility in this area. He and Mayor Berger are speaking with representatives from Cal Maine to determine if it would be feasible to locate the facility in Flatonia. One of the companies that the City has sent information to concerning locating here is interested in coming out to look at Flatonia and will be coming out in the next few weeks. Another company whose name we received through the Governor's office is also interested in visiting Flatonia and will be visiting within the next few months. Mayor Berger, Councilman Bizzell and City Manager Wood have been meeting as the economic development committee to discuss these issues. They have spoken with a local landowner about possibly purchasing or leasing some of his land for use as an industrial park.

## **Consent Agenda**

Steve Morrill motioned to approve the consent agenda including the Minutes from April 13, 2004 and the April 2004 Financial Report. Carlene Carlock seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

## **Deliberation Agenda**

- 5-1. Steve Morrill motioned to set the Flatonia Argus as the official newspaper for the City of Flatonia. Carlene Carlock seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 5-2. Steve Morrill motioned to accept the Hotel Occupancy Report from the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce. Robert Bizzell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 5-3. No action was taken on the contract for promotion and tourism services with the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce.
- 5-4. Robert Bizzell motioned to authorize City Manager Robert Wood and Utility Supervisor Jack Pavlas to work with Broadband Horizons to conduct a broadband over power line pilot project in the City of Flatonia. Steve Morrill seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.**

**Signed**

Lori Berger  
Mayor

**Attest**

Melissa Brunner, TRMC  
City Secretary

Approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2004.