

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION
MINUTES
DECEMBER 13, 2007
6:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jimmy Williams, Jerry Williams

STAFF PRESENT: Jay Stokes, Melba Haralson

GUESTS PRESENT: Stephanie Rollings, Marilyn Kelley, James Ford, Deborah Pike, Willie Skinner, B.K. Johnson, Angela Ward, Frederick Williams, Lesley Taylor, Elijah Anderson, Othalia Taylor

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tallent called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

II. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION regarding final design of Weldon Bumblebee Park with neighborhood stakeholders and Planning Concepts

Stephanie Rollings of Planning Concepts explained that we need to finalize the site plan tonight so we can start the construction plans. The plans have to be sent to Texas Department of Wildlife for approval, which could take up to 30 days. She said color schemes will be chosen during the construction phase.

B.K. Johnson said the parks committee has gathered information from the community. They would like to see the drainage ditch used as a separator of activities. The west side of the ditch could be used for family activities such as the picnic areas and pavilion. The east side of the ditch could be used for more boisterous activities such as basketball, so it won't disturb the church or elderly living close by. The committee would also like the pavilion to be similar to the one at the rodeo grounds (30' x 40'). Mr. Johnson then told of several fund raising events the community is holding to benefit the park.

Councilmember Owens questioned the \$100,000 cost of the restrooms. Ms. Rollings explained that they have to be built according to ADA standards and they are very expensive.

Ms. Rollings said the only elements being considered during the first phase is the pavilion, playground, picnic areas, washer courts and ¼ mile of walking trails. The restrooms can be added.

Mayor Pro-tem Derrick asked if the pavilion will be bid at 25' x 25' or 30' x 40'. Ms. Rollings answered both, we will ask for an alternate bid.

City Manager Stokes reminded everyone that we are not going to get a lot of playground equipment for the amount budgeted. He said the new playground equipment at Lake Gladewater cost \$58,000.

Several Councilmembers, including the Mayor expressed delight with the overall progress of the project and the community involvement and support.

Mayor Pro-tem Derrick moved to approve the site plan for Weldon Bumblebee Park, seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried 5-0.

III. ADJOURN

Councilmember Parrish moved to adjourn at 6:40 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Owens. Adjourned by consensus.

JOHN PAUL TALLENT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY