

**Minutes
Flatonia City Council
Regular Meeting
January 8, 2008**

Present:

Mayor	Jeff M. Hairgrove
Mayor Pro Tem	Carlene Carlock
Councilpersons	Len Waska Kathy Collins Jan Lahodny Bryan Milson
City Staff	Melissa Brunner – City Secretary Leonard Cox – Police Chief Jack Pavlas – Utility Director Gregory Robinson - Code Compliance Officer

Opening Agenda

Call to Order	Mayor Hairgrove called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Invocation and Pledge	Councilperson Lahodny led the invocation and Mayor Hairgrove led the pledge.
Citizen's Participation	There were no citizens who wished to participate.

Reports

Mayor's Activity Report	Mayor Hairgrove reported that the surveying involved in the engineering portion of the sidewalk project had been completed over the last few weeks. Hairgrove also reported that the candidate for city manager that he had been working with towards him taking the city manager position had called this afternoon to decline.
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City Council Members' Reports	Councilperson Collins gave a brief overview of the results of the surveys that she had distributed to the downtown businesses. She is anticipating a more lengthy report in the coming months.
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Councilman Waska reported that he had been in conversation with a location manager for a national hotel chain. He has not been able to set an appointment with him, but is hoping to set an appointment soon. Waska has also been speaking with the Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Commission for Environmental

Quality in reference to the lead based paint on the water tower.

Councilperson Lahodny reported that she had been discussing the parking lot of the Dollar General Store with the manager there and is hoping to make some changes there because of the problems of accidents in the parking lot.

Councilperson Carlock did not have anything separate from the agenda to report.

Councilman Milson did not have anything separate from the agenda to report.

Police Chief's Report Police Chief Leonard Cox reported on the activity for the month of December 2007.

City Secretary's Report City Secretary Melissa Brunner reported that Cheryl Sedlar of Schulenburg has been hired as the administrative assistant at the City of Flatonia and will start on Monday, January 14, 2008.

Planning and Zoning Report There was nothing separate from the agenda to report.

Economic Development There was nothing to report on economic development.

Downtown Water Tower Committee
There was nothing separate from the agenda to report.

Public Hearing opened at 6:15 p.m.

PH1-2008.1 None of the citizens present wished to participate.

PH1-2008.2 None of the citizens present wished to participate.

PH1-2008.3 None of the citizens present wished to participate.

Public Hearing closed at 6:17 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Kathy Collins motioned to approve the consent agenda, including the minutes of the December 7, 2007 Special Meeting and the December 11, 2007 Regular Meeting and the December 2007 Financial Report. Len Waska seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Deliberation Agenda

- 1-2008.1 Kathy Collins motioned to authorize Mayor Hairgrove to sign the tower management agreement with the Flatonia Landmark Preservation Society, a 501c3 organization. Jan Lahodny seconded the motion. Bryan Milson amended the motion to add contingent on the outcome a new survey sent out in the City utility bills. Carlene Carlock seconded the amendment. Kathy Collins motioned to amend the motion to retract the amendment to the original motion. Motion died for lack of a second. Bryan Milson withdrew his amendment to the original motion. Kathy Collins and Jan Lahodny voted for. Len Waska, Bryan Milson and Carlene Carlock did not vote. Motion carried.
- 1-2008.2 Bryan Milson motioned to adopt the ordinance amending the zoning ordinance to include warehousing as a conditional use in the Central Business District. Carlene Carlock seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 1-2008.3 Kathy Collins motioned to approve the conditional use permit to the EA Arnim Archives and Museum for use at 128 W. North Main. Carlene Carlock seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 1-2008.4 Len Waska motioned to approve the request for variances from the Kubesch/Christian Group. Bryan Milson seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 1-2008.5 Carlene Carlock motioned to confirm Gregory Robinson as the Chief of the Flatonia Volunteer Fire Department. Bryan Milson seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 1-2008.6 Bryan Milson motioned to appoint Jan Lahodny to the Flatonia Volunteer Fire Department Pension Board. Carlene Carlock seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 1-2008.7 Jan Lahodny motioned to allow the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce to use the downtown parking lots for the Market Day activities on March 1, 2008. Carlene Carlock seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 1-2008.8 Carlene Carlock motioned to initiate the recommended zoning changes from the Planning and Zoning Taskforce. Bryan Milson seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 1-2008.9 Kathy Collins motioned to allow Fayette County Precinct 3 to fence in a portion of the 8th Street right-of-way that is adjacent to their property with the understanding that if that right-of-way is ever needed by the City of Flatonia, the County will remove the fence and allow the City its use with the fence set back fifteen feet from the road. Bryan Milson seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Executive Session – opened at 7:39 pm

As authorized by Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, the council may enter into closed or executive session to discuss and act upon the following personnel matter:

ES1-2008.1 Consider Police Chief

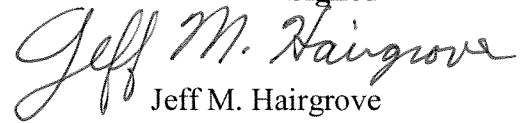
Executive Session – closed at 7:48 pm

Deliberation Agenda

1-2008.10 Kathy Collins motioned to authorize Mayor Hairgrove to notify Police Chief Leonard Cox in writing of the City's intention to not renew his employment agreement. Motion died for lack of a second.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Signed



Jeff M. Hairgrove
Mayor

Attest



Melissa Brunner, TRMC
City Secretary

Approved this 12th day of February 2008.

