

**Minutes
Flatonia City Council
Regular Meeting
December 11, 2007**

Present:

**Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem
Councilpersons**

Jeff M. Hairgrove
Carlene Carlock
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
Invocation and Pledge
Citizen's Participation**

Mayor Hairgrove called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Mayor Hairgrove led the invocation and the pledge.
There were no citizens who wished to participate.

Reports

Mayor's Activity Report

Mayor Hairgrove reported that the Christmas lights were up and that the city crew had done a good job, as usual. Hairgrove also reported that he had contacted Phil Patchett and he would be meeting with him shortly to iron out the details of the agreement. Hairgrove also reported that the administrative assistant would be hired within the next few weeks.

City Council Members' Reports

Councilman Milson reported that no action had been taken by the planning and zoning commission on the zoning change recommendations given by the planning and zoning taskforce. Milson also commended Mayor Hairgrove on all of his efforts during the search for a new city manger.

Councilperson Carlock echoed Milson's sentiments on Mayor Hairgrove's efforts in the absence of a city manager. Carlock also stated that thanks to the city crew's efforts, Flatonia had looked wonderful for Christmas in Flatonia.

Councilperson Lahodny reported that the rumors that the City's liability insurance had paid for the overspray issues associated with the new water tower were false, the paint company's insurance had paid for them.

Councilman Waska agreed with Bryan and Carlene's comments on the great job that Mayor Hairgrove has been doing in the absence of a city manager.

Councilperson Collins reported that she had met with the Governor's office of economic development to ensure that Flatonia is in the circle for getting leads on companies that might be interested in relocation. She also reported that she had an 80% response so far on her surveys to downtown business owners. She will have a report in January.

Police Chief's Report

Police Chief Leonard Cox reported on the activity for the month of November 2007. Cox further reported that reserve officer Chuck Greive had resigned to take a full time position with the Lavaca County Sheriff's Department.

City Secretary's Report

City Secretary Melissa Brunner reminded the Council that the City Christmas Party would be held at Robert's Steakhouse on . She further reported that the City's website needed some updating. She told councilmembers that she needed pictures and a short paragraph on themselves to post on the internet. Brunner also reported that she had received notification that she had completed all of the requirements for her recertification as a Texas Registered Municipal Clerk and would receive it at the Election Law Seminar in Austin in January.

Planning and Zoning Report Nothing to separate from the agenda to report.

Economic Development There was nothing to report on economic development.

Downtown Water Tower Committee

Teresa Wilks, Chair of the Water Tower Committee, was ill and unable to attend the meeting, but did send some information for the Council that Mayor Hairgrove distributed.

Public Hearing opened at 6:15 p.m.

PH12-2007.1 None of the citizens present wished to participate.

PH12-2007.2 None of the citizens present wished to participate.

PH12-2007.3 None of the citizens present wished to participate.

PH12-2007.4 None of the citizens present wished to participate.

Public Hearing closed at 6:17 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Bryan Milson motioned to approve the consent agenda, including the minutes of the November 13, 2007 Regular Meeting and November 16, 27and 28th Special Meetings and the November 2007 Financial Report. Len Waska seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Deliberation Agenda

12.2007-1 Bryan Milson motioned to adopt the ordinance amending the zoning to include single family dwelling and manufactured home as conditional uses in the Highway Commercial District. Carlene Carlock seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

12.2007-2 Carlene Carlock motioned to grant the request from Maria and Roberto Palmoera for a conditional use permit to place a manufactured home on the property they own located at 1241 N SH 95. Bryan Milson seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

12.2007-3 Bryan Milson motioned to adopt the ordinance changing the zoning classification for the property located at 504 S. Colorado, 506 S. Colorado, 510 S. Colorado and 618 S. Colorado to be Medium Density Residential. Carlene Carlock seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

12.2007-4 No action was taken on the recommendation from the water tower committee.

12.2007-5 Kathy Horn, President of the Flatonia Special Projects Association, discussed this agreement. Kathy Collins motioned to approve the management agreement with the Flatonia Special Projects Association. Bryan Milson seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

12.2007-6 Bryan Milson motioned to accept the donation of an irrigation system at the Oak Hill Cemetery Mausoleum and approve the use of the water for such, with the stipulation that the system should extend no farther than 25 feet in any direction from said mausoleum and that the dollar amount charged for the water at the mausoleum no exceed \$25.00 per month with exception for inflation. Len Waska seconded the motion. Jan Lahodny opposed. Motion carried.

- 12.2007-7 Kathy Collins motioned to adopt the ordinance allowing the City of Flatonia to tax goods in transit. Jan Lahodny seconded the motion. Len Waska opposed. Motion carried.
- 12.2007-8 Kathy Collins motioned to approve the request for special funding from the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce subject to Bryan Milson inspecting the portion of the foundation coming out from the building to ensure that it will hold the rock facing with no damage to the building. Len Waska seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 12.2007-9 No action was taken on the request from Fayette County Precinct 3 to fence in a portion of the 8th Street right-of-way that is adjacent to their property.

Executive Session – opened at 7:25 pm

As authorized by Section 551.072 and Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, the council may enter into closed or executive session to discuss and act upon the following real property and personnel matters:

- ES12.1-2007.1 Real Property Matter
ES12.1-2007.2 City Manager candidates

Executive Session – closed at 7:35 pm

Deliberation Agenda

- 12.2007-10 No action was taken on the real property matter discussed in executive session.
12.2007-11 No action was taken on the city manager candidates discussion held in executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.



Signed

Jeff M. Hairgrove

Jeff M. Hairgrove
Mayor

Attest

Melissa Brunner

Melissa Brunner, TRMC
City Secretary

Approved this 8th day of January 2008.