

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 16, 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, Vickey Green, Wayne Smith

GUESTS PRESENT: Jimmy Davis, Evelyn Camp, Nell Freedman, Deborah Pike, Marilyn Kelley, Mary J. Williams, Dustin Money, Tyler Bewley, Diego Vasquez, Aden Stokes, Gamie Vasquez, Eddie Stanford, Korbin Sanford, Issac Fail, Marc Yarish, Brandon Smith, Vi Melton, Brenda Brown, Linda Patton, Steve Hoover, Chris Meeks, B.K. Johnson, Mark Carpenter, Beverly Tallent

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tallent called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and gave the invocation. Cub Scout Pack 196, Den 6 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PRESENTATION by Nell Freedman of Northeast Texas Chapter of Native Plant Society of Texas

Nell Freedman and Evelyn Camp presented "Illustrated Flora of East Texas", Volume One, which had been autographed by all four authors, to Lee Public Library Director Vickey Green.

III. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Minutes – October 19, 2006
- b) Ordinance to establish and adopt policy and procedures for setting the agenda of the Gladewater City Council
- c) Ordinance to amend §30.14 of the Gladewater Code of Ordinances – Lake Board – Meetings
- d) Ordinance to change the street name platted as Stuart Street to Walter Derrick Avenue
- e) Blanket permit for Gladewater Chamber of Commerce annual Christmas parade, Tuesday, December 5, 2006

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

IV. CONSIDERATION OF BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Airport Board – Councilmember Parrish moved to reappoint Joe Wise, Al Heard and Bert Sharp. Seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried 7-0.

Board of Adjustments – Councilmember Jimmy Williams moved to reappoint Dean Simmons, Elwanda Walker and Bill Shaddox. Seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried 7-0.

Cemetery Board – Mayor Protem Derrick moved to reappoint Sam Lucky, Tim York and Jo Adams and to appoint John Barnett. Seconded by Councilmember Jerry Williams. Carried 7-0.

GEDCO Board – Councilmember Jimmy Williams moved to reappoint Jackie Wood and Jerry Williams. Seconded by Councilmember Parrish. Carried 6-0-1, with Councilmember Jerry Williams abstaining.

Lake Board – Councilmember Derouen moved to reappoint Sam Chenoweth and Bruce Stanley and to appoint Sam Lucky. Seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried 7-0.

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Library Board – Councilmember Owens moved to reappoint Beverly Tallent, Lois Nasados, Sue Clifton-Moore and Mildred Bowden-Jones. Seconded by Councilmember Jimmy Williams. Carried 6-0-1, with Mayor Tallent abstaining.

Main Street Board – Councilmember Jimmy Williams moved to reappoint David McBride, Linda Wells and Margaret Larkins. Seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Derrick. Carried 7-0.

Planning & Zoning Board – Councilmember Jerry Williams moved to reappoint Margaret Bell and Marlene Downing and to appoint Ann Clay. Seconded by Councilmember Jimmy Williams. Carried 7-0.

The Planning & Zoning Board also requested to have an alternate board member and on the roster. The alternate member will attend all meetings, but only participate if a regular member is absent. If approved, an ordinance will be prepared and presented for adoption at the December meeting. The Planning & Zoning Board recommended Paula Ellis for the alternate member. Mayor Pro-tem Derrick moved to appoint Paula Ellis as an alternate member to the Planning & Zoning Board, seconded by Councilmember Jimmy Williams. Carried 7-0.

V. CONSIDERATION of hiring Planning Concepts for park planning services for new park

City Manager Stokes introduced Mark Priestner and Stephanie Rollings with Planning Concepts and briefly spoke of their credentials and other successful park grant projects in our area.

Mark Priestner said the parks grant market is very competitive, with only about 25% of applications funded each cycle. They are \$100,000 grants with a 50/50 match, some of which can be in-kind or donated. He said there is no guarantee in funding, but we can work on getting our scores up to be more competitive. The grant application must be in by January 31, 2007 or we will have to wait another year. We will be notified in late July or August 2007 if we are funded and we will have three years to be substantially complete with the park project. Mr. Priestner then presented a preliminary drawing of the preferred park site. He reminded the Council of the January 31, 2007 submission deadline and said there is a lot of planning and preparation work to be done.

B.K. Johnson, spokesman of the Concerned Citizens Committee (CCC) stated that they have selected a parks committee and asked if they could meet with the park planner. Mr. Priestner agreed and said he wants input from area residents.

City Manager Stokes reported that he met with the Staerker family about selling property they own contiguous to the site. They have about 30 acres on the west side, but we prefer the 4 ½ acre tract. Mr. Stokes will talk with them again to see if they will sell the property at the fair market value.

Councilmember Jerry Williams pointed out that it's one thing to talk about the initial cost involved in building the park, but his concern is that it is also economical to maintain year after year.

After commenting on the intrinsic value of park planning, Councilmember Owens moved to hire Planning Concepts for \$5,500 plus direct costs, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Derrick. Carried 7-0.

VI. CONSIDERATION of water bill adjustment per request of Clarksville City

Councilmember Jimmy Williams moved to deny the request, seconded by Councilmember Derouen. Carried 7-0.

VII. CONSIDERATION of FY 2006 budget amendments for out-of-scope overages

City Manager Stokes clarified that "out of scope" in the city budget is anything in addition to the annual cost of the contract. This is actually for repair and maintenance overages, largely due to utilities and chemical cost increases. We

budgeted \$55,000 in the Water and Sewer Fund and \$5,000 in General Fund for these overages, but need to amend General Fund \$8,147.70 and Water and Sewer Fund \$30,150.45, for a total amendment of \$38,298.15.

Councilmember Jerry Williams recommended that we budget more next year for these overages. Mr. Stokes reminded the Council that we joined up with CARD last month, so maybe we will be successful in getting our rate truer to our cost.

Councilmember Jerry Williams moved to amend the budget \$38,298.15 for repair and maintenance overages for fiscal year 2006, seconded by Councilmember Derouen. Carried 7-0.

VIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Allied Waste trash contract
- b) Lake Gladewater dam report
- c) Moore Lift Station update
- d) Update on grant proposals (Master Plan grant, 07/08 TCDP grant, Capital Fund grant)
- e) Update on status of improvements at Gladewater Municipal Airport
- f) Update on UPRR/TxDOT/City 3-Way Agreement

City Manager Stokes gave the following report;

- a) The Allied Waste solid waste contract expires 4/1/07. The contract states if we do not want to renew, we need to give 90 days notice, which means we would have to vote at the next meeting. Mr. Stokes recommended renewing rather than going out for bids. He cited other cities who went out for bids and the low bidder was substantially more than if they had renewed for 5 years. Mr. Stokes also recommended that we trade off the bulky waste pick-up service (which is not being utilized) for 4 clean-ups per year.
- b) The Lake Gladewater dam can hold water in 100 & 500 year floods, but TCEQ requires that it holds 35.82 inches of rainfall in a 24 hour period, which is 2-3 times the expected rainfall in a 500 year flood event. Improving the dam to this capacity is a multi-million dollar project. Adams Engineering will come with their report in the next few months.
- c) The Moore Lift Station project is going well. 85-90% of the line on the north side of the railroad track is already laid.
- d) We will know in the spring if we are funded on the Master Plan grant and the 07/08 TCDP grant, and we should know soon about the Capital Fund grant.
- e) KSA Engineers is nearly complete with the design phase of the airport improvements. We are working with the Shepperd family to relocate the cattle run. The project cost is about \$2,000,000 and GEDCO is paying the match. TxDOT will build hangars if we have commitments for tenants.
- f) We had a good meeting with TxDOT. We asked for \$171,000 and got \$151,000, which is \$5,000 more than the original estimate. The chip and seal will be reduced back. The brick contractor is ready and waiting on TxDOT.

IX. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

X. MAYOR'S REPORT

- a) The new "Walter Derrick Avenue" street sign was displayed. Mayor Pro-tem Derrick presented a letter of appreciation, which is attached to the minutes.
- b) The Halloween Carnival planned by Police Chief Kerry Blakemore, with the help of the Police Department, Fire Department and EMS was a huge success. Bigger and better things are already being planned for next year.
- c) The chip and seal paving of West Lake, Phillips Springs Road and others is nearly completed. Striping and touch up will be done later.
- d) Our next regular City Council meeting will be on December 21, 2006.
- e) Jay Stokes, Chris Meeks (of Veolia), and Mayor Tallent met recently with Upshur County Commissioner Lloyd Crabtree on issues that we need addressed in the Upshur County portion of our City. He was very positive about being able to undertake five of our eight requests.
- f) Our City Christmas party scheduled for December 7th has been changed to December 19th at 6 p.m. at the Gladewater Former Students Building.

XI. ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m. by consensus.

JOHN PAUL TALLENT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY