

CITY OF GLADEWATER CITY COUNCIL AND
GLADEWATER COUNTY LINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL SESSION
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 2010
5:30 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Walter Derrick, Mayor Pro-tem John Ussery, Jimmy Williams, Joe Derouen, Scott Owens, Charles Meadows

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Judith Burlison

GISD TRUSTEES PRESENT: Superintendent J.P. Richardson, Board President Garth Cockerell, Rickie Blackmon, David Floyd, Jon Keller, Joe Louvier, Jon Rowe

GISD TRUSTEES ABSENT: Kent Abernathy

STAFF PRESENT: Jay Stokes, Melba Haralson

GUESTS PRESENT: Harold Wells, James Draper

I. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Derrick called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

a) Invocation – Trustee David Floyd

b) Pledge of Allegiance – Councilmember Jimmy Williams

II. JOINT WORKSHOP of the Gladewater City Council and Gladewater County Line Independent School District Board of Trustees

a) Presentation of City of Gladewater Strategic Plan

City Manager Jay Stokes gave a brief overview of the Gladewater Strategic Plan adopted by the City Council in July 2009 and expressed the City Council's desire to work jointly with the School Board in order to better promote Gladewater and serve its citizenry.

b) Presentation of Issues affecting Gladewater ISD

Superintendent Richardson thanked the City Council for their previous assistance in approving a one-way street at the Middle School and installing a security gate to enhance safety of students. He then cited four other areas of need;

1) Additional assistance is needed to curtail a dangerous situation at Broadway Elementary during drop-off and pick-up times. He expressed appreciation to the Police Department for extra patrols during these busy times.

2) The "One-Way" traffic sign is not visible from Melba Street going toward the Middle School.

3) The parking lot of the Educational Building owned by GEDCO has been unfinished for 4-5 months.

4) Some sort of tax relief or incentive program is needed to entice developers to build new subdivisions in order to bring in more residents/students.

An exchange of ideas ensued regarding other ways the City and School can work together in a positive way to promote the community.

c) Presentation of Folks Learning About Gladewater (FLAG) Program

Mayor Pro-tem Ussery, who also serves as the President of the Chamber of Commerce, explained the FLAG Program and invited the School to participate. A suggestion was made to alternate the quarterly tours between the City and School.

d) Consideration of cell phone usage in school zones

Mayor Pro-tem Ussery moved to prohibit cell phone usage in school zones and ordered appropriate signage to be ordered. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Meadows. Carried 7-0.

III. ADJOURN

Councilmember Meadows moved to adjourn at 6:35 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Williams. Adjourned by consensus.

WALTER DERRICK, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY