

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES
OCTOBER 16, 2014
6:00 P.M.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Sean Pate, Melba Haralson, Judy Hagle, Paul Jaap, Robert Vine, Michael Kirkwood, Wayne Smith

GUESTS PRESENT: Gerald Williams, Phyllis Williams, Opal Slusser, Gary Clark, Robert Haberle, Cathy Smith, Sherry Easley, Charly R., Doug Kendall, Janice Attaway, Brenda Attaway, Leon Word, Jim Bardwell, Jasmine Nyvall, , Brett Steed, Abbey Sorrells, Adrienne Hathcoat, Eric Fisher, Pat Watson, Anita Cor4bell, Pete Gerbine III, Corey Ellis, Jimmy Mohon, Randy Koss, Bob Chauvin, Dortha Cauthen, Ken Cauthen, John Pyburne, Linda Wells, Dub Floyd, Christopher Reagh, Morgan Davis, John Alan Trepanier, Brent Bailey, Colleen Bailey, Ryan Bailey, Judy Banner, Anne Hatfield, D Guthrie, Lynne Guthrie, Jane Gregston, Dawn Elrod, Cindy Byrd, Brenda Brinkley, James Byrd, Karen Owen, Charles Mouton, Paul Hall, Jane Reynolds, Mike Reynolds, D. Gerbine, Paula Ellis, and 4 illegible signatures

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

- a) Invocation – Councilmember Anderson
- b) Pledge of Allegiance – Ryan Bailey

II. CITIZENS COMMENTS

- 1) Jerry Williams, 24927 Country Club Road, said this is a waste of time because he believes the Council already has its mind made up. He said the City can't provide any services they don't already have. He was complimentary of the City police department but said Gregg County also has a good department. He said they don't get a vote and wants the Council to think about what they are doing in taking their rights away.
- 2) Paula Ellis, 23859 CR 374, addressed what she felt like was untruths in a meeting in May 2014 with the City Manager Fire Chief, Police Chief, Code Enforcement Officer and GEDCO Director. She stated her son asked specifically if there were any plans to annex and he was told no. She then referenced comments made by City Manager Sean Pate in the Longview News-Journal that stated the idea of annexation started with a Strategic Plan in 2009. She expressed concern that the truth is not what is being shared and concluded by quoting a scripture from the Bible.

III. CONSIDERATION of Consent Agenda

- a) Minutes –September 18, 2014 and October 9, 2014
- b) Agreement with Gregg County for Lee Public Library
- c) Resolution authorizing the filing of application with East Texas Council of Governments for a Regional Solid Waste Program grant
- d) Interlocal Agreement with Region VIII Education Service Center for cooperative purchasing through The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) program
- e) Investment Report for quarter ending September 30, 2014 and fiscal year ending September 30, 2014

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

IV. CONSIDERATION of MPO Regional Thoroughfare Plan

Karen Owen, Director of Longview Metropolitan Planning Organization presented a draft plan and asked the Council to consider future thoroughfare plan for the City in order to preserve right-of-ways.

Mayor Pro-tem Shipp received confirmation that the plan is re-evaluated every 4-5 years and can be amended. He expressed concern that the northwest section of Loop 485 is best suited as a residential area and the southeast loop makes more sense. He also stated a turn lane on Highway 80 is next to impossible due to lack of sufficient right of way. He said

since there is a potential for Toll 49 to come through Gladewater, the southwest section of the loop would relieve traffic from Highway 80.

Mrs. Owen said the City would have to change its zoning ordinances to enforce increased right of ways and asked for the Council's support of the plan.

Mayor Pro-tem Shipp moved to add the southwest segment of Loop 485 to the Longview MPO Thoroughfare Plan. Motion seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried 7-0.

V. CONSIDERATION of agreement for fire protection services with Smith County Emergency Services District #2

Mayor Pro-tem Shipp stated they have gone back and forth with SCEDSD #2. He said the original contract was \$5,000 for an undefined area. The City asked for a defined map and received one for a 22 square mile area and Gladewater is only 12.5 square miles. There would be issues with response time, bridges not rated for the load of a fire truck, etc. He said we need a reduced coverage area.

Mayor Pro-tem Shipp moved that staff contact SCESD to get on their October 27th agenda to present a map to them that Fire Chief Smith is comfortable with and assign a dollar amount to that. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Niemann. Carried 7-0.

VI. CONSIDERATION of proposal for purchase of Spartan ERV Legend Pumper fire truck

Chief Smith said he has been working on getting quotes for past 6-7 months. He sent the same specs to all vendors and found it remarkable that the difference between the high and low bid was \$30,000. He recommended purchasing the truck from Spartan for \$326,217.

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

VII. CONSIDERATION of November City Council meeting

City Manager Pate stated the November 20th meeting would have the annexation public hearing plus regular business. He suggested that since we need to dedicate time to the public hearing that we either move the November regular meeting forward or cancel regular meeting and conduct November business in the December meeting.

Councilmember Niemann moved to cancel regular business at the November meeting in order to dedicate time to the public hearing. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Watson. Carried 7-0.

VIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Update on utility line project – They are wrapping up work on Center Street.
- b) Update on 12" water line project – USDA approved the plans. We should be ready to move forward within 60 days.

IX. ADJOURN

Mayor Pro-tem Shipp moved to adjourn at 6:41 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Watson. Adjourned by consensus.

HAROLD R. WELLS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY