

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION
MINUTES
JULY 31, 2014
3:00 P.M.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Sean Pate, Paul Jaap, Casey Chambers, Rob Vine, Wayne A. Smith

GUESTS PRESENT: Jim Bardwell, Glenn Evans

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wells called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

II. BUDGET WORKSHOP

City Manager Sean Pate presented highlights of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2015. In the General Fund he outlined valuation changes from both Gregg and Upshur County and proposed adopting the effective tax rate of \$0.641426. He gave an overview of each department's budget, including capital purchases of a fire truck and fire equipment, police camera system, jail cell locks, a rear blade attachment and tiller for the street/parks department.

In order to offset the rising costs of chemicals and equipment, he proposed base water and sewer rate increases of \$4 each, plus incremental increases based on volume of consumption. He also proposed tap fee increases. The Enterprise Fund is proposed to transfer \$200,000 to General Fund for administrative costs, comparable to a franchise fee.

A brief overview was presented for the Airport and Cemetery Funds then answered questions from the Council.

III. ADJOURN

Mayor Pro-tem Shipp moved to adjourn at 5:15 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Watson. Adjourned by consensus.

HAROLD R. WELLS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY