

**Minutes
Flatonia City Council
Regular Meeting
December 6, 2006**

Present:

Mayor	Robert Bizzell
Mayor Pro Tem	Carlene Carlock
Councilpersons	Larry Branecky
	Bryan Milson
	Steve Morrill
	Len Waska
City Staff	Robert Wood – City Manager
	Melissa Brunner – City Secretary
	Jack Pavlas – Utility Director
	Greg Robinson – Code Enforcement Officer

Opening Agenda

Call to Order Mayor Bizzell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge

Mayor Pro Tem Carlock gave the invocation and Mayor Bizzell led the pledge.

Citizen's Participation

No one present wished to speak during Citizen's Participation.

Reports

Mayor's Activity Report Mayor Bizzell reported that he and City Manager Wood had spoken to Jimmy Dunham of Dunham Engineers and City Attorney Bill McNeal concerning some of the items brought up about the downtown water tower during the last council meeting. Bizzell reported that Mr. Dunham had stated that he was standing by the 3-5 year time span for the longevity of the downtown water tower. He further stated that the option to repair the tower would cease to be an option during this time period because the condition of the tower would have deteriorated past the point of being able to repair it. City Attorney McNeal recommended that the City follow the recommendations of the engineer.

Council Members' Activity Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Carlock reported that she had been able to ride the George Bush Special from Eagle Lake to Flatonia. She stated that it was very interesting. City Manager

Wood, Martha Tauch and Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Shults also rode with her.

Councilman Milson asked about the broken tiles in front of the museum. He wanted to know who was responsible for the maintenance of the tiles as they were quite broken up and a possible safety hazard.

Police Chief's Report

There was no Police Chief's Report in time for this meeting.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Wood reported that the Utility Truck would be arriving in the next few weeks. He also stated that the bids for the waterline out to the new RV park were due on Friday, December 8th. Wood also reported that an auditor from the HOME program had been here and looked at the paperwork and the homes. We are expecting a report from her any day. Wood also reported that the construction on the new water tower is set to start next week. Wood also reported that the program that had provided the Transportation Enhancement Grants has been stopped.

Wood also reported that he and City Engineer Kruppa met with representatives from the Texas Water Development Board and had been assured that they should hear from them within 2 – 3 weeks concerning the arsenic project.

Planning and Zoning Report

There was nothing to report.

Economic Development Report

The contract for water line extension to the Flatonia RV Park is being reviewed by their attorney and should be ready for signatures soon.

A business has discussed applying for a capitol funds grant for expansion purposes.

Consent Agenda

Larry Branecky motioned to approve the Consent Agenda including the minutes of the November 14, 2006 Regular Meeting and the November 2006 Financial Report. Len Waska seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Public Hearing

Began at 6:30 p.m.

PH12-2006.1 City Manager Wood gave an overview of the proposed area for annexation.

Lonnie Garbade had concerns about the reason to expand the city limits.

Ira Syler had concerns about why his property was part of the consideration and property use if his property is annexed into the city limits.

Roy Richter also had concerns about property use if property he owns is annexed into the city limits and about burning of brush on this property if it is annexed.

Britt Syler questioned the Flatonia Police Department's ability to cover the area proposed for annexation.

Richard Young spoke on behalf of Prototype Machine and assured the Council that the Ring family was not in favor of annexing their property.

Doris Garbade asked who had paved Garbade Lane and Old Hallettsville Road. The City and Fayette county worked together to get the road paved.

Closed at 7:40 p.m.

Council took at break at 7:41 p.m.

Council reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

Deliberation Agenda

- 12-2006.1 No action was taken on the proposed annexation.
- 12-2006.2 Steve Morrill motioned to adopt Resolution #2006-16 in regards to joining the Local Government Purchasing Cooperative. Bryan Milson seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 12-2006.3 Steve Morrill motioned to adopt Resolution #2006-17 in regards to supporting the increased funding for the Texas Recreation and Parks Account and the State Park System. Len Waska seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 12-2006.4 No action was taken on the presentation by the Texas Department of Transportation and the Union Pacific Railroad concerning the railroad crossing at Mill Street because the representatives were not able to attend the meeting.

Executive Session – began at 7:58 p.m.

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:

- ES12-2006.1 Deliberation regarding personnel matters under Texas Government Code, Section 551.074: consider review of the city manager

Deliberation Agenda – reopened at 9:03 p.m.

12-2006.5 No action was taken on the review of the city manager.

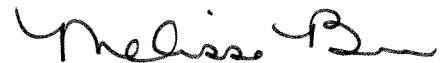
The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Signed



Robert M. Bizzell
Mayor

Attest



Melissa Brunner, TRMC
City Secretary

Approved this 9th day of January, 2007.