

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2006
6:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jimmy Williams

STAFF PRESENT: Jay Stokes, Jimmy Davis

GUESTS PRESENT: Gordon Tiner, Brett McKinney, Daniel Barrett, Lewis Barrett, Vi Melton, Steve Hoover, John Choice, Beverly Tallent, Jan Brown, Brenda Brown, Emily Spears, Clayton Scales, Mike Burns, Prasad Tandkura

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tallent called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and gave the invocation. Councilmember Owens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Minutes – December 15, 2005
- b) Contract with Gladewater Youth Baseball Association
- c) Contract with Gladewater Youth Softball Association
- d) Engagement letter with Karen A. Jacks & Associates, P.C.
- e) Investment Report for quarter ending December 31, 2005

Councilmember Owens moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Jerry Williams. Carried 6-0.

III. PRESENTATION TO JOHN CHOICE, Wastewater Plant Operations Supervisor

Mayor Tallent recognized John Choice for achieving six (6) consecutive years of TCEQ plant inspections with no violations found.

IV. UPDATE ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS by KSA Engineers

Mike Burns presented handouts to the Council and gave an update on following current projects; 2003 TCDP US 80 sewer line improvements, water treatment plant expansion, WWTP and WTP permit renewals, water conservation/drought contingency plan, West Lake Drive sewer study, Moore Lift Station abandonment feasibility study, and Gladewater Airport improvements with TxDOT Division of Aviation. Future projects include the Moore Lift Station replacement and 2006 TCDP water line improvements. The approximate cost of the Moore Lift Station replacement is \$830,000. City Manager Stokes stated that we currently have approximately \$530,000 left in borrowed funds to apply toward this project. The estimated cost of the 2006 TCDP water line improvements is \$342,650. Our match of \$92,650 will be budgeted in FY 06.

V. CONSIDERATION HIRING KSA ENGINEERS to conduct study for W. Lake development

City Manager Stokes explained that KSA Engineers has submitted a proposal to study the capacity of our sewer lines along West Lake Drive to determine if they will support two potential developments. The cost of the study will be \$8,800, which possibly could be shared with the developers.

Councilmember Jerry Williams moved not to proceed with the study, stating that we should not partner with the developers in their speculation. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Derouen. Carried 6-0.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION approving the assignment of the cable television franchise

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Gordon Tiner explained to the Council that Cox Communications has divested itself of its franchises in Texas and Oklahoma. Cebridge was the successful bidder and they will honor all terms of the existing franchise agreement as well as the business agreement with the City.

Councilmember Owens moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Jerry Williams. Carried 6-0.

- VII. PUBLIC HEARING regarding an application from TXOK Texas Energy, L.P. for a drilling permit for a sweet gas well on the S.P. Victory Lease, Well No. 6, located 1264' FNL and 1424' FWL of the T. Allen Survey A-666, Upshur County, Texas

Mayor Tallent opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. Brett McKinney, representative of TXOK Texas Energy, LP gave the timeline of the drilling operation and stated that the drill site will be accessed from Phillips Springs Road.

With no other public comments, Mayor Tallent closed the public hearing.

- VIII. CONSIDERATION of an application from TXOK Texas Energy, L.P. for a drilling permit for a sweet gas well on the S.P. Victory Lease, Well No. 6, located 1264' FNL and 1424' FWL of the T. Allen Survey A-666, Upshur County, Texas

Councilmember Parrish moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Derouen. Carried 6-0.

- IX. PUBLIC HEARING regarding an application from TXOK Texas Energy, L.P. for a drilling permit for a sweet gas well on the F.M. Fonville Lease, Well No. 4, located 2464' FSL and 1401' FEL of the Carl Rhode Survey, A-271, Gregg County, Texas

Mayor Tallent opened the public hearing. There being no public comments, the public hearing was then closed.

- X. CONSIDERATION of an application from TXOK Texas Energy, L.P. for a drilling permit for a sweet gas well on the F.M. Fonville Lease, Well No. 4, located 2464' FSL and 1401' FEL of the Carl Rhode Survey, A-271, Gregg County, Texas

Mayor Pro-tem Derrick moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Jerry Williams. Carried 6-0.

- XI. CONSIDERATION OF TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT with DLT Networks, Inc.

Bobby Burrough and Prasad Tandkura presented their request to the Council. The following four revisions to the proposed agreement were discussed; a) the agreement is subject to a vulnerability assessment; b) free service will be provided to all (7) City buildings; c) DLT's equipment will be moved at the City's request and at DLT's expense; d) if the three year option is exercised then the rate will increase to \$330 per month.

Councilmember Derouen moved to approve the lease agreement subject to the aforementioned revisions. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jerry Williams. Carried 6-0.

- XII. CONSIDERATION OF AIRPORT BOARD APPOINTMENT

Councilmember Derouen moved to accept the Airport Board's recommendation to appoint Joe Wise to replace Greg Dohrer, seconded by Councilmember Jerry Williams. Carried 6-0.

- XIII. CONSIDERATION OF LAKE BOARD APPOINTMENT

Councilmember Owens moved to accept the Lake Board's recommendation to appoint Sam Chenoweth to replace David Fenton, seconded by Councilmember Jerry Williams. Carried 6-0.

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XIV. CONSIDERATION OF CEMETERY BOARD RECOMMENDATION regarding tree removal

City Manager Stokes explained that the Cemetery Board has recommended the removal of two trees at Gladewater Memorial Park Cemetery. One tree can be removed by Veolia Water, however the other is so large that it will need to be contracted to a tree removal specialist.

Councilmember Owens moved to approve the Cemetery Board's recommendation for the removal of both trees, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Derrick. Carried 6-0.

XV. CITY MANAGER REPORT

- a) 2006 HOME grant
- b) Bootstrap Bucks grant
- c) Required training on Open Meetings and Open Records
- d) Water hyacinth in Lake Gladewater
- e) Cove dredging agreement with Gregory Cuke
- f) Playground equipment update

City Manager Stokes gave the following report;

- a) As a result of Gary Traylor's contest of the grading system during the last cycle of grant funding, the 2006 HOME grant will be done by random drawing with no match for those applicants meeting certain criteria.
- b) We have been approved for \$1,000 from the Bootstrap Bucks grant.
- c) New legislation requires that all public officials receive training in open meetings and open records. We will schedule a workshop session after the election to take this training.
- d) Lake Gladewater has a problem with water hyacinth, which we have treated ourselves. If left untreated the water hyacinth could double in size in one season.
- e) The cove dredging agreement is on hold since Mr. Cuke has been unable to attend the Council meeting as requested.
- f) A layout of the park indicating where the new playground equipment should be placed will be submitted tomorrow.

XVI. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

XVII. MAYOR'S REPORT

- 1. Mayor Tallent read two thank you notes from citizens.
- 2. Our city sales tax was up 32% last month.
- 3. The Gardens of Gladewater is progressing nicely. There was a nice article in the Gladewater Mirror this week.
- 4. Our City will host the TML Region 15 meeting at the Former Students Building at 6:30 p.m. on January 31st. Senator Kevin Eltife will be the speaker.
- 5. The next regular City Council meeting will be February 16th.
- 6. Election filing is just around the corner. Terms that are up are Jimmy Williams, Walter Derrick, and John Paul Tallent.

XVIII. ADJOURN

Councilmember Parrish moved to adjourn at 6:55 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Jerry Williams. Adjourned by consensus.

JOHN PAUL TALLENT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY