

**Minutes
Flatonia City Council
Regular Meeting
April 14, 2015**

Present:

Mayor	Bryan Milson
Councilpersons	Ed Hulsey Dennis Geesaman Ginny Sears Catherine Steinhauser
City Staff	Scott Dixon - City Manager Melissa Brunner – City Secretary Mike Noak – Police Chief Gregory Robinson – Code Compliance Officer

Opening Agenda

Mayor Milson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
City Manager Scott Dixon led the invocation
Mayor Milson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

Citizen's Participation

Vincent Ramirez of the Flatonia Little League reported on the improvements that have been done at the Little League Field and shared some of the plans that they have for the future. He asked if it might be possible to get some in kind help in the future with different project. He will get with staff to coordinate in kind assistance.

Reports

The March 2015 Police Activity Report and March 2015 Code Compliance Activity Report were presented to Council in their agenda packets by Chief Noak. Noak reported to Council that the patrol car that was damaged in an altercation while on duty that is driven by Officer Krieg has been repaired by her father without expectation of anything, just because he wanted to. Noak also reported on several issues that he is dealing with in regards to code compliance in regards to yards that need to be mowed. He brought some concerns to Council regarding lots that are very overgrown and that will probably need more than just to be mowed. He is looking for direction from Council on how to handle those, especially those that will take some time to clean up. Council discussed this and gave recommendations to staff to implement. Noak also reported that Officer Elizabeth

Krieg has recently completed the requirements to have her Intermediate Peace Officer certification. He also reported on officers also who were working towards higher Peace Officer Certifications. City Manager Dixon also reported that Lieutenant Rudloff had worked with Union Pacific on a break in the track that could have led to disastrous results. He commended Rudloff on his actions.

City Secretary Brunner reported to Council that the last day to file for a place on the Flatonia Municipal Election ballot was February 27, 2015. She reported that the incumbents were the only people to file for a place on the ballot, as such, there is an action item further on the agenda to cancel the May 9, 2015 Flatonia Municipal Election.

City Manager Dixon reported that the Utility Deposit Refunds were being processed and the first checks should be going out shortly. He further reported on the LCRA Steps Forward Day, City Update newsletter to go in utility bills, Budgeted Revenues, Building Inspection Fees, HB 1418, Tech Sector Jobs, Water Line Projects, I-10 Annual Meeting, Rotary Golf Tournament, City Hall Remodel, SB 324 & HB 645 street projects and a Regional Utility Collaboration. City Manager Dixon also invited Greg Hallmark and Lisa Pomeroy from Bureau Veritas to speak concerning the services that Bureau Veritas provides.

Public Hearing – opened at 7:02 pm

PH4-2015.1 Public hearing on the request from Jorge Gutierrez for a variance to reduce the 7th Street front yard setback from twenty-five (25) feet to ten (10) feet, the Tom Green Street side yard setback from twenty-five (25) feet to five (5), and an exemption from the vision Clearance requirement for the following property: PID 55390, 614 W USH 90. This request has been submitted in order to install a new double-wide manufactured home and a small storage building.

There were no comments from the public on this item.

Closed at 7:05 pm

Consent Agenda

Dennis Geesaman motioned to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2015 as amended and the March 4, 2015 Special Meeting. Catherine Steinhauser seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Deliberation Agenda

4-2015.1. Dennis Geesaman motioned to approve the variance request from Jorge Gutierrez to reduce the 7th Street front yard setback from twenty-five (25) feet to ten (10) feet, the Tom Green Street side yard setback from twenty-five (25) feet to five (5), and an exemption from the vision Clearance requirement for the following property: PID 55390, 614 W USH 90. Ed Hulsey seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

- 4-2015.2. Ginny Sears motioned to approve the ordinance closing the undeveloped alleyway located in Block 31 and portion of E 11th Street running east and west between N. Penn St. and N. Market St. Dennis Geesaman seconded the motion. Catherine Steinhauser abstained as this is her neighbor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 4-2015.3. No action was taken on authorizing staff to publish a request for bids for an electric rate study.

Executive Session – opened at 7:16 pm

ES4-2015.1 As authorized by Texas Government Code Sec. 551.074, Personnel Matters:

City Manager evaluation

ES4-2015.2 As authorized by Texas Government Code Sec. 551.071, Consultation with attorney

To seek advice regarding leases of City property for oil and gas production, including amendments to and renewals of prior leases relating to .821 acres of land, more or less, situated in the Miguel Muldoon League No. 14 A-76, Fayette County, Texas and being described as Tract No. 128 in that certain Designation of Unit for the Flatonia Townsite Unit dated January 5, 2015 and recorded in Volume 1727, Page 145 of the Official Deed Records of Fayette County, Texas, as requested by Sabine River Energy LLC, and authorizing Mayor to execute such lease and a memorandum.

Closed at 8:05 pm

Deliberation Agenda

- 4-2015.4. No action was taken on the city manager evaluation
- 4-2015.5. Dennis Geesaman motioned to authorize Mayor Milson to execute the lease and a memorandum regarding the oil and gas lease relating to .821 acres of land, more or less, situated in the Miguel Muldoon League No. 14 A-76, Fayette County, Texas and being described as Tract No. 128 in that certain Designation of Unit for the Flatonia Townsite Unit dated January 5, 2015 and recorded in Volume 1727, Page 145 of the Official Deed Records of Fayette County, Texas, as requested by Sabine River Energy LLC. Catherine Steinhauser seconded the motion None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Signed


**Bryan Milson
Mayor**

Approved this 14th day of April, 2015



Attest


**Melissa Brunner, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary**