

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES
DECEMBER 18, 2014
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Harold Wells, Mayor Pro-tem J.D. Shipp, Lana Niemann, Chris Bland, Elijah Anderson, Leon Watson, Scott Owens

STAFF PRESENT: Sean Pate, Melba Haralson, Robert Vine, Michael Kirkwood, Kathi Corwin, Paul Jaap

GUESTS PRESENT: Brian Gray, Charles Mouton, Paul Hall, Colt Edwards, Robert Johnson

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

- a) Invocation – Councilmember Anderson
- b) Pledge of Allegiance – Councilmember Niemann

II. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

III. CONSIDERATION of Consent Agenda

- a) Minutes –October 16, 2014, November 20, 2014, December 2, 2014, December 11, 2014 (3 p.m.) and December 11, 2014 (6 p.m.)
- b) Resolution supporting the appointment of a Federal Judge to fill the judicial vacancy in the Tyler Division of the Eastern District of Texas
- c) Agreement with Gladewater Independent School District for a School Resource Officer

Councilmember Watson moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried 7-0.

IV. CONSIDERATION of Agreement to provide a School Resource Office to Union Grove Independent School District

Police Chief Rob Vine stated that Union Grove has a need for a School Resource Officer and the department can also use a part time officer when school is not in session. He said we are excited about working with Superintendent Gray and the partnership with Union Grove ISD.

Councilmember Owens moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Watson. Carried 7-0.

V. CONSIDERATION of Interlocal Agreement for piggyback purchase of construction management services pertaining to street improvement projects

City Manager Pate said this collaborative effort will allow us to joint bid and increase the quantity, which will drive down costs. He said we have Kilgore and White Oak joining in this year and he expects participation to grow next year.

Allen Ross, Shaumburg & Polk Engineers, explained that state government authorizes agreements between government entities and they will be combined into a single contract. This will realize lower unit costs and stretch money allocated for street projects. He said this will garner a lot of attention if it is successful. He said in addition to Kilgore and White Oak, they are in discussions with Whitehouse and Jacksonville and will continue to talk with other cities.

Councilmember Owens commended City Manager Pate for initiating this and said it allow us to do 30-40% more. City Manager Pate also gave SPI credit for seeing the benefit and helping to manage the contracts and bids.

Councilmember Owens moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Watson. Carried 7-0.

VI. CONSIDERATION of Gladewater Main Street Façade Improvement Grant Program Guidelines

Kathi Corwin, Main Street Director said these revised guidelines will help the program to run more smoothly. The primary edit is to add a hard date and timelines of application procedure.

Mayor Pro-tem Shipp moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Bland. Carried 7-0.

VII. CONSIDERATION of Lease and Use Agreement with L.Y. Sheffield for City property adjacent to West Lake Drive and Lot 27-A-W of Lake Gladewater Subdivision

City Manager Pate recommended renewing the lease at the same terms.

Councilmember Owens moved to renew the lease agreement with the same terms as the original. Motion seconded by Councilmember Watson. Carried 7-0.

VIII. CONSIDERATION of Ordinance to amend Chapter 30 – Boards and Commissions of the Code of Ordinances for creation of a Ball Park Advisory Board

City Manager Pate explained the need for establishment of the board and partnership from both the baseball and softball organizations. He suggested that the board be comprised of 1 staff member, 1 softball representative, 1 baseball representative and 2 members of the community at large with the City Manager being an ex-officio member.

Councilmember Niemann asked how this composition compares to other boards. City Manager Pate responded that other boards do not have staff as members.

Councilmember Watson moved to approve the ordinance with revision that the board is to be comprised of 1 representative from the baseball association, 1 representative from the softball association, 3 citizens at large and 1 staff member as ex-officio. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Carried 7-0.

IX. CONSIDERATION of board appointments

Airport Board – Councilmember Owens moved to reappoint Joe Wise and Bert Sharp and to appoint Winn King. Motion seconded by Councilmember Watson. Carried 7-0.

Board of Adjustments – Councilmember Watson moved to reappoint Dean Simmons, Elwanda Walker and Nancy Holly. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried 7-0.

Cemetery Board – Mayor Pro-tem Shipp moved to reappoint Diana Stokes, Robbie Floyd and Rhonda Owens. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Niemann. Carried 7-0.

Lake Board – Councilmember Owens stated last year a member of the Airport Board was removed because he missed 3 meetings in a row. He said we have the same situation with attendance this year with Cisco Frierson on the Lake Board and Margaret Bell on Planning & Zoning. We have two people who have expressed interest in serving on these respective boards; Jenny McGregor and Dennis Robertson.

City Secretary Melba Haralson stated that the Planning & Zoning Commission discussed this issue at length. Mrs. Bell has been on the board for almost 40 years (since 1976). She had to miss a couple meetings due to a medical issue but still desires to serve on the board. The Planning & Zoning Commission does not want to lose her experience and expertise and feels there should be some leniency granted for medical related absences. The Board recommended that Margaret Bell be reappointed and that Dennis Robertson be appointed as an alternate member.

Mayor Pro-tem Shipp said there should be some leniency for medical related absences and perhaps if they brought a doctor's note the absence could be excused. Councilmember Owens said he does not believe they need a note from the doctor.

Councilmember Watson moved to reappoint Sam Chenoweth and Bruce Stanley and to appoint Jenny McGregor in the place of Cisco Frierson since he has missed three consecutive meetings. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Owens. Mayor Wells called for discussion.

Councilmember Niemann said we have not had the opportunity to know Jenny McGregor. She said we would like time to invite her to a meeting and doesn't believe we should take someone off the board and put another one on until we know the circumstances.

Mayor Pro-tem Shipp commented Airport Board member Garnet McClure had missed several meetings when he was replaced last year.

Councilmember Watson withdrew his motion.

Councilmember Owens moved to table Lake Board appointment until the January meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Bland. Carried 6-0-1 with Shipp abstaining.

Library Board – Councilmember Owens moved to reappoint Beverly Tallent, Julie McDaniel and John Dunn and to appoint Janie Bradbury to fill vacancy created by Vi Melton's resignation. Councilmember Watson seconded the motion. Carried 7-0. (Note: Due to the death of Sue Clifton-Moore, there is a vacancy on the board. Nomination will be considered at the next Library Board meeting.)

Main Street Board – Mayor Pro-tem Shipp moved to reappoint Elaine Roddy, Jim Bardwell and Stephani Chance. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried 7-0.

Planning & Zoning Board – Mayor Pro-tem Shipp said he believes the Board was correct in its recommendation to reappoint Margaret Bell. He said it would be different if there were continuing medical issues. Mayor Wells agreed and stated she is fine now.

Councilmember Niemann moved to reappoint Margaret Bell, Marlene Downing and Ann Clay and to appoint Dennis Robertson as an alternate member. She also moved to keep up with the board in case the alternate needs to be made permanent. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Carried 7-0.

X. CONSIDERATION of Lake Store lease

No action necessary as the lease does not expire until December 2015.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to;

- a) Government Code §551.087 regarding a Chapter 380 Agreement with T.E.T.
- b) Government Code §551.072 regarding land acquisition

The Council recessed into executive session at 6:45 p.m.

XII. RECONVENE into open session and take any action necessary regarding

- a) Chapter 380 Agreement with T.E.T.
- b) Land acquisition

The Council reconvened into open session at 7:35 p.m. and took the following action;

- a) Councilmember Owens moved to approve a Chapter 380 Agreement with Tommy Ellis Trucking to assist with a septic system, building permit fees and water tap fees. Motion seconded by Councilmember Niemann. Carried 7-0.
- b) Councilmember Niemann moved to authorize staff to proceed with land acquisition negotiations. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Carried 7-0.

XIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Update on utility line project – The project is complete, final inspection is underway.
- b) Update on 12" water line project – During excavation at Hwy 271 and Melba a gas line was hit. Thankfully there were no casualties. Project should be completed within 60 days.
- c) Update on progress from 2009 Strategic Plan – Several objectives have been met, i.e. joint meeting with the G.I.S.D. School Board (which we want to continue periodically), infrastructure replacement, street improvements, and Dallas force main replacement. Some remaining projects are the labyrinth dam (for which funding is not in place), expanding water and sewer lines across the river along Hwy 271 South, and under the Community Development section, creating the beautification committee.

XIV. ADJOURN

Mayor Pro-tem Shipp moved to adjourn at 7:52 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Owens. Adjourned by consensus.

HAROLD R. WELLS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY