

**Minutes
Flatonia City Council
Regular Meeting
December 14, 2004**

Present:

Mayor	Lori Berger
Mayor Pro Tem	Carlene Carlock
Councilpersons	Robert Bizzell Larry Branecky Steve Morrill Len Waska
City Staff	Robert Wood – City Manager Melissa Brunner – City Secretary Leonard Cox – Police Chief

Opening Agenda:

Call to Order Mayor Berger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge

Mayor Berger led the pledge. Councilman Branceky led the prayer.

Citizen's Participation

There were no citizens present to participate.

Reports:

Mayor's Activity Report

Mayor Berger commended the Flatonia Volunteer Fire Department and the Flatonia Police Department for their work on November 22nd when I-10 was shut down due to flooding. John Adams with Cebridge Connections spoke concerning the cable service. Channel 4 is still giving problems. A new part is needed that he will be able to purchase in the next budget and should be in mid-January. He also spoke of a line that had burned through and caused some problems. He is having an electrician come in and look at the building because of some power surges that they are experiencing. He had no answers for the people that had questions about new service options and programming. He is trying to get that information from the people in charge of that. City Manager Wood asked Mr. Adams to get his cables moved to the new poles on HWY 90. He stated that he'd get his crew on that as soon as possible. Councilman Bizzell asked about digital programming. Mr. Adams stated that at

this time, the equipment needed will not fit into the building that they have. He will get more information on a possible new type of digital and get back to us. Mayor Berger asked if there were any grants that could be applied for to assist in rural areas. Berger also stated that the scoring for the ORCA grants will probably be at the end of February or the beginning of March. This is the grant with which we are hoping to replace the water tower downtown.

Council Members' Activity Reports

Councilman Morrill reiterated the commendation of the police department for the night of the flooding. He further commended Officer Noak for seeing a fire in its early stages and reporting it, therefore keeping more damage from being done. Councilman Bizzell reported that the account through the Lion's Club for assisting persons with the HOME Program Grant had been set up through State Bank.

Police Chief's Report Chief Cox presented the activity report for the month of November 2004. He further reported that Frederico Lomas had been retained as a Reserve Officer. He further reported that the two juveniles responsible for the vandalism of the churches and other vandalism in Flatonia had been convicted. Reward money, \$650 from Crimestoppers, \$500 from Allen Weiss and \$1000 from the City will be awarded.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Wood reported that the Sales Tax numbers are up by approximately 22% for this calendar year from last year. Wood further reported that the Association of Mayors and City Council member's conference is in February. The legislative update is held on the last day and can be signed up for separately from the whole conference. Wood also announced an invitation to a "Big Dam Celebration" from the LCRA. Wood also let the members know that there may be a meeting on January 6th to meet with the representatives concerning the broadband over power lines.

Planning and Zoning Commission Report

There was nothing to report this month.

Economic Development

There was nothing separate from the agenda to report.

Consent Agenda

Steve Morrill motioned to approve the consent agenda including the Minutes from November 9, 2004 and November 23, 2004 and the November 2004 Financial Report. Carlene Carlock seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Deliberation Agenda

- 12-1. Bill Horn, President of the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce, presented the report from the Chamber of Commerce. Len Waska motioned to accept the report from the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce in regards to the expenditure of Hotel Occupancy Tax funds. Steve Morrill seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 12-2. Larry Branecky motioned to renew the contract with Colorado Fayette Medical Center for the lease of antenna space on the City of Flatonia Water Tower, leaving the monthly rate at \$75.00. Bob Bizzell seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried. Mr. Jim Robinson and Mr. Rogers of Colorado Fayette Medical Center were present for questions. Mr. Robinson reported that at this time, there are no plans to close down the clinic in Flatonia.
- 12-3. Steve Morrill motioned to confirm David Vire as the Fire Chief for the Flatonia Volunteer Fire Department. Len Waska seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Executive Session

opened 6:45 p.m.

- ES12-1. The City Council may meet in Executive Session as authorized by Section 551.072, Texas Government Code; deliberation regarding real property matters.
- ES12-2. The City Council may meet in Executive Session as authorized by Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, to discuss personnel matters: Review of the Police Chief.

closed 8:25 p.m.

Deliberation Agenda

re-opened at 8:26 p.m.

- 12-4. Bob Bizzell motioned that the extension of the current employment agreement with Police Chief Leonard Cox be held in abeyance until discussions are completed that would resolve current issues in existing employment agreement to assure that the maximum benefit is achieved for the citizens of Flatonia. Steve Morrill seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 12-5. No action was taken on real property matters.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Signed

Lori Berger
Mayor

Attest

Melissa Brunner, TRMC
City Secretary

Approved this 11th day of January, 2005.