

**Minutes  
Flatonia City Council  
Regular Meeting  
February 8, 2005**

**Present:**

<b>Mayor</b>	Lori Berger
<b>Mayor Pro Tem</b>	Carlene Carlock
<b>Councilpersons</b>	Robert Bizzell Larry Branecky Steve Morrill Len Waska
<b>City Staff</b>	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 & Pledge** Councilman Bizzell gave the invocation. Flatonia Girl Scout Troop 824 led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
**Citizen's Participation** There were no citizens present who wished to participate

**Reports:**

**Mayor's Activity Report**

Mayor Berger allowed Chief Leonard Cox to announce that Flatonia Police Officer Mike Noak will serve as Investigator for the City of Flatonia. Cox further awarded Flatonia Police Officer Troy Rudloff with his Advanced Peace Officer Certificate. Mayor Berger also allowed Flatonia Girl Scout Troop 824 to present an award of appreciation to Flatonia Police Officer Mike Noak.

**Council Members' Activity Report**

Councilman Bizzell stated that our EMS and First Responders did a great job in regards to Jr. Schacherl's accident last week. Bizzell stated that he had already spoken to Fire Chief Vire and City Manager Wood because after the situation had been taken care of, it was discovered that EMS was totally out of oxygen and if another situation had occurred, there would not have been any oxygen available.

**Police Chief's Report**

Chief Cox gave the Activity Report for January 2005 and the Annual Report for 2004 for the Flatonia Police Department.

## **City Manager's Report**

City Manager Wood reported that Carol Lummus who had written a letter of commendation to Officer Hudson and Officer Rudloff. The Fayette County Juvenile Probation Department had also sent a letter from the persons responsible for the spray painting done last year. Also a payment of restitution had been received. The HOME program is progressing. Mrs. Langford has been here talking to the people who will most likely qualify for the program and will be back soon to talk to those she was unable to talk to last visit. The final audit will be ready in March. Also, the City is going to start hitting the code enforcement issues harder again and council members may be getting calls about that. City Secretary Melissa Brunner showed the new Texas Independence Trail brochure that did not even have Flatonia in it at the last printing, but Flatonia is in it on the current printing. City Manager Wood also stated that the City will receive 25 trees from the Lower Colorado River Authority that will be planted out at McWhirter Park. Wood further reported that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is tracing, on Peach Creek, the source of bacteria downstream that is more than what they want to have in the creek. TCEQ's consultant is supposed to come up with some ideas of how to reduce the bacteria.

## **Planning and Zoning Commission Report**

There was nothing to report.

## **Economic Development**

Councilman Bizzell reminded council members about CAPCO's Regional Workshop on Economic Development and encouraged others to attend.

## **Consent Agenda**

Steve Morrill motioned to approve the consent agenda, including the Minutes from the January 6, 2005 Regular Meeting, the January 11, 2005 Special Meeting and the January 2005 Financial Report. Carlene Carlock seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

## **Deliberation Agenda**

- 2-2005.1 Steve Morrill motioned to accept the bid from Herschap Backhoe and Ditching to replace the water lines. Len Waska seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 2-2005.2 Len Waska motioned to accept the annual report from the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce on the expenditures from the Hotel Occupancy Tax. Steve Morrill seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

- 2-2005.3 No action was taken on the request from Jeff Steinhauser on behalf of Fred and Barbara Pustejovsky, the estate of Hilda Rietz and Dennis and Barbara Freytag to close the portion of the Mill Street right of way from North Main to US Hwy 90.
- 2-2005.4 No action was taken on the request from Patricia Wickes to close and abandon the alley in Block 53 of the City of Flatonia.
- 2-2005.5 Steve Morrill motioned to adopt Ordinance #376, as corrected in the definition of scooter showing an exclusion of a handicapped vehicle, concerning bicycles, skateboards, etc. on the sidewalks in the downtown area. Len Waska seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 2-2005.6 Steve Morrill motioned to authorize City Manager Wood to submit the application to the Lower Colorado River Authority for the infrastructure loan. Carlene Carlock seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 2-2005.7 Carlene Carlock motioned to call for a Flatonia Municipal Election to be held on Saturday, May 7, 2005. Steve Morrill seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

**At 7:25 p.m., the Flatonia City Council entered into Executive Session as authorized by Section 551.072 and Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, to discuss and act upon the following real property and personnel matter:**

- ES2-1. Consider review of the Police Chief
- ES2-2. Consider a real property matter

**At 7:59 p.m., the Flatonia City Council came out of the Executive Session and took no action on either item discussed.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.**

**Signed**

Lori Berger  
Mayor

**Attest**

Melissa Brunner, TRMC  
City Secretary

Approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2005.