

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 2005
6:00 P.M.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Jay Stokes, Melba Haralson, Jimmy Davis, Virdell Skelton, Wayne Smith

GUESTS PRESENT: Sondra Daniel, John Ringler, Gregory Dohrer, Norma Lacy, Alfred Lacy, Mary J. Williams, Sarah Todd, Diane Turner, Linda Patton, Mark Carpenter, Beverly Tallent, Reba Smith, Jan Greenwood, Don Greenwood, Todd Clifton, Lee Todd, Brenda Brown, Barbara High, Bill High, John McChristie, Gregory Cuke

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tallent called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. City Manager Jay Stokes gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Derouen.

II. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Minutes – September 15, 2005
- b) Contract with Gregg County for Lee Public Library
- c) Water tap outside city limits at old Jaycee Park
- d) Resolution to sell property in trust at Lot 5, Block 2, Sunset Addition
- e) Contract with Humane Society of Gregg County
- f) Privacy Policy
- g) Blanket Permit – Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade on December 6, 2005

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

III. CONSIDERATION OF GRANTING A LETTER OF VARIANCE regarding an encroachment of structure at 807 E. Broadway into the right-of-way of North Lee Street

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

IV. KSA ENGINEERS UPDATE regarding Phase II of the Water Treatment Plant project

John Ringler gave an update on Phases I and II of the Water Treatment Plant project. City Manager Stokes explained the current TCEQ requirements and steps the City is taking to meet all those requirements.

V. CONSIDERATION OF LAKE BOARD RECOMMENDATION regarding dredging of Lake Gladewater

Lake Warden Virdell Skelton introduced Gregory Cuke and explained that the Lake Board met with Mr. Cuke, who resides at 1995 W. Lake, about the coves silting back in. Mr. Cuke would like to purchase a piece of equipment for \$10,000 to remove the silt and wants to dredge his cove at no cost to the City if we will haul off the sand. The Lake Board unanimously approved his request. Mr. Cuke said he could recover some of his costs by leasing the equipment to others that may want to clean their coves. City Manager Stokes said that JDW Services will haul off the sand at no charge.

After lengthy discussion, Councilmember Jerry Williams moved that the agreement with Mr. Cuke be put in writing and that City Manager Stokes be given the authority to supervise and work out details of the contract. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried 7-0.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF AIRPORT BOARD RECOMMENDATION regarding hangar rental to Mark Carpenter

Mark Carpenter, 2301 Woodbine, explained that he acquired an oilfield about 5 miles south of the airport and that he is an aviation enthusiast. Mr. Carpenter said that John McCristie is interested in selling his hangar to him, but he needs an exemption to the aviation only stipulation of the lease so that he can have an office space in the rear of the hangar. The Airport Board voted it down and Mr. Carpenter asked the Council for their consideration.

Todd Clifton, 1622 E. Lake Drive, stated that he is proud of our airport. He called and spoke with Virginia Hall the manager of the Gregg County airport, who stated that they have non aviation businesses located there that have no runway or taxi-way access. Mr. Clifton stated that the Airport Board stated its basis for denial was that grant funds would be jeopardized. Mr. Clifton said that he doesn't understand how Gregg County can lease hangars for non-aviation purposes and we can't. He said that he is pro business, pro economic development and pro Gladewater and that we need to be creative and innovative in how we use our airport. Mr. Clifton asked that the Council either approve the exemption or table the request until we can get more information on how to make this work.

Alfred Lacy, Airport Board Chairman, stated that FAA and TxDOT have given us a 90/10 grant for \$1.8 million and their stipulation is that the money must be used for aviation purposes only. Mr. Lacy added that Mr. Carpenter can find office space elsewhere, but it's not worth risking the grant funding.

Councilmember Jerry Williams commented that he owned the largest hangar at Gregg County airport for over 10 years and that FAA would not allow him to lease to any non-aviation related business.

City Manager Jay Stokes stated that he called KSA Engineers and spoke with Mitch Fortner, head of aviation. He stated that when airports get funding they have a layout plan. When businesses are separated from the layout plan the federal funding is not affected.

Councilmember Scott Owens said it is important for us to determine what is aviation related? If your business uses the airport for transportation in and out, is that business related? We need a clear definition.

John McCristie said that he and Mr. Carpenter have talked and Mark said he would store oilfield equipment in the hangar. The City would have to rewrite the airport rules in order for that to be permissible.

Mark Carpenter clarified that we are talking about two different hangars. One will be for aircraft and office space and the other would be used for storage of equipment.

Councilmember Derouen asked what type of equipment would be stored. Mr. Carpenter replied that it would be valves, etc.

Councilmember Jerry Williams said that the City Manager should be instructed to investigate the FAA rules. Mayor Tallent suggested that it be sent back to the Airport Board for their recommendation.

Councilmember Owens asked if we can look into grants for new hangar development without taxi-way access for economic development.

Councilmember Jerry Williams asked if we have enough acreage to separate for non-aviation development.

Councilmember Jimmy Williams added that is ridiculous for a \$1.8 million grant to be used to rent out hangars for \$240 per year.

John McCristie reminded the Council that a portion of the airport property had been leased out to a gas company.

Mayor Tallent moved to table, seconded by Councilmember Derouen. Carried 7-0.

VII. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR HANDICAP PARKING SPACES in downtown Gladewater

Sondra Daniel, 803 Willow requested that the Council consider adding additional handicap parking spaces on the south side of Commerce Street and on the north side of Pacific Street so that patrons will not be required to cross the street.

Councilmember Derouen moved that Jay Stokes, Lon Welton, Jimmy Davis and Sondra Daniel look into the matter and bring back a recommendation to the Council. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried 7-0.

VIII. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

IX. MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Road work has been completed on portions of E. Lake Drive, except for the striping, which should be done by the end of the month.
2. Asphalt work has been completed on Gay Ave. from the Glade Creek Bridge to E. Lake Dr.
3. Fall Clean-up Day is set for this Saturday, October 22nd from 8 a.m. until noon. We will provide dumpsters downtown for our citizens.
4. The next regular City Council meeting will be November 17th.
5. The employee Christmas party is set for Thursday, December 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the Gladewater Former Students building.
6. Gladewater will host the TML Region 15 meeting on January 31, 2006.
7. Work should commence on our Main Street project on January 2, 2006.
8. The sewer lines are being installed on the 1.1 mile stretch west of town on Hwy. 80 should be completed in 30 days.
9. The Gardens of Gladewater is really taking shape. Slabs have been poured, framing is underway, and street is cut out. It looks great.
10. Jay Stokes, Scott Owens and Mayor Tallent will attend the TML meeting held in Grapevine next week, October 26-28.
11. Gladewater Fire Department issued a letter of thanks to merchants for their work and support of furnishing the Emergency Response trailer.
12. Mayor Tallent read a letter of thanks from Bobby Simon, Hurricane Rita evacuee.

X. ADJOURN

Councilmember Parrish moved to adjourn at 7:20 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Owens. Adjourned by consensus.

JOHN PAUL TALLENT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY