

**Minutes
Flatonia City Council
Regular Meeting
April 8, 2003**

Present:

Mayor	Lori Berger
Councilpersons	Ken Freytag – Mayor Pro Tem Larry Branecky Carlene Carlock Eric Tijerina
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 Mayor Berger led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen's Participation There were no citizens present who wished to participate.

Reports

Mayor's Activity Report Mayor Berger announced that the state still has to rank the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs grant requests and that that committee meets on April 25th. This grant is for \$250,000 and will aid the city in laying a new water line.

Council members' Activity Report None of the Council members had anything they wished to report.

Police Chief's Report Police Chief Leonard Cox reported on the activity for the police department for the month of March 2003. Cox also reported that one of the reserve officers had resigned due to a new position with the City of Austin and increased family duties.

City Manager's Report City Manager Wood reported that the city had received a certificate for Outstanding Performance in Bacteriological Monitoring from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. This is a direct reflection on the good quality of work done by both Jack Pavlas, Mario Perales, and the rest of the utility crew in

getting the water samples we take to Austin to the Texas Department of Health monthly for monitoring. Wood further reported that Flatonia had been featured in the February and April editions of *Trains Magazine*, a magazine for persons interested in trains and train watching. Wood also reported that the Lower Colorado River Authority will be increasing the fuel portion of our wholesale electric bill due to the increase cost for natural gas, but that it would amount to approximately \$1.20 difference for 2000 kilowatts of electric usage. In addition, Wood reported that he had attended a meeting concerning the economic impact the new Toyota plant to be built in San Antonio might have on the state of Texas, especially areas within 100-200 miles of San Antonio. There will be another meeting held in La Grange at 11:30 a.m. on April 16, 2003 concerning this matter. Council members are encouraged to attend. Wood will be attending this meeting on behalf of the city as well as the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce because he has been appointed to the Economic Development Committee for the Chamber.

Planning and Zoning Commission

No report was presented because there was no meeting held this month.

Consent Agenda

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Eric Tijerina motioned to accept the consent agenda. Ken Freytag seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Deliberation Agenda

- 4-1. Carlene Carlock motioned to accept the certification of unopposed candidates from the City Secretary and adopt ordinance #353 canceling the May 3, 2003 municipal election and declaring Bob Bizzell, Larry Branecky and Steve Morrill elected to office. Ken Freytag seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 4-2. Ken Freytag motioned to adopt ordinance #354 amending the FY 2002-2003 Budget. Larry Branecky seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

- 4-3. Carlene Carlock motioned to table the request to close Market Street between Twelfth Street and the Interstate 10 frontage road. Ken Freytag seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 4-4. Ken Freytag motioned to approve the increase in access line rates as proposed by the Public utility Commission to \$1.55 for residential, \$3.09 for non-residential and \$4.63 for point-to-point lines. Eric Tijerina seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 4-5. Larry Branecky moved to adopt resolution #2003-2 in support of legislation concerning the Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District. Carlene Carlock seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 4-6. Ken Freytag motioned to adopt resolution #2003-3 in support of the men and women of the armed forces of the United States of America. Eric Tijerina seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Signed

Lori Berger
Mayor

Attest

Melissa Brunner, TRMC
City Secretary