

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION
MINUTES
AUGUST 31, 2006
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, Lon Welton, Wayne Smith, Richard Ross

GUESTS PRESENT: Mary Jane Williams, Bill High, Barbara High, Clayton Scales, Beverly Tallent, Mark Carpenter, Steve Hoover, Brenda Brown

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tallent called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) FY 2007 GEDCO budget
- b) Resolution adopting the Gregg County Hazard Mitigation Plan
- c) Consideration of TML-IEBP Region 15 Board of Trustees election

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING on proposed FY 2007 ad-valorem tax rate

The public hearing was opened at 6:00 p.m. and then closed as there were no public comments.

IV. DISCUSSION regarding status of Moore Lift Station project

Clayton Scales, KSA Engineers, presented a drawing for the Moore lift station and Line P replacement. He stated that they are in the process of getting the easements finalized. There is a pre-bid conference set for September 11th and the bid will be awarded September 14th. There will then be a pre-construction conference approximately 2-3 weeks after the bid award and construction will be completed by mid March 2007. City Manager Stokes added that the engineer's estimate is \$200,000 less than originally projected.

V. CONSIDERATION of use of TxDOT funding to be received in exchange for Ferry Street railroad crossing

City Manager Stokes explained that the \$146,000 TxDOT funds cannot be used for conduit for electrical lines on the Main Street project because the two funds of TxDOT and Union Pacific Railroad cannot be intermingled. Mr. Stokes said that we can still install the sprinkler system, but will come back at a later date with specs. City Manager Stokes stated that we must put specifics in the TxDOT contract, together with solid estimates on the use of the funds.

Steve Hoover, Project Manager of Veolia Water suggested that the funds be used to repair the brick streets in the downtown area. Lon Welton, Main Street Manager agreed with Mr. Hoover. Mayor Tallent said we need cost estimates.

Mayor Pro-tem Derrick suggested that we get a list of what TxDOT will allow us to use the funds for within the scope of the Main Street project and then prioritize the list. Councilmember Jimmy Williams interjected that we cannot use TxDOT funds on the Main Street project as we cannot mix the funds.

Councilmember Jimmy Williams moved to give City Manager Jay Stokes the authorization to investigate and obtain bids for repair of the brick streets or any

other project that would be a permitted use of \$146,000 TxDOT funds. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Derrick. Carried 7-0.

VI. UPDATE on proposed FY 2007 budget

City Manager Stokes gave the following report of changes for the final FY 2007 budget that varied from the Budget Workshop held in late July:

1. In General Fund, remove \$55,000 as an expense for the HOME program match; likewise remove \$55,000 as revenue from reserve funds, as we do not have a sufficient score to be funded this year.
2. In General Fund, add \$5,000 as a revenue from reserve funds for our match for the Master Plan grant. This will give us maximum points on our grant application.
3. In General Fund, we can increase our donation from Upshur County Emergency Services District by \$2,000. We need to decrease our revenue to the Library by \$5,000 from Upshur County; and likewise increase the City contribution to the Library by \$5,000.
4. We have been approached by two additional youth programs, Gladewater Youth Track and Gladewater Mini Bears Football/Cheerleaders. We propose funding these two entities equal to that of baseball and softball.

The net difference for these changes is \$8,000, which we can budget from reserve funds.

VII. CONSIDERATION of purchasing pickup truck for Lake Warden

City Manager Stokes asked the Council to consider amending the current FY 06 budget in order purchase a ¼ ton, 4-cylinder, 5-speed pickup truck with air conditioning for the Lake Warden, who is currently driving a 1994 Crown Victoria. Mr. Stokes said he received proposals from both local dealerships, and then consulted with our auditor regarding the bid laws. She said if we purchase this truck at the same time we purchase a car for the Police Chief, then we will exceed the \$25,000 bid law limit. We were advised to advertise and take sealed bids for the truck.

Councilmember Owens said he would like to see an alternate bid for automatic transmission as it will hold up better. Councilmember Jimmy Williams recommended that the truck have power steering.

Councilmember Derouen moved to advertise for sealed bids for a ¼ ton, 4 cylinder pickup truck with automatic transmission, power steering and air conditioning. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried 7-0.

VIII. ADJOURN

Councilmember Parrish moved to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. Adjourned by consensus.

JOHN PAUL TALLENT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY