

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION
MINUTES
AUGUST 12, 2015
6:00 P.M.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Melba Haralson, Judy Hagle, Wayne A. Smith, Michael Kirkwood, Al Harrison, Casey Chambers, Kathi Corwin

GUESTS PRESENT: Nick Foster, Gerry Boren, James Draper, Aaron Harper

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Wells called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Government Code §551.074 regarding recruitment of City Manager

The Council recessed into executive session at 6:00 p.m.

- III. RECONVENE into open session and take any action necessary regarding recruitment of City Manager

The Council reconvened into open session at 6:55 p.m. Mayor Pro-tem Shipp stated it was in the best interest of the City to interview more than two candidates and moved to extend the search another 30 days. Motion seconded by Councilmember Robertson. Carried 7-0.

- IV. BUDGET WORKSHOP

Interim City Manager Melba Haralson presented a balanced budget with the effective tax rate of .656321.

Due to declining revenues, rising operating costs and increased debt, the general fund and enterprise fund budgets were balanced with no draw down on reserves by making significant cuts throughout, including the elimination of two part-time positions and one full-time position.

GEDCO's increased level of participation is in the process of being vetted based on projects they are legally able to fund. In addition, a request by Police Chief Rob Vine to close the jail and hire another police officer is still under consideration. Therefore, a second budget workshop was scheduled for August 24, 2015.

(Note: Approximately 7:30 p.m. Councilmember Anderson exited the meeting and approximately 8:50 p.m. Councilmember Niemann exited the meeting.)

- V. ADJOURN

Mayor Pro-tem Shipp moved to adjourn at 9:10 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Robertson. Adjourned by consensus.

HAROLD R. WELLS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY
INTERIM CITY MANAGER