

**Minutes  
Flatonia City Council  
Regular Meeting  
November 13, 2007**

**Present:**

**Mayor  
Mayor Pro Tem  
Councilpersons**

Jeff M. Hairgrove  
Carlene Carlock  
Len Waska  
Kathy Collins (via conference call from Canada)  
Jan Lahodny  
Bryan Milson  
Melissa Brunner – City Secretary  
Leonard Cox – Police Chief  
Jack Pavlas – Utility Director  
Gregory Robinson - Code Compliance Officer

**City Staff**

**Opening Agenda**

**Call to Order  
Invocation and Pledge**

Mayor Hairgrove called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.  
Councilperson Lahodny led the invocation and Mayor Hairgrove led the pledge.

**Citizen's Participation**

There were no citizens who wished to participate this evening.

**Reports**

**Mayor's Activity Report**

Mayor Hairgrove reported that the tank at Water Well #10 associated with the arsenic remediation project is almost complete. He further reported that the roof on the Police Department/Municipal Court had been replaced. Hairgrove announced that the Council would be conducting city manager candidate interviews in the evenings of November 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Hairgrove also announced that the council would be having a special meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Hairgrove reported that he had attended a Historic Preservation Program put on by the Texas Leadership Institute within the Lower Colorado River Authority.

**City Council Members' Reports**

Jan Lahodny reported that Paul Prause had approached her about the sidewalks outside the Argus building. She also reported that some of the fire hydrants need to be repainted. Lahodny also asked if there was a schedule to replace stop signs as some of them are looking worn. Lahodny reported

that she had attended several of the classes at the Texas Municipal League Conference and had several ideas that she'd like to see if people in town were interested in.

Carlene Carlock reported that she had also attended several excellent seminars at the Texas Municipal League Conference. She especially enjoyed and got a lot out of the seminar discussing how to choose a city manager for a small city. She also enjoyed the luncheon where Steve Ford spoke.

Len Waska also attended the Texas Municipal League Conference. He also attended the city manager recruitment seminar and brought back the handouts for all of the council. He also attended several other seminars and is hoping to put some of those ideas to work.

Bryan Milson reported that the work had been completed at the Summer House at Oak Hill Cemetery and invited everyone out to check it out. He also reported that he had met with the group he is involved with concerning the comprehensive plan. He will meet with the Planning and Zoning Commission and come back to council in a few months with suggestions.

Police Chief's Report

Police Chief Leonard Cox reported on the activity for the month of October 2007.

City Secretary's Report

City Secretary Brunner reported that she had also attended the Texas Municipal League Conference. She attended a seminar on human resource issues in a small city. She attended the Women in Government Breakfast where they touched on many of the same things that the books she had recently reported on for her certification had also discussed. She also attended a seminar put on by her Texas Municipal Clerks Association regarding the electronic office.

Brunner also reported that the search for an administrative assistant was coming along with interviews in the next week.

Brunner further reported that the TML Region 10 meeting for December will be held in the City of Bee Cave on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and anyone wishing to attend should let her know so she can RSVP to Bee Cave.

Brunner also shared with Council that she had been asked to serve as the Early Voting Ballot Board Judge for the school district's election on November 6<sup>th</sup>. There are some provisional ballots that must be dealt with.

Planning and Zoning Report Nothing to report.

Economic Development There was nothing to report.

Downtown Water Tower Committee

Theresa Wilks reported that she and her committee will meet and will have some recommendations for the December Council meeting.

**Public Hearings – opened at 6:26 p.m.**

PH11-2007.1 Mayor Hairgrove explained that the Planning and Zoning Commission was unable to meet this month due to the lack of a quorum. Therefore, they were unable to make a recommendation on this item. There were no citizens who wished to participate.

PH11-2007.2 Same as item above

PH11-2007.3 Same as item above

**Public Hearing – closed at 6:28 p.m.**

**Consent Agenda**

Jan Lahodny motioned to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2007 Regular City Council meeting. Len Waska seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried. Bryan Milson motioned to accept the October 2007 Financial Report. Carlene Carlock seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

**Deliberation Agenda**

- 11.2007-1. Bryan Milson motioned to accept the report from the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce and the EA Arnim Museum and Archives on activities facilitated by the hotel occupancy tax monies. Carlene Carlock seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 11.2007-2. No action was taken on the request from Maria and Roberto Palomera to amend the zoning ordinance.
- 11.2007-3. No action was taken on the request from Maria and Roberto Palomera for a conditional use permit.
- 11.2007-4. No action was taken on the zoning change for a portion of Colorado Street.
- 11.2007-5. Kathy Collins motioned to adopt ordinance #426 in reference to noise within the Flatonia city limits. Bryan Milson seconded the motion.

Kathy Collins motioned to adopt ordinance #426 as amended in reference to noise within the Flatonia city limits. Len Waska seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

- 11.2007-6. No action was taken on the possible sale of city owned house located at 1011 E US Hwy 90.
- 11.2007-7. Len Waska motioned to pass on leasing the Columbus Eye Associate building. Bryan Milson seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 11.2007-8. Jan Lahodny motioned to approve the request to paint the concrete under the pavilion at the City Park with Jan Lahodny Sports Services donating the money for the paint. Bryan Milson seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

**Executive Session – opened at 7:15 p.m.**

As authorized by Section 551.071, and 551.086 Texas Government Code, the council may enter into closed or executive session to discuss and act upon the following legal matter and competitive electric matter.

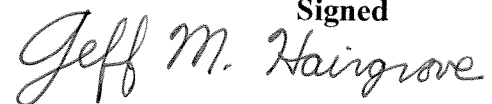
- ES11-2007.1 Consultation with attorney concerning compensation of former city manager.
- ES11-2007.2 Consider and take appropriate action on the Lower Colorado River Authority 2008 Wholesale Energy Pricing selection.

**Executive Session – closed at 7:40 p.m.**

- 11.2007-9. Bryan Milson motioned that the city attorney be authorized to take such action as may be necessary or appropriate to address any and all claims pending or arising from or regarding the compensation of the former City Manager, Robert Wood, as discussed in executive session. Len Waska seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 11.2007-10. Mayor Hairgrove stated that the City of Flatonia is continuing its relationship with the Lower Colorado River Authority in relation to the purchase of electricity.


**The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.**

**Signed**



Jeff M. Hairgrove  
Mayor

**Attest**



Melissa Brunner, TRMC  
City Secretary

Approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007.