

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 17, 2005
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor John Paul Tallent, Mayor Pro-tem Walter Derrick, Jimmy Williams, Joe Derouen, Jerry Williams, Rhonda Smith, Richard D. Parrish, Jr.

STAFF PRESENT: Jay Stokes, Melba Haralson, Jimmy Davis, Wayne Smith, Lon Welton

GUESTS PRESENT: Bob Runyon, Mary J. Williams, Beverly Tallent, Sandra Tate, Dharya Tate, Di Anna Wittig

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tallent called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dharya Tate.

II. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Minutes – January 13, 2005
- b) GEDCO – 1st Quarter Report FY 2005
- c) Contract – Texas Timber & Land Management
- d) Gladewater Police Department Racial Profiling Report
- e) Blanket Permit – Gusher Days
- f) Ordinance to Order City Officer's Election for May 7, 2005

Mayor Pro-tem Derrick moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Jerry Williams. Carried 7-0.

III. MAYOR'S REPORT

Lon Welton, Main Street and GEDCO Director announced that Main Street construction will begin October 1, 2005. Contracts will be let August 1st and the project will take approximately 18 months to complete.

Mayor Tallent reported the following;

- a) The Hwy 80 sewer project has begun and will take approximately 6 months to complete.
- b) He read a letter of appreciation from Truman W. Smith. They will be moving back into their facility February 26th.
- c) He read a letter from the University of North Texas congratulating City Secretary Melba Haralson for graduating and receiving the Texas Municipal Clerks certification.
- d) He commented on the TCDP 2006 grant application for \$250,000 for water improvements. Gladewater scored #17 and will possibly be funded next year. Mayor Tallent served on the board to score other applicants and commented on the many problems of other communities.
- e) The Planning & Zoning Commission will have a training session February 21st at 5:30 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce.
- f) The Chamber Banquet will be held Thursday, March 10th.
- g) Union Pacific will close the Rodeo Street railroad crossing for maintenance on February 23rd from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Notices will be delivered to residents of the Red Rock community.
- h) The City Council election will be May 7th.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR THE SALE OF CATERPILLAR Motor Grader

Councilmember Parrish moved to accept the low bid of \$2,050 from John Black, seconded by Councilmember Derouen. Carried 7-0.

V. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING OLYMPIC WASTE PRICE INCREASE

City Manager Stokes explained that the contract stipulates an annual increase based on the CPI. The increase this year is 2.3%.

Councilmember Jerry Williams moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Jimmy Williams. Carried 7-0.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERVENTION in Docket No. 30604 at the Public Utility Commission of Texas

City Manager Stokes stated that the next three agenda items relate to the City's participation in CARD.

Councilmember Smith moved to approve, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Derrick. Carried 7-0.

VII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION in a coalition of cities known as the Cities Advocating Reasonable Deregulation (CARD)

Councilmember Parrish moved to approve, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Derrick. Carried 7-0.

VIII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS of Cities Advocating Reasonable Deregulation (CARD)

Councilmember Jimmy Williams moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Jerry Williams. Carried 7-0.

IX. CONSIDERATION OF LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Councilmember Jimmy Williams moved to appoint Sue Clifton Moore at the recommendation of the Library Board, seconded by Councilmember Derouen. Carried 6-0-1, with Councilmember Smith abstaining.

X. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Planning & Zoning training
- b) Update on property and timber sale
- c) Update on Main Street issues

Mr. Stokes reported that we are almost done with the timber on the north end of the lake. Although expensive, the other properties we are selling are being surveyed at the advice of our attorney. Items (a) and (c) were covered in the Mayor's report.

XI. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

XII. BID OPENING AND CONSIDERATION OF BIDS for lease rights to 1.1172 acres in Section E1 of the Lake Gladewater Subdivision

Mayor Tallent recused himself since he was a bidder on the lot. Mayor Pro-tem Derrick presided. Councilmember Smith opened the sealed bids and Mayor Pro-tem Derrick read them aloud as follows;

Mark & Diane Wittig	\$58,200
Jim & Tesa St. John	\$57,550
John Paul Tallent	\$105,000
Larry & Jane Kay Byrd	\$51,000

Councilmember Parrish moved to accept the high bid of \$105,000 from John Paul Tallent, seconded by Councilmember Jimmy Williams. Carried 6-0-1, with Mayor Tallent abstaining.

Councilmember Jimmy Williams explained that these proceeds will go toward repairs to East Lake Drive and said he appreciates Mayor Tallent's interest in our city. Councilmember Jerry Williams added that it will also help the City by adding to the ad-valorem tax base.

Mayor Pro-tem Derrick then turned the meeting back over to Mayor Tallent.

XIII. ADJOURN

Councilmember Parrish moved to adjourn at 6:30 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Smith. Adjourned by consensus.

JOHN PAUL TALLENT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY