

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION
MINUTES
MAY 10, 2018
6:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Ricky Tow, Al Harrison, Christina Stanger, Rob Vine, Judy Van Houten, Susan Thomas, Judy Hagle, Cory Crowell

GUESTS PRESENT: Scott Owens, Katherine Childress, Farrell Alexander, Jim Bardwell, Suzanne Bardwell, Randy Koss, Sheila Faggans, Pat Watson, Terry Johnson, Matt Byrd, Cathy Shipp, Glenn Shipp, Tim Bryan, Jacob Whitaker, Lois Reed, Linda Wells, Hal Wells, Colleen Bailey, Brent Bailey, Ryan Bailey, Rebecca King, Jonathan King, John Paul Tallent, Alfred Lacy, Karen A. Jacks, Leah Brooks, Jarrod Alexander, Erron Brooks, Mark Carpenter, Diane Turner, Madolynn Hudson, Dianne Vaught

I. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Wells called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- a) Invocation – Councilmember Anderson
- b) Pledge – Mayor Pro-tem Shipp

II. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Ryan Bailey, 2320 W. Gay Avenue, Gladewater, read a speech to Mayor Wells and the council.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Minutes – April 19, 2018
- b) Tax refund to James Dunn & Terrie Dunn

Councilmember Foster asked to pull item a) out to consider separately.

Councilmember Watson moved to approve the Tax refund to James Dunn & Terrie Dunn; seconded by Councilmember Foster. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilmember Foster moved to approve the Minutes – April 19, 2018 with two corrections – the invocation and pledge are reversed and on page 3, item IX it should be Councilmember Foster as second instead of Dennis Foster; seconded by Councilmember Niemann. Motion carried 7-0.

IV. CONSIDERATION of financial audit for fiscal year 2017

Karen Jacks presented highlights of the audit and stated they have rendered a clean opinion, which is the highest rating possible.

Councilmember Niemann noted that in March of 2017 the council became aware of funds being spent without council approval. She further noted that at that point the “Financial Report” started being added to the council packets for review. She questioned what other checks and balances could be added to help besides that already being done. Ms. Jacks said that accurate projections will help with this as well. The council has set expectations of management and should stay on top of the situation.

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Councilmember Niemann asked if it would be wise for the city to have a semi-annual meeting to publically review financials. Ms. Jacks stated that that would be considered an interim budget review in an open meeting obviously. She sees nothing wrong with that.

Councilmember Niemann mentioned that some contracts, leases and ordinances, which were passed thru council, took months before further action was taken. What checks and balances should there be to prevent that from happening in the future. Ms. Jacks stated that the contracts compliance issues were addressed in the management letter.

Councilmember Foster moved to approve the financial audit for fiscal year 2017, seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried 7-0.

V. PUBLIC HEARING regarding;

- a) a request from Scott Owens for a Specific Use Permit for a restricted commercial zoning for the sale of alcoholic beverages for on premises consumption at Lots 21-26, Block 123 Wood Heights, more commonly known as 1005 W. Upshur
- b) a request from Matt Byrd for a Zoning change from light commercial to light industrial at Lots 17-22, NCB 56, more commonly known as 115 S. Dean Street.

Mayor Wells opened the public hearing for item a) at 6:20 p.m.

a) Scott Owens, 200 Maple, Gladewater, Texas and Katherine Childress 1205 Dawn, Gilmer, Texas addressed the council regarding this request. Mr. Owens explained that he is the property owner and Ms. Childress is the business owner/lessee at 1005 W. Upshur. He said their intention all along has been to have a nice restaurant that also serves alcohol and not just a bar that also serves food.

With no other public comments, item a) of the public hearing was closed at 6:24 p.m.

Mayor Wells opened the public hearing for item b) at 6:24 p.m.

b) Matt Byrd, 1002 Chevy Chase said he wants to turn an old abandoned building into climate controlled storage.

With no other public comments, item b) of the public hearing was closed at 6:28 p.m.

VI. CONSIDERATION of;

- a) a request from Scott Owens for a Specific Use Permit for a restricted commercial zoning for the sale of alcoholic beverages for on premises consumption at Lots 21-26, Block 123 Wood Heights, more commonly known as 1005 W. Upshur

Councilmember Niemann said she believes the wording needs to be amended to include Katherine Childress as well as Scott Owens. Lana Niemann moved to

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approve a request from Scott Owens and Katherine Childress for a Specific Use Permit for a restricted commercial zoning for the sale of alcoholic beverages for on premises consumption at Lots 21-26, Block 123 Wood Heights, more commonly known as 1005 W. Upshur, seconded by Councilmember Watson. Motion carried 7-0.

- b) a request from Matt Byrd for a Zoning change from light commercial to light industrial at Lots 17-22, NCB 56, more commonly known as 115 S. Dean Street.

Councilmember Watson moved to approve a request from Matt Byrd for a Zoning change from light commercial to light industrial at Lots 17-22, NCB 56, more commonly known as 115 S. Dean Street, seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Councilmember Niemann expressed her thanks to Matt & Karla Byrd. Councilmember Foster said it is nice to see old buildings cleaned-up. Motion carried 7-0.

VII. PRESENTATION to outgoing City Council Members

City Manager Tow presented Lana Niemann, Leon Watson and Harold Wells with plaques of appreciation and expressed gratitude for their service on the Council.

VIII. OATH OF OFFICE to newly elected City Council Members

City Clerk Van Houten administered the Oath of Office to Mayor J.D. Shipp, Councilmember Farrell Alexander and Councilmember Brandy Flanagan.

IX. CONSIDERATION of appointment of Mayor Pro-tem

Councilmember Robertson moved to appoint Elijah "Sonny" Anderson as Mayor Pro-tem; seconded by Councilmember Foster. Motion carried 5-0-1, with Councilmember Anderson abstaining.

X. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT on administrative and capital projects

City Manager Tow said the airport project is moving forward. The waste water treatment facility and the water treatment facility projects are waiting on the Texas Water Development Board.

XI. ADJOURN

Councilmember Alexander moved to adjourn at 6:48 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Robertson. Adjourned by consensus.

J.D. Shipp, Mayor

Attest:

Judy Van Houten, City Clerk