

CITY OF GLADEWATER  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION  
MINUTES  
JULY 28, 2014  
6:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lana Niemann, Leon Watson

STAFF PRESENT: Sean Pate, Paul Jaap

GUESTS PRESENT: Karen Owen, Brett Huntsman, Will Bushell, D.R. Cooley, Robert Johnson, Vernon Webb, Eric Fisher

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wells called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

II. PRESENTATION by Longview Metropolitan Planning Organization and Texas Department of Transportation regarding highway transportation projects

Karen Owen, Longview MPO Director, introduces the MPO and TxDOT staff and stated the purpose of the workshop is to discuss and explain future and current projects.

Vernon Webb, TxDOT Tyler, spoke on U.S. Highway 80 expansion and different proposals. He stated the reason the eastern portion of Highway 80 was selected and outlined the priority of three different projects. 1) Hwy 80 at Loop 485 to Locker Plant Road, 2) Hwy 80 west to the bridge, and 3) Loop 485 turn lane north and south.

There was discussion regarding right-of-way acquisition from retail businesses. The City would be responsible for 10% of those costs plus the cost to move city utilities.

It was pointed out the area on Hwy 80 east of the bridge to Virginia Street is congested with traffic as it narrows to two lanes. Mayor Pro-tem Shipp said he would rather see a left turn lane there instead of the loop since utility lines have already been moved in that area.

III. ADJOURN

Mayor Pro-tem Shipp moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Adjourned by consensus.

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HAROLD R. WELLS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY