

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES
AUGUST 21, 2014
6:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lana Niemann

STAFF PRESENT: Sean Pate, Melba Haralson, Casey Chambers, Wayne A. Smith, Rob Vine, Kathi Corwin

GUESTS PRESENT: Robert Haberle, James Stewart, Margaret Larkins, Linda Wells, Jim Bardwell, Sheila Faggans, Mark Carpenter, Paul Hall, Raven Murphy, Frank Stephens

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 Bland

II. CITIZENS COMMENTS

James Stewart, 2205 Woodbine, expressed concern with abandoned property (tall grass) all around the City. He asked the City to put someone in charge of getting rid of these eyesores. He said it devalues his home and he does not want to be ashamed to live here.

Margaret Larkins, 416 N. Main, said she owns two businesses downtown and although she appreciates the City and GEDCO making improvements downtown she is not happy with the new sidewalk on East Commerce. She said it is not level, she is not in favor of the rail in front of her business, and her awning is higher on one side than the other. She said it looks good from the street but asked the Council to come take a closer look.

III. CONSIDERATION of Consent Agenda

- a) Minutes –July 17, 2014, July 28, 2014, July 31, 2014 and August 7, 2014
- b) Resolution approving application for funding through the Texas Department of Agriculture Main Street Program
- c) Citizen Complaint Procedures for the Texas Community Development Program
- d) Blanket permit for 41st Annual Gladewater Arts & Crafts Festival, September 20-21, 2014
- e) Blanket permit for Downtown Burn Dance and Bike Light, September 27, 2014
- f) Blanket permit for 12th Annual Adaptive Sportsfest hosted by POWER, Inc., September 27, 2014
- g) Blanket permit for Caring Hearts of Gladewater 5k Run and Candlelight Vigil for Cancer Awareness Month, October 4, 2014
- h) Interlocal Agreement with East Texas Council of Governments for 9-1-1 database maintenance
- i) Resolution supporting construction of a center left turn lane on US Hwy 80 from Shell Camp Road to Locker Plant Road
- j) Resolution authorizing the City to participate as part of the Cities Advocating Reasonable Deregulation (“CARD”) in proceedings related to Southwestern Electric Power Company’s (“SWEPCO”) application to reconcile fuel costs
- k) Ordinance for Flood Damage Prevention
- l) Resolution approving the terms and conditions of an Interlocal Agreement between the Region 4 Education Service Center, which sponsors the Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN)

Councilmember Watson moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Carried 6-0.

IV. UPDATE on Interlocal Agreement with Smith County Emergency Services District #2

City Manager Sean Pate stated that until just before the meeting it looked as though we would discontinue the contract with Smith County ESD #2. Chief Rozell stated they are now in favor of increasing the allotment to the City of Gladewater and hopefully there will be a new agreement by next month’s meeting.

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- V. CONSIDERATION of Resolution supporting Constitutional amendment for increased state funding for transportation

City Manager Pate said this will allocate a portion of the revenue from oil and gas production to TxDOT and this will put it on the November ballot.

Mayor Pro-tem Shipp moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Bland. Carried 6-0.

- VI. CONSIDERATION of awarding bid for One Course Surface Treatment (Chip Seal) project

Utilities Director Casey Chambers stated we only received 2 bids and both were much higher than expected. He recommended rejecting these bids and said we may get a better price next year with a larger quantity of work.

Mayor Pro-tem Shipp asked about going in with neighboring cities or the county. City Manager Pate said he will propose that at the Texas City Manager's association meeting.

Councilmember Owens moved to reject both bids, seconded by Councilmember Watson. Carried 6-0.

- VII. CONSIDERATION of agreement with Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. for design, bid and construction phase services for Lake Gladewater Marine Improvement project under TPWD State Boating Access Grant program

Frank Stephens, with SPI stated this engineering agreement is for the 75/25 Texas Parks & Wildlife grant that was awarded in July. The grant is \$450,000 and the City's match is \$150,000. The engineering fees of \$54,000 are eligible for 75% reimbursement from the grant.

Councilmember Watson moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Owens who said he hopes this is just the first step of improvements at the lake. Motion carried 6-0.

- VIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Update on East Lake 12" water line project – Final plans have been received and the ball is rolling.
- b) Update from Ball Field Committee – There are two options to maximize space at the Public Works facility. One field is in jeopardy but Quantum Resources is willing relocate the batter at a minimal cost.
- c) Announcement – Bumblebee Park splash pad dedication August 23, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
– The mat will not ship until 9/2 so the dedication will be held in mid-September.
- d) Announcement – Budget public hearing August 28, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

- IX. ADJOURN

Mayor Pro-tem Shipp thanked Jim Bardwell and the Gladewater Mirror for getting the word out about the Longview MPO survey a couple weeks ago. He then moved to adjourn at 6:25 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Adjourned by consensus.

HAROLD R. WELLS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY