

Minutes
Flatonia City Council
Regular Meeting
October 9, 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

Mayor Hairgrove called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Mayor Pro Tem Carlock led the invocation and Mayor Hairgrove led the pledge.

Citizen's Participation

Katy Horn reported that the old railroad depot had been disassembled and removed. She also asked if the insurance money remaining would be available for rebuilding. The historic architectural features have been saved and are being kept for a possible new building at a later date.

Reports

Mayor's Activity Report

Mayor Hairgrove reported that a nursery distribution center is under construction on Hwy 90 between Schulenburg and Flatonia. This center will distribute perennial plants to big box stores. This center will provide approximately 15 jobs during the off season and 40 jobs during the peak season.

Hairgrove further reported that the bid for the Roof at the Police/Municipal Court/Code Enforcement building had been awarded to La Grange Roofing.

Hairgrove further reported that the City was operating without a city manager with the help of the city staff. Resumes are being accepted and each councilmember is asked to go through the resumes and give their impressions and state if they'd like to interview them.

City Council Members' Reports

Councilman Milson reported that the Zoning and Comprehensive Plan Committee had met and noted a few potential problem areas. They are planning on meeting again on October 16th at 6 p.m. After that meeting, they will go to the Planning and Zoning Committee to follow the correct process.

Councilperson Carlock reported that she is looking forward to the Texas Municipal League Conference where she is planning on attending several educational sessions that will assist the City in future endeavors.

Councilperson Lahodny thanked Utility Director Pavlas for taking her around to see about some issues that had been brought to her attention. Lahodny further stated that she had some concerns about the hiring process for a new city manager. She is looking forward to attending the Texas Municipal League Conference in order to network and hopefully speak to potential city manager candidates.

Len Waska had nothing to report.

Kathy Collins discussed her reasons for not attending the Texas Municipal League Conference. She then said that she'd had a few citizens call with high water bill issues. These have been addressed. She further stated that she'd received some compliments on her article in the Argus. Collins also reported that after much thought, she'd decided that this probably is not a good time to look at an economic development corporation for the City of Flatonia.

Police Chief's Report

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

City Secretary's Report

City Secretary Brunner reported that the City had received nineteen resumes from people interested in the city manager position. Brunner also reported that the City has received four applications at this time for the administrative assistant position. Brunner further reported that the City was working on getting the balanced billing available for utility customers. There will be information in the paper when the bugs are worked out and it is available to all customers. Brunner gave a brief overview of what

balanced billing is. Brunner also gave a brief report on the TML Region 10 meeting that the City hosted. Brunner also reported that she had been asked to serve on the Open Records Steering Committee with the Attorney General for the Texas Municipal Clerks Association. The appointment will come from the Attorney General.

Planning and Zoning Report Nothing to report.

Economic Development Kathy Collins reported that she had spoken to a representative who had scouted the area several years ago for a Wal Mart distribution center. She stated that the large distribution centers were keeping our area in mind for a possible new center in the future.

Downtown Water Tower Committee

Teri Wilks presented a portion of the report done by Dunham Engineering that shows that the structure of the downtown water tower was still sound. She reported that there was someone checking on insurance for the water tower. She is hoping to be able to have a meeting with the committee before the next meeting and have a recommendation on the disposition of the downtown water tower.

Consent Agenda

Kathy Collins motioned to approve the consent agenda, including the minutes of the September 11, 2007, Regular Meeting and the September 2007 Financial Report. Carlene Carlock seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Deliberation Agenda

- 10.2007-1 Kathy Collins motioned to adopt the ordinance setting the rules for Oak Hill Cemetery South. Bryan Milson seconded the motion. Jan Lahodny abstained. Motion carried.
- 10.2007-2 Kathy Collins motioned to authorize Mayor Hairgrove to sign the contract with Fayette Appraisal District. Carlene Carlock seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 10.2007-3 No action was taken on the noise ordinance.
- 10.2007-4 Bryan motioned to adopt the ordinance concerning pet control. Carlene Carlock seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 10.2007-5 Carlene Carlock motioned to approve the pole sites for the WebCam project that the Flatonia Rail Park is considering. Bryan Milson seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

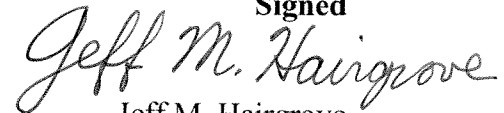
- 10.2007-6 No action was taken on the request from former city manager Irvin to rent the park house for one month because Mr. Irvin has moved out of the house and out of town.
- 10.2007-7 No action was taken on the possible sale of the city owned house located at 1011 E. US Hwy 90.
- 10.2007-8 Jan Lahodny motioned to authorize Mayor Hairgrove to appoint a small committee of 3-4 people to investigate the best way to situate City personnel offices and get report back to Council. Carlene Carlock seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- Mayor Hairgrove appointed Bryan Milson, Carlene Carlock and Jack Pavlas to serve on above mentioned committee.
- 10.2007-9 Bryan Milson motioned to authorize Flatonia Code Enforcement Officer Robinson to begin the process to rezone a portion of Colorado Street. Len Waska seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 10.2007-10 Len Waska motioned to appoint Kathy Collins to serve as the City of Flatonia's representative on the Fayette County Airport Advisory Committee. Carlene Carlock seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Executive Session

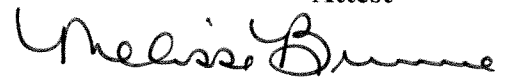
Council did not adjourn to executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Signed


Jeff M. Hairgrove
Mayor

Attest


Melissa Brunner, TRMC
City Secretary

Approved this 13th day of November, 2007.