

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION
MINUTES
JULY 28, 2016
6:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chris Bland

STAFF PRESENT: Theo Melancon, Melba Haralson, Casey Chambers, Kathy Cannon, Robert Vine, Judy Hagle, Michael Kirkwood

GUESTS PRESENT: Jim Bardwell, Cold Edwards, Mark Carpenter, Scott Owens

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wells called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. BUDGET WORKSHOP for fiscal year 2017

City Manager Theo Melancon gave a presentation of a preliminary budget with a \$578,000 deficit in General Fund and a \$65,000 surplus in the Enterprise Fund. The effective tax rate will increase from 65.5 cents to 66 cents due to losses in property values. There was no contribution from GEDCO factored in and it provides for no capital outlay other than for expired firefighting equipment.

Various cost cutting measures were discussed in addition to possible tax rate and service fee increases. City Manager Melancon stated that everything is on the table and he will continue to look at every line item in order reduce the deficit.

The next budget workshop will be held August 15, 2016.

III. ADJOURN

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

HAROLD R. WELLS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY