

**Minutes**  
**Flatonia City Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 14, 2017**

**Present:**

**Mayor**  
**Councilpersons**

Bryan Milson  
Catherine Steinhauser  
Dennis Geesaman  
Ginny Sears  
Donna Cockrell  
Mark Eversole

**City Staff**

Mark McLaughlin – City Manager  
Melissa Brunner – City Secretary  
Angela Beck – City Attorney  
Gregory Robinson – Code Compliance Officer  
Jack Pavlas – Utility Director  
Troy Rudloff – Interim Police Chief  
Perry Kram – Police Chief

Mayor Milson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Reports**

Police Chief Report

Interim Chief Rudloff did not have anything separate from the report presented to report.

City Manager Report

City Manager McLaughlin reported that the new city limits map was in process. The City must adopt the new city limits map by ordinance in order for the annexation to be completely formalized. McLaughlin also reported that the dates have been set for the citywide Spring Clean Up, limbs starting on Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup> and solid waste beginning Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. He also reported that Decoration Day will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> out at Oak Hill Cemetery.

Historic District Report

Judy Pate gave an update on the status of the Historic District. She showed Council some ideas of different ways the historic district can be identified when visitors come through town. Mrs. Pate was also presented with a key to the city from Mayor Bryan Milson, the first key to the city presented from the City.

AMTRAK Report

Mark Eversole reported that negotiations between AMTRAK and Union Pacific were underway as to when and how AMTRAK will stop in Flatonia.

**Public Hearing – opened at 6:23 p.m.**

PH3-2017.1

Public Hearing n regards to the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TXCDBG) Program Planning Capacity Fund application to the Texas Department of Agriculture – Office of Rural Affairs

Public Hearing closed at 6:25 p.m.

**Consent Agenda**

Dennis Geesaman motioned to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2017 Regular Meeting and the Hotel Occupancy Tax Expenditure Reports from the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce. Mark Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

**Deliberation Agenda**

- 3-2017.1. Judy Pate gave a report to the Council regarding an opportunity that she had been approached with that would allow for a book about a portion of Flatonia’s history to be published. She asked if the City would be able to assist in getting these books printed. Ginny Sears moved to approve the expenditure of a portion of the City’s portion of the Hotel Occupancy Tax funds to purchase copies of a book on the history of Flatonia. Catherine Steinhauser seconded the motion. None opposed.
- 3-2017.2. Dennis Geesaman motioned to appoint Annie Pustejovsky, Ellene Williamson and Julia Webster to serve on the Flatonia Housing Authority Board of Directors. Catherine Steinhauser seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 3-2017.3. Ginny Sears motioned to accept the FY 2016 Audit as presented by Jamie Notz of Goldman, Hunt and Notz, LLC. Catherine Steinhauser seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 3-2017.4. Catherine Steinhauser motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing the submission of an application for the 2017 TxCDBG Planning Capacity Building Fund competition. Donna Cockrell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 3-2017.7. The order of the next two items were changed. Ginny Sears motioned to adopt the ordinance clarifying the wording on the Special Election for reallocation of the City of Flatonia’s portion of Sales Tax collected. Catherine Steinhauser seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 3-2017.5. Donna Cockrell moved to cancel the City of Flatonia May 6, 2017 General Election for three council members and declare Dennis Geesaman, Ginny Sears and Catherine Steinhauser elected as councilmembers for a term ending in May of 2019. Mark Eversole seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 3-2017.6. No action was taken regarding the discussion of budgetary options in regards to the reallocation of the City’s portion of sales tax collected within the Flatonia city limits.

- 3-2017.8. Dennis Geesaman moved to adopt the ordinance amending Chapter 14, Exhibit A, Article 4, Section 3 – Height, Yard and Area Requirements in regards to fencing. Donna Cockrell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 3-2017.9. No action was taken on discussion of the City’s webpage.

**Executive Session opened at 7:31 p.m.**

Executive Session

- ES3-2017.1 As authorized by Texas Government Code Sec. 551.087 Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations:  
380 agreement with AMK Properties, LLC.
- ES3-2017.2 As authorized by Texas Government Code Sec. 551.086 deliberation regarding Certain Public Power Utilities: Competitive Matters  
LCRA rates and Business Plan for 2018 and beyond

**Closed at 7:56 p.m.**

**Deliberation Agenda**

- 3-2017.10. Dennis Geesaman moved to authorize the city manager to negotiate the 380 Economic Development Agreement between the City of Flatonia and AMK Properties, LLC, as presented in Executive Session. Ginny Sears seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 3-2017.11 No action was taken on LCRA Rates and Business Plan for 2018 and beyond.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.**

Approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017

**Signed**  
  
Bryan Milson  
Mayor

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

