

CITY OF GLADEWATER  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION  
MINUTES  
JULY 16, 2009  
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Walter Derrick, Mayor Pro-tem John Ussery, Jimmy Williams, Joe Derouen, Judith Burlison, Charles Meadows

MEMBERS ABSENT: Scott Owens

STAFF PRESENT: Jay Stokes, Melba Haralson, Farrell Alexander, Lon Welton, Richard Ross

GUESTS PRESENT: Jimmy Davis, Mary J. Williams, Delbert Burlison, Margaret C. Bell, Vi Melton, Charline Simmons, Nancy Holly, Raydell Goggans, James Moore, Elwanda Walker, Cindy Williams, Dana Hufstetler, Alfred Lacy, Norma Lacy, Cisco Frierson, Joyce Hugman, Stephani Chance, Linda Patton Dougan, Chris Meeks

I. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Derrick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- a) Invocation – Councilmember Meadows
- b) Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Pro-tem Ussery

II. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS by Mayor Walter Derrick

Mayor Derrick made the following presentations with words of appreciation for their many years of unselfish dedication to the City and let it be known that each of them continue to serve on their respective boards;

Alfred Lacy for 37 continuous years of service on the Airport Board  
Margaret Bell for 33 continuous years of service on the Planning & Zoning Board  
Elwanda Walker for 33 continuous years of service on the Board of Adjustments

Each honoree expressed thanks for the recognition and rendered optimistic remarks for future service.

III. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Minutes – June 18, 2009, June 30, 2009 (Special Session and Joint Workshop Session with GEDCO Board)
- b) Nominate Jay Stokes for TML-IEBP Board of Directors
- c) Contract with Auctioneer Express to sell surplus items
- d) Investment Report for quarter ending June 30, 2009
- e) Tax refund to Winco Machine & Repair, Inc.

Councilmember Williams moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Burlison. Carried 5-0-1, with Mayor Pro-tem abstaining due to Winco being a client of his.

IV. CONSIDERATION of Ordinance to prohibit parking on South Loop 485 between Coach Cooksey Street and Roden Lane

Councilmember Meadows expressed thanks to City Manager Stokes for putting this together and moved to approve the ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Burlison. Carried 6-0.

V. CONSIDERATION of action to correct possible surveying errors on City property located along E. Lake Drive

City Manager Stokes said the surveyor; George Taylor could not be here and explained the surveying errors he discovered on E. Lake Dr. from Lots 1 E-1 to 6 E-1. Mrs. Raydell Goggans has Lot 1 E-1 and according to the new survey, her home is situated completely off her lot to the south. Mr. Stokes said he sent letters to all the affected property owners and asked them to provide a copy of any surveys or information they may have to help clear this up. He said a similar problem was

addressed about 10 years ago further up E. Lake Drive and the City absorbed the cost.

Councilmember Williams said all we need to do is increase Raydell Goggans' lot size to cover set backs and extend it to E. Lake Drive.

Tom Mahoney, Lessee of Lot 3, said the problem may be between lot owners. He said several surveys have been done over the years without any problem. For all we know this survey may be the one that's wrong.

Joyce Hugman, 1901 E. Lake, said she went through the problem about 10 years ago and they all had to move their fences. She wanted to know if this would have a domino effect. Jay Stokes said it should not affect anyone else.

Councilmember Burlison said we should do what's least expensive for the City.

City Manager Stokes suggested that we fix Mrs. Goggans, Lot 1 E-1 and address the others as the need arises.

Councilmember Williams moved to correct the survey of Lots 1-6, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Ussery. Motion failed 0-6.

Councilmember Williams then moved to fix Lot 1 E-1 and add enough width for the legal set back requirements. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Ussery. Carried 6-0. Mrs. Raydell Goggans thanked the Council for their consideration.

VI. CONSIDERATION of request to lease mineral rights to Navajo Resources

City Manager Stokes said it is the City Attorney's recommendation to authorize the City Manager, Mayor and City Attorney to negotiate to get the best deal and bring back to the Council.

Councilmember Williams said Gregg County just leased some mineral rights for 25%. Councilmember Derouen agreed, saying their proposal is too cheap.

Councilmember Burlison moved to authorize the City Manager, City Attorney and Mayor to negotiate a contract for mineral rights. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Meadows. Carried 6-0.

VII. CONSIDERATION of Ordinance establishing pavilion rental arrangements at Weldon Bumblebee Park

Councilmember Williams moved to approve the ordinance to charge \$10 for 4 hours. That will make someone responsible for the pavilion. Councilmember Derouen seconded and added it will give them a chance to reserve it for special occasions. Carried 6-0.

VIII. CONSIDERATION of seeking bids for street repairs in FY 2009 budget

City Manager Stokes provided a list of streets and projected costs for 2", 3" and 4" overlays and asked the Council to rank them from the highest to lowest priority. He said we will award bids at the August meeting.

Chris Meeks, Veolia Project Manager said we separated the asphalt bid from the labor bids because it saves money. He also reminded the Council that this work is over and above their contract.

Chris recommended the level of work each street needs and at Councilmember Derouen's request, gave each of the streets a suggested priority ranking.

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City Manager Stokes said we have received an estimated material cost of \$12,500 from Gregg County and we have already spent about \$13,000 that will be reimbursed from Hurricane Ike money.

There was further discussion on the amount of work each street needs, including reworking the base, storm drains, curbs, and making needed water line repairs before street work is done.

Mayor Pro-tem Ussery suggested that each Council member prioritize their list and give it to City Manager Stokes to tally. Mr. Stokes asked that they get it to him by July 27<sup>th</sup> so he can get bids and bring it back for a vote in August.

IX. CONSIDERATION of possible uses of excess Main Street project funding

Lon Welton, Main Street Director spoke about the deplorable condition of the downtown restrooms. He said he has discussed this with GADA since November 2008 and it is a consensus of their members to renovate the restrooms first, then if any money is left we can come back and decide which project to do next.

Councilmember Williams said there have been primarily three suggestions; the restrooms, Christmas decorations, and solar lamp post lighting. Out of those the public restrooms is the biggest necessity.

Councilmember Burlison asked if there have been any comments from the public at City Hall. Mr. Stokes said he has received a lot of calls today and most want the restrooms done.

Mayor Pro-tem Ussery moved to first renovate the downtown restrooms, to come back for another vote on money left over. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Derouen. Carried 6-0.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Government Code §551.071 to consult with City Attorney regarding sewer contract renewal with Clarksville City

The Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

XI. RECONVENE into open session and take any action necessary regarding sewer contract renewal with Clarksville City

The Council reconvened into Open Session at 7:28 p.m. Mayor Pro-tem Ussery moved to direct City staff to cease negotiations with Clarksville City after September 18, 2009. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Williams. Carried 6-0.

XII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Grants update
- b) Special projects update
- c) Junk vehicle update
- d) FY 2010 Budget calendar update

City Manager Stokes gave the following report;

- a) Grants update
  - 1. TxDOT stimulus money and is soliciting projects. We are asking them for \$11.5 million to widen Hwy 80 (Tiger Grant)
  - 2. TxDOT Aviation Grant – We will begin work in September.
  - 3. SECO – We learned all municipalities in Texas has a level of funding with no match for energy conservation measures.
  - 4. 2009 HOME Grant – We still need applicants.
  - 5. Sabine River Authority – Connie Wade looked at our dam and will take it to her board in July.
- b) Special projects update

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1. I [Stokes] had a great meeting with the Humane Society. Last year they went up on our contract quite a bit because people were dropping off animals that don't live in our city limits. We found nearly 50 incorrectly reported for Gladewater and she waived them. Next year our contract will be about \$7,500 less than this year.
  2. We have heard nothing more on the taxi cab request.
  3. Lake Gladewater Dam – Todd Estes responded to TCEQ and we are waiting for their approval. We are hoping for a vote in August.
  4. Police Chief Farrell Alexander reported they have received a \$4,899 grant from NRA for a 7' x 14' enclosed cargo trailer to be used for traffic safety equipment. He said they also received a Gregg County Tobacco grant for \$10,000 for tobacco stings and use of tobacco by minors. We have not heard anything on the \$10,575 JAG grant yet. Chief Alexander also reported on the new Nixel service available free of charge to keep citizens informed on various city issues. He encouraged citizens to register for the service.
- c) Junk vehicle update - So far, we have had 28 junk vehicles removed by owners. He expressed appreciation to the Longview News Journal for publishing.
- d) FY 2010 Budget calendar update – We don't have the effective tax rate yet. The goal is to have the preliminary budget done by July 31<sup>st</sup>. The first budget workshop will be held August 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Antique Capital RV Park.

XIII. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

XIV. ADJOURN

Councilmember Meadows moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Burlison. Adjourned by consensus.

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WALTER DERRICK, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY