

CITY OF GLADEWATER  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION  
MINUTES  
MARCH 29, 2005  
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor John Paul Tallent, Mayor Pro-tem Walter Derrick, Jimmy Williams, Joe Derouen, Rhonda Smith, Richard Parrish, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jerry Williams

STAFF PRESENT: Jay Stokes, Melba Haralson, Jimmy Davis, Larry Player

GUESTS PRESENT: John Gamel, Lola Barrett, Daniel Barrett, Gordon Tiner, Skip Ogle

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A REQUEST TO SUBDIVIDE PROPERTY located at Abstract 271, Carl Rhodes Survey, Tract 22 and 22-03

The public hearing was opened at 6:00 p.m. City Manager Stokes explained that Mr. Gamel wants to divide three lots off his acreage to build homes. The infrastructure is already in place and the property fronts Locker Plant Road and there is no zoning issue.

Daniel Barrett asked if there would be any restrictions on the subdivision, specifically if mobile homes would be allowed. Mr. Stokes answered that there is no restrictions other than the houses will be subject to city codes and ordinances. No mobile homes will be allowed.

John Gamel, 220 Locker Plant Road stated that he owns the land and will build the houses according to city codes.

With no further comments or questions, the public hearing was closed at 6:04 p.m.

III. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO SUBDIVIDE PROPERTY located at Abstract 271, Carl Rhodes Survey, Tract 22 and 22-03

Councilmember Jimmy Williams moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Derouen. Carried 6-0.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT and revised and extended franchise agreement with Cox Communications, Inc.

City Manager Stokes commented that he is grateful for the working relationship with Skip Ogle and Gordon Tiner of Cox Communications. He stated he received the contract this morning and our City attorney needs to review it. Mr. Stokes gave a basic overview of the contract provisions as follows; Cox will pay the City \$9,000 for back payment and these funds will not come from the subscribers. The contract will have better language going forward on revenue streams. The contract will be extended for 15 years, to December 2019. The franchise fee will stay at

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2%, with the option to elevate it to 5% over the course of 2 years. Cox will provide television service to all City buildings at no cost. They are also willing to offer a 40% discount on the rate for high speed internet service (not as part of the franchise agreement).

The contract will be brought back to the Council on April 21, 2005 for approval.

V. ADJOURN

Councilmember Parrish moved to adjourn at 6:15 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Smith. Adjourned by consensus.

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JOHN PAUL TALLENT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY