

**Minutes
Flatonia City Council
Special Meeting
June 2, 2015**

Present:

Mayor	Bryan Milson
Councilpersons	Mark Eversole Ed Hulsey Dennis Geesaman Ginny Sears Catherine Steinhauser
City Staff	Scott Dixon - City Manager Melissa Brunner – City Secretary Angela Beck – City Attorney Jack Pavlas – Utility Director Mike Noak – Police Chief

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

Kathryn Geesaman spoke in opposition to the establishment of minimum standards for hotel and lodging businesses.

Alfred Dierschke spoke concerning the flooding issues on 9th Street.

Reports

The April 2015 Police Activity Report was presented to Council in the agenda packets by Chief Mike Noak. Noak further reported that the new laptops had not arrived as of yet. Noak further discussed several code enforcement issues in regards to weedy lots. He also discussed the process of putting a lien on property and the process for doing so.

The Building Permit Reports for March and April were presented to Council in the agenda packets by Code Compliance Officer Gregory Robinson.

Utility Director Jack Pavlas reported on the water tank projects currently going on (Southside tank and East Tank). Both are moving along and should be back in service in the next month to six weeks. Pavlas further reported that the lightning storm that Flatonia experienced on May 18th caused some issues with the Eastern most well as it was struck by lightning or lightning struck close by and caused some major issues. They have now been resolved.

City Manager Scott Dixon Report

Dixon reported that there are some issues with code enforcement that staff is working through.

Dixon also reported that the title of Reserve Sergeant had been given to _____, one of our reserve officers. He also reported the Officer Liz Krieg had been promoted to the rank of Corporal and will be in a supervisory role.

Dixon further reported that the new City website was up and running. Staff will be adding content to the site.

Dixon reported that the testing of the Emergency Siren had gone well. The test shows that there are areas of town where the siren cannot be adequately heard. He is looking into ways to improve it.

Dixon stated that there was a new letter in the packet that addresses two primary concerns with the Flatonia stop.

Dixon shared that he had contacted the County to see what they would be able to help out with on the street project and when they'd be able to help. He is waiting for word back.

Dixon shared that information on the Regional Airport meeting was in the packet.

Dixon reported that the City did not receive the planning grant that we had applied for.

Dixon discussed the possibility of taking a water line out to Whispering Hills on FM 609.

Consent Agenda

Dennis Geesaman motioned to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2015 Regular Meeting. Catherine Steinhauser seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Deliberation Agenda

6-2015.1. City Secretary Melissa Brunner swore in Councilmembers Catherine Steinhauser,

- Dennis Geesaman and Ginny Sears.
- 6-2015.2. Catherine Steinhauser motioned to appoint Brad Cosson, William “Red” Richter and Steve Morrill to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term starting June of 2015 through May of 2017. Dennis Geesaman seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 6-2015.3. No action was taken on the discussion pertaining to the Solid Waste Services Survey.
- 6-2015.4. No action was taken on the discussion pertaining to establishing minimum standards for hotel and lodging businesses in the City of Flatonia.
- 6-2015.5. No action was taken on the discussion pertaining to animal control services and procedures for City Staff.
- 6-2015.6. No action was taken on the discussion pertaining to the FY 2015-2016 Budget Planning Calendar.
- 6-2015.7. No action was taken on the discussion pertaining to a waterline extension to Whispering Hills.
- 6-2015.8. Catherine Steinhauser motioned to dissolve the current comprehensive planning committee and assign and re-appoint Annie Pustejovsky, Jim Murphy, Dennis Geesaman, Ginny Sears, Brad Bass, Teri Wilks, Mark Eversole and Len Waska to the City of Flatonia Economic Development Committee. Mark Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Executive Session – opened at 6:50 pm

- ES6-2015.1 As authorized by Texas Government Code Sec. 551.086 deliberation regarding competitive electric matters:

Discuss competitive electric rate re-structure

- ES6-2015.2 As authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultations with Attorney, and Section 551.072, Deliberations about Real Property:

To seek advice regarding proposed amendment to lease of City property for oil and gas production relating to nine tracts of land comprising 35.31351 acres of land, more or less, said nine tracts of land being situated in the W. A. Faires Survey, A-180, and the M. Muldoon Survey, A-76, Fayette County, Texas, thereby extending the primary term of that certain oil, gas and mineral leased in which 35.3351 acres are currently leased to Sabine River Energy, LLC, as successor to Southern Bay Energy, LLC, from three (3) years to five (5) years, which 35.3351 acres are more particularly described in that Memorandum of Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease recorded in Volume 1614, Page 219, Official Records of Fayette County, Texas, as requested by Sabine River Energy LLC, and authorizing Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Amendment of Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease.

ES6-2015.3 As authorized by Texas Government Code Sec. 551.087 deliberation regarding economic development negotiations:

To extend certain economic incentives for the purposes of facilitating development within the City Limits of Flatonia, Texas to Acorn Seekers, LLC

ES6-2015.4 As authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultations with Attorney, and Section 551.072, Deliberations about Real Property:

To authorize the City Manager to purchase real property for the purposes of facilitating development within the City Limits of Flatonia, Texas to Acorn Seekers, LLC.

Closed at 7:35 pm

Deliberation Agenda

6-2015.9 No action was taken on the competitive electric rater restructure.

6-2015.10 Catherine Steinhauser motioned to approve the amendment to the oil, gas and mineral lease covering nine (9) tracts of land in comprising 35.31351 acres of land, more or less, said nine tracts of land being situated in the W. A. Faires Survey, A-180, and the M. Muldoon Survey, A-76, Fayette County, Texas, thereby extending the primary term of that certain oil, gas and mineral lease in which 35.3351 acres are currently leased to Sabine River Energy, LLC, as successor to Southern Bay Energy, LLC, from three (3) years to five (5) years, which 35.3351 acres are more particularly described in that Memorandum of Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease recorded in Volume 1614, Page 219, Official Records of Fayette County, Texas, as requested by Sabine River Energy LLC, and to authorize the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Amendment of Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease, under the terms discussed in executive session. Mark Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

6-2015.11 No action was taken on extending certain economic incentives for the purposes of facilitating development within the city limits of Flatonia, Texas to Acorn Seekers, LLC.

6-2015.12 Dennis Geesaman motioned to authorize the city manager to explore the potential purchase of real property in Fayette County to be used as an economic incentive for the purposes of facilitating development for the City of Flatonia and for other municipal purposes and to pursue such other necessary action to accomplish same. Ed Hulsey seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Signed

Bryan Milson

Approved this 14th day of July, 2015


Mayor

Attest


Melissa Brunner, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

