

**Minutes
Flatonia City Council
Regular Meeting
October 10, 2006**

Present:

**Mayor Pro Tem
Councilpersons**

Carlene Carlock
Larry Branecky
Bryan Milson
Steve Morrill
Len Waska

City Staff

Robert Wood – City Manager
Melissa Brunner – City Secretary
Leonard Cox – Police Chief
Greg Robinson – Code Enforcement Officer

Opening Agenda

Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Carlock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge

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

Citizen's Participation

Kathryn Geesaman gave an update on the fundraising for the downtown water tower. Mrs. Geesaman also spoke of her concerns about the new floodplain maps.

Angeline Boehnke spoke about the importance of not allowing the railroad crossing at the end of Mill Street to be closed.

Michael Branecky spoke about his concerns with the closing of the Mill Street railroad crossing and the new floodplain maps.

Ervan Zouzalik also expressed his concerns about the new floodplain maps.

Sam Migl expressed his concerns about the new floodplain maps.

Michael Steinhauser expressed his concerns about the new floodplain maps.

Jeff Steinhauser spoke about the proposed Mill Street railroad crossing closure also. He is not opposed to the closure.

David Fike expressed his concerns about the new floodplain maps.

Edwin Zapalac also expressed his concerns about the new floodplain maps.

Reports

Mayor's Activity Report Mayor Bizzell was not able to be at the meeting, therefore, no report.

Council Members' Activity Reports

None of the Councilmembers had anything they wished to report.

Police Chief's Report Chief Cox reported on the activity during the month of September 2006.

City Manager's Report City Manager Wood did not have anything separate from the agenda to report.

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

Economic Development Report

There was nothing to report.

Consent Agenda

Steve Morrill motioned to approve the Consent Agenda including the minutes of the August 22, 2006 Special Meeting, the September 12, 2006 Regular Meeting and the September 2006 Financial Report. Len Waska seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Public Hearing *Began at 6:31 p.m.*

PH102006.1 Jerry Weir spoke in opposition to the request from J&P Paving (James Farek) for the rezoning of the property he is purchasing on 10th Street [Block FRC of 3 of the Baca Addition (401)]. The property is currently zoned R2: Medium Density Residential. The request is for the property to be rezoned as GC: General Commercial. City Manager Wood reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission had made motions to recommend approval and denial and both had died for lack of a second.

PH102006.2 City Manager Wood reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission had not taken action on the request to amend the zoning ordinance concerning the allowed uses in the General Commercial 1 zoning classification.

PH102006.3 City Manager Wood reported that Texas Department of Transportation was going to have to upgrade the railroad crossing at Mill Street. This will cost TXDOT approximately \$170,000. They have offered \$150,000 for street improvements to the City of Flatonia if the City will allow for the closure of this street. Flatonia Police Chief Leonard Cox and Tommy Shults both offered arguments for closing the crossing and street. Michael Branecky, Angeline Boehnke, Ervan Zouzalik and Edwin Zapalac spoke in opposition to the closing.

Closed at 6:40 p.m.

Deliberation Agenda

10-2006.1 Steve Morrill motioned to deny the request for rezoning by J&P Paving. Bryan Milson seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

10-2006.2 No action was taken on the ordinance concerning the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance concerning allowed uses in General Commercial 1 zoning classification.

10-2006.3 Flatonia Chamber of Commerce President Sandy Meyerson gave the report on the expenditures from the Hotel Occupancy Tax revenue. Len Waska motioned to accept the report from the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce on the expenditures from the hotel occupancy tax. Steve Morrill seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

10-2006.4 Steve Morrill motioned to award the bid for a new pumper truck for the Flatonia Volunteer Fire Department to Dooley Tackaberry at a price of \$172,198. Len Waska seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

10-2006.5 Steve Morrill motioned to award the bid for a new police car for the Flatonia Police Department to Chuck Brown Ford at a price of \$19,410.25. Bryan Milson seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

10-2006.6 Steve Morrill motioned to adopt Ordinance #408 concerning flood damage prevention. Bryan Milson seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried. Councilmen Morrill and Milson also asked City Manager Wood to look into having an engineer come and look at the area to see if any changes could be made to the map and come back with some information on this at the next meeting.

10-2006.7 Steve Morrill motioned to inform Texas Department of Transportation that we are not interested in closing the Mill Street railroad crossing. Bryan Milson seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

10-2006.8 City Manager Wood informed Council that the City was sending out requests for proposals for the auditor services. He feels that the auditor who has been performing our audits is fine, it is just time for someone new to look at the numbers also.

No action was taken on the selection process for auditor to conduct the annual audit.

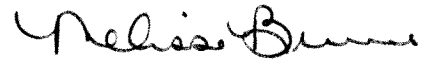
The meeting was adjourned at 8:03p.m.

Signed



Robert M. Bizzell
Mayor

Attest



Melissa Brunner, TRMC
City Secretary

Approved this 14th day of November, 2006.