

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES
AUGUST 20, 2015
6:00 P.M.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Melba Haralson, Casey Chambers, Richard Cates, Paul Jaap, Wayne A. Smith, David Burrows

GUESTS PRESENT: Christian Allen, Randy Koss, Sheila Faggans, John Ringler, Linda Wells, Rebecca Jaap, Terry Johnson, Mona Wagner, Josh Wagner, Margaret Larkins, Ralph Ross, Connie Ross, Gloria Cook, Steve Bennett

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 Niemann

II. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

III. CONSIDERATION of Consent Agenda

- a) Minutes - July 16, 2015, July 28, 2015, July 30, 2015 and August 12, 2015
- b) Blanket Permit for 42nd Annual Arts & Crafts Festival to be held September 19-20, 2015
- c) Blanket Permit for 5k Run Glow to be held September 19, 2015 to benefit Nikalas Reyes Wisinger scholarship fund
- d) Blanket Permit for 12th Annual POWER Inc. Adaptive Sportsfest to be held September 26, 2015
- e) Agreement with G.I.S.D. for School Resource Officer

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

IV. PRESENTATION / CONSIDERATION of Lake Gladewater Dam inspection by Adams Engineering

Steve Bennet, Adams Engineering, reported the spillway is still in good to fair condition. The front slope is good but the main concern is with the crest of dam and the back slope. He said the slope is holding a 2:1 when it should be 3:1. He said there is minor erosion. He estimated the cost to be \$496,254 to bring the slope to 3:1.

Mr. Bennett answered questions from the Council regarding timeline for completion and dirt composition.

Mayor Pro-tem Shipp stated we are in no position to move forward and moved to proceed on our own with appropriate fill dirt. Motion seconded by Councilmember Watson. Carried 7-0.

V. PRESENTATION / CONSIDERATION of East Lake culvert replacement by KSA Engineers

John Ringler, KSA Engineers, explained there will be RUS grant funds left over after the 12” water line project is completed. We requested approval from RUS to use those remaining funds for the East Lake culvert and it was denied. Mr. Ringler provided pictures of the failed steel culvert and the cracked concrete head wall.

Councilmember Niemann received affirmation from Mr. Ringler that the culvert could be replaced with concrete. He said they considered a bridge instead of a culvert but that wouldn’t solve the erosion problem.

City Secretary/Interim City Manager Melba Haralson asked if there should be weight restrictions and if there is danger of the road collapsing. Mr. Ringler suggested that school buses take an alternate route.

Mayor Pro-tem Shipp said the alternate route of Phillips Springs Road has a "sister" culvert. He asked Mr. Ringler about the possibility of teeing into the 8" line so we can come back later and do it. John Ringler said we need to put together an estimate and obtain authorization from RUS.

Councilmember Robertson said he is more concerned about the culvert than the dam. Hearing that we need to reroute school buses is cause for a moment of pause. Mr. Ringler said he doesn't know how long the road will hold up without doing a formal evaluation.

Councilmember Niemann moved to have staff continue to look for financial options and solutions and for John Ringler to look at the possible solution of teeing into the 8" line. Motion seconded by Councilmember Watson. Carried 7-0.

VI. CONSIDERATION of 2016 Athletic Field Use Agreement with Gladewater/Union Grove Youth Baseball Association

Mayor Wells said he would like to move Items VI, VII and VIII to September in order to give the Council time to meet with the Ball Park Board. Councilmember Bland so moved, seconded by Councilmember Robertson. Carried 7-0.

VII. CONSIDERATION of 2016 Athletic Field Use Agreement with Gladewater Girls Softball Association

See Item VI.

VIII. CONSIDERATION of Gladewater Sports Complex Codes of Conduct

See Item VI.

IX. CONSIDERATION of location for disposal of waste dirt

Public Works Director Paul Jaap stated they used to take dirt to the back of the yard for fill but the new yard is not ready. He said they take clean dirt to Bumblebee Park or to fill behind the tennis courts. Some of the dirt contains asphalt and concrete. He asked if they could give that type dirt to an individuals close to the vicinity where they are working.

Councilmember Niemann moved to give the City Manager and staff the ability to see what is appropriate and if a private citizen is given the dirt to ensure they do something with it in a short period of time so as not to have stacks of debris. Motion seconded by Councilmember Watson. Carried 7-0.

X. CONSIDERATION of Ordinance to amend §92.03 of the Gladewater Code of Ordinances; Weeds

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

XI. CONSIDERATION of Ordinance to amend §92.04 of the Gladewater Code of Ordinances; Unreasonable Noise

Councilmember Robertson questioned the penalty of \$2,000. Sergeant David Burrows explained that it is up to the judge to set the fine, the maximum is \$2,000.

Councilmember Watson moved to approve, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Shipp. Carried 7-0.

XII. CONSIDERATION of Ordinance to amend §131.06 of the Gladewater Code of Ordinances; Loitering Prohibited

Sergeant David Burrows explained this is another tool to combat illegal and drug activity. City Secretary Haralson added that the City keeps 100% of code violation fines rather than having to send to the state.

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

XIII. CONSIDERATION of Ordinance to amend §131.07 of the Gladewater Code of Ordinances; Meddling, Tampering with Garbage

Sergeant Burrows explained that drug users are notorious thieves and are looking for things to sell for scrap as well as identity theft.

Councilmember Bland moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Watson. Carried 7-0.

XIV. CONSIDERATION of Beautification Board appointment to fill vacancy

Mayor Pro-tem Shipp moved to appoint Todd Clifton to the Beautification Board, seconded by Councilmember Bland. Carried 7-0.

XV. CONSIDERATION of Proposed Agreed Order with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and fiscal year 2015 budget amendment of \$22,860

Interim City Manager Haralson requested that this item be tabled as other options are being investigated.

Councilmember Watson moved to table as requested, seconded by Councilmember Niemann. Carried 7-0.

XVI. INTERIM CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Update on ball park complex – The final draft and civil design for concession stands has been released and the final utility and electrical plans should be released by the end of the month.
- b) Update on 12" water line project – This project is 50% complete. They still need to bore from Phillips Springs to Canfield. The work cannot be finished before school starts but they will try to avoid working during high traffic hours.
- c) Update on sealcoat project – Almost complete, only Tenery Street and 1 block left to do on Melba.
- d) Texas Parks & Wildlife magazine article – The July edition had a feature article on Gladewater.
- e) Update on Texas Parks & Wildlife boating access grant – The state has finished the review process and the agreement should be mailed to us this week. After the agreement is signed the City will be authorized to proceed with advertising for construction bids.
- f) Budget Workshop 8/24 and budget public hearing 8/27
- g) Special recognitions - Chief Wayne Smith and Firefighter Joel Duraso – Chief Smith just received special recognition for completing 10 years as an instructor for Texas A & M Fire School. Joel Duraso applied for and obtained a grant from Lowes for repairs to the training tower.

Councilmember Niemann expressed appreciation to the Fire Department and said they don't get recognized often enough for what they do.

XVII. ADJOURN

Mayor Pro-tem Shipp moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Robertson. Adjourned by consensus.

HAROLD R. WELLS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY
INTERIM CITY MANAGER