

**Minutes
Flatonia City Council
Regular Meeting
November 14, 2006**

Present:

Mayor	Robert Bizzell
Mayor Pro Tem	Carlene Carlock
Councilpersons	Larry Branecky 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 Bizzell gave the invocation and led the pledge.

Citizen's Participation

Ervan Zouzalik represented the EA Arnim Archives and Museum Board of Directors in their support for saving the downtown water tower.

Kathryn Geesaman gave an update on the fundraising for the downtown water tower.

Michael Branecky asked questions about the status of the review of the floodplain maps. Mr. Branecky also asked if the large bulb Christmas lights that are on the downtown buildings could be left on all year round.

Dennis Geesaman spoke concerning saving the downtown water tower.

Jan Lahodny also spoke concerning saving the downtown water tower.

Rafael Aguilar spoke about the conditional use permit that is to be discussed later. He is involved in the business and asked that the permit be granted.

Ramon Soto also spoke about the conditional use permit and asked that it be granted.

Reports

Mayor's Activity Report

Mayor Bizzell reported that the Flatonia Varsity Lady Bulldog Volleyball team has made it to the State finals and commended them for their efforts. Bizzell also thanked Commissioner Kubecka for paving Garbade Lane. Bizzell also shared a letter and check that he'd received from a woman who had locked her keys in her car at Czihilspiel and the Officer Young helped out. The \$25 check will be given to the Ministerial Alliance to help them in their efforts. Bizzell also stated that he and City Manager Wood had attended a meeting of the 110 mayors and city managers to discuss common problems and try to come up with some solutions. Bizzell also shared that members of the Flatonia Historical Commission will be attending a session put on by the Lower Colorado River Authority that will assist them in the formation and running of the commission.

Council Members' Activity Reports

Councilmember Waska reported on the information he'd received from the Texas Municipal League Conference that talks about making your city a destination city. He also said that he'd attended the Texas Colorado River Floodplain Coalition meeting.

Councilmember Carlock reported that she had also attended the session on making your city a destination city and would be trying to implement these ideas.

Police Chief's Report

Councilman Waska read the report for September 2006 from Chief Cox. Chief Cox was not at the meeting.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Wood reported that City Engineer Kruppa had completed a Request for Proposals for the new system and it is currently with the Texas Water Development Board and the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality for review.

Wood also reported that the City had been awarded a grant of \$30,000 from the State to renovate the downtown water tower.

Wood reported that the first pieces of the new water tower were beginning to arrive.

Wood lastly reported that the Union Pacific Safety Train is coming to Flatonia. Some Flatonia citizens would be catching it in Eagle Lake and riding it on to Flatonia.

Planning and Zoning Report There was nothing apart from agenda items to report.

Economic Development Report
There was nothing to report.

Consent Agenda

Carlene Carlock motioned to approve the Consent Agenda including the minutes of the October 10, 2006 Regular Meeting and the October 2006 Financial Report. Len Waska seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Public Hearing *Began at 6:40 p.m.*

PH11-2006.1 City Manager Wood reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission had recommended the Council approve the Conditional Use Permit for Ramon Soto Mendiola to operate an automotive service center at 312 E. North Main Street. Wood also reported that there were some parking issues that would need to be worked out by the landowner because it affects several businesses on his property.

Closed at 6:43 p.m.

Deliberation Agenda

- 11-2006.1 Len Waska motioned to approve the request for a conditional use permit from Ramon Soto Mendiola, waiving the parking setback requirements and with the stipulation that the property owner has 60 days to put up signage to help with the parking problem. Larry Braneky seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 11-2006.2 Len Waska motioned to authorize Mayor Bizzell to sign the contract for services and service extension for water and wastewater to the Flatonia RV Ranch. Larry Braneky seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 11-2006.3 Carlene Carlock motioned to award the bid for the purchase of a new vehicle for the Utility Department to Leif Johnson Ford at a price of \$29,887. Larry Braneky seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 11-2006.4 Len Waska motioned to award the bid for the purchase of a new backhoe to RDO Equipment at a price of \$68,212.95. Carlene Carlock seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 11-2006.5 Len Waska motioned to award the audit process to Goldman, Hunt and Notz, LLC for a one year period at a price of \$9300 for the audit with \$1900 set up fees and a cost of \$2200 for any additional single audits. Carlene Carlock seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

- 11-2006.6 Larry Branecky motioned to proceed with the preliminary work for the survey work for the new floodplain study. Len Waska seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 11-2006.7 Carlene Carlock motioned to adopt Resolution #2006-15 setting the public hearing dates for the proposed annexation as December 6, 2006 and December 8, 2006. Len Waska seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Executive Session – began at 8:30 p.m.

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

- ES11-2006.1 Council considered the Lower Colorado River Authority Price Select 2007 contract and the related documents.

Deliberation Agenda – reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

- 11-2006.8 Mayor Bizzell stated that the City had opted to continue its contract with the LCRA through the Price Select 2007 contract.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41p.m.

Signed



Robert M. Bizzell
Mayor

Attest



Melissa Brunner, TRMC
City Secretary

Approved this 6th day of December, 2006.