

**Minutes
Flatonia City Council
Regular Meeting
October 14, 2008**

Present:

**Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem
Councilpersons**

Jeff M. Hairgrove
Len Waska
Kathy Collins
Jan Lahodny
Teri Wilks
Mark Eversole

City Staff

Melissa Brunner – City Secretary
Jack Pavlas – Utility Director
Joe Pence – Interim City Manager
Mike Noak – Chief of Police
Greg Robinson – Code Compliance Officer

Opening Agenda

Call to Order

Mayor Hairgrove called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge

Melissa Brunner led the invocation and Mayor Hairgrove led the pledge of allegiance.

Citizen's Participation

Kirk Pate spoke in favor of the sidewalk project from the economic development standpoint.

James Longmire spoke concerning the sidewalk project and spoke of a petition that had been out in town.

Cathy Horn spoke in favor of the sidewalk project.

Dennis Geesaman spoke in favor of the sidewalk project and spoke of the upcoming Czhilispiel.

Reports

Council Members' Activity Reports

Councilman Collins reported that she had not had any calls complaining about the city improving the sidewalks. She reported that calls or letters had been received from the following people in favor of the project: Ervan Zouzalik, Brenda Ray, Bryan Milson, Brad Cosson, Allan Weiss, Carol Littlefield, Mike Whitten and Carol Lummus. Collins also reported that the City had received positive reports from La Grange on the company that had done their downtown sidewalks and that had bid on the downtown sidewalks in Flatonia.

Collins further reported that two high school students had joined the Parks Committee, Garrett Novak and Derek Branecky. Collins also reported that the committee would be meeting with Judy Langford of Langford Community Management to see what needed to be done to start working on some grants for the parks projects.

Councilman Mark Eversole reported that he would be attending a Film Friendly Texas City seminar and would be coming back to Council with suggestions to make Flatonia more "film friendly".

Mayor's Activity Report

Mayor Hairgrove reported that the regularly scheduled meeting in November fell on Veteran's Day this year. Therefore, the meeting will be moved to the following Tuesday, the 18th. Hairgrove further reported that Kenneth Knight had been hired and would be here for the next meeting.

Police Chief's Report Chief Noak reported on the activity for the month of September 2008.

Economic Development Councilperson Collins reported that the next meeting would be a three hours course on business retention and expansion plans.

Consent Agenda

Kathy Collins motioned to approve the consent agenda, including the minutes of the September 2, 2008 Regular Meeting, the September 30, 2008 Special Meeting and the September 2008 Financial Report. Len Waska seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Deliberation Agenda

10-2008.1 Gene Kruppa and Tim Duncan of BEFCO Engineering presented the sidewalk plan in sections.

Mark Eversole motioned to release Qro-Mex Construction Company from its bid on the Flatonia downtown sidewalk project. Kathy Collins seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mark Eversole motioned to accept the bid of \$330,001 from Patin Construction LLC for new sidewalks in the downtown area. Teri Wilks seconded the motion. Jan Lahodny abstained. Kathy Collins, Teri Wilks, Mark Eversole and Len Waska voted in favor. Motion carried.

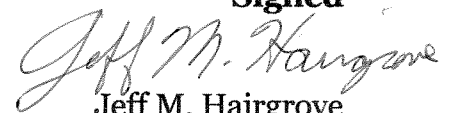
- 10-2008.2 Teri Wilks motioned to authorize the city manager to execute and complete the necessary steps to complete the quiet zone within the budgeted boundaries. Kathy Collins seconded the motion. Jan Lahodny opposed. Teri Wilks, Kathy Collins, Mark Eversole and Len Waska voted in favor. Motion carried.
- 10-2008.3 Kathy Collins motioned to adopt the ordinance creating an identity theft prevention policy for the City of Flatonia. Len Waska seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 10-2008.4 Kathy Collins motioned to authorize the city manager to sign the agreement with the Flatonia Volunteer Fire Department regarding the donation monies accepted by the City of Flatonia. Teri Wilks seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 10-2008.5 Jan Lahodny motioned to adopt the ordinance amending the competitive bidding amount for the City of Flatonia to that required by state statute. Len Waska seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 10-2008.6 Kathy Collins motioned to authorize the city manager to negotiate a long term lease agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad for the use of a portion of its property adjacent to the railroad tracks for use as a helipad for emergency medical services as well as other uses. Len Waska seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Executive Session - Council did not adjourn into executive session

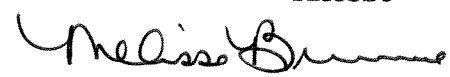
- ES10-2008.1 As authorized by Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, council may enter into closed or executive session to consult with the city attorney in regards to the Wood lawsuit.
- 10-2008.7 No action was taken on consultation with attorney.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Signed


Jeff M. Hairgrove
Mayor

Attest


Melissa Brunner, TRMC
City Secretary

Approved this 18th day of November 2008