

CITY OF GLADEWATER  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION  
MINUTES  
JUNE 27, 2005  
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor John Paul Tallent, Mayor Pro-tem Walter Derrick, Jimmy Williams, Joe Derouen, Jerry Williams, Scott Owens, Richard D. Parrish, Jr.

STAFF PRESENT: Jay Stokes, Melba Haralson, Jimmy Davis

GUESTS PRESENT: Mary J. Williams, John Ringler, Keith Honey, Judy Singleton, Cathey E. Huber, Brett Eldridge, Danielle Eldridge, Beverly Tallent, Lee Todd, Levin Jackson, Jerry Kates, Alicia Jones, Gene Bradley

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tallent called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Parrish gave the invocation and Mayor Pro-tem Derrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Minutes – May 16, May 19 and May 26, 2005
- b) Gas & Oil Lease with Bruce Ogilvie
- c) Water tap outside city limits at 115 Baretta Road

Mayor Pro-tem Derrick moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried 6-0.

III. CONSIDERATION OF HIRING KSA ENGINEERS for services related to FY 2005 Street paving program

City Manager Stokes explained that the scope of work was reduced in order to save money and we will use Veolia as much as possible. John Ringler, of KSA Engineers stated that the repairs will be made according to the study for E. Lake Drive and portions of Gay Avenue, as far as the money will go.

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

IV. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE regarding Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) franchise agreement

Keith Honey, of AEP SWEPCO requested a renewal of the franchise agreement. Councilmember Derouen moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Jimmy Williams. Carried 6-0.

V. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM EAST TEXAS SKYDIVING to host skydiving event at Lake Gladewater July 9-10, 2005

Lee Todd and Levin Jackson presented information on the skydiving event. Mayor Tallent received confirmation that they have insurance coverage and the City will not have any liability.

Councilmember Jimmy Williams moved to approve, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Derrick. Carried 6-0.

Councilmember Jerry Williams entered the meeting.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE TO RATIFY PLAT OF SURVEY described as Job No. 010784 by Land Surveying Services for a boundary adjustment between Lots 14 and 15 of the Lake Gladewater Subdivision, Section W-1

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Councilmember Owens moved to approve, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Derrick. Carried 7-0.

- VII. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE TO RATIFY PLAT OF SURVEY described as Job No. 050745 by Land Surveying Services for a boundary adjustment between Lot 17 and 18 of the Lake Gladewater Subdivision, Section W-1

Alicia Jones, Vice President of 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Gilmer explained that the house located on Lot 17 has been sold but title insurance cannot be obtained because of the encroachment into Lot 18. She requested that the lot line be adjusted to clear the encroachment.

Mayor Tallent received confirmation that the adjoining property owner was in agreement. City Secretary Haralson explained that they were in agreement as long as the bank would pay for a survey to be sure their north property line was unaffected.

Councilmember Williams moved to approve the lot line adjustment to run adjacent to the fence line of Lot 18 as depicted on the Plat of Survey, at no expense to the City, seconded by Councilmember Derouen. Carried 7-0.

- VIII. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR AN EASEMENT from East Lake Drive to a 27.617 acre tract (10.75 acres in the Raiford Survey, Abs. 437 and 16.867 acres in the Chamberlain Survey, Abs. 97)

Gene Bradley, 2810 E. Lake Drive, requested an easement, approximately 30' x 50', in order to have a secondary entrance into his property.

Councilmember Jerry Williams moved to grant the easement for \$250, with Mr. Bradley bearing the expense involved, seconded by Councilmember Derouen. Carried 7-0.

- IX. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM GLADEWATER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE for assistance with 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks display

Councilmember Derouen moved to approve the request for the fireworks display, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Derrick. Carried 7-0.

Councilmember Derouen moved to assist the Chamber of Commerce with the cost in the amount of \$1,000, seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried 7-0.

- X. CONSIDERATION OF LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Councilmember Owens moved to appoint Rhonda Smith to the Library Board as recommended by the Board, seconded by Councilmember Parrish. Carried 7-0.

- XI. CONSIDERATION OF AIRPORT BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mayor Pro-tem Derrick moved to appoint Ed Parton to the Airport Board per their recommendation, seconded by Councilmember Jimmy Williams. Carried 7-0.

- XII. CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT RECOMMENDATION from Airport Board regarding City's acceptance of grant funds for improvements at Gladewater Municipal Airport

Councilmember Jerry Williams moved to accept the grant funds of \$1,860,000, with GEDCO paying the 10% match for the Gladewater Municipal Airport, seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried 7-0.

- XIII. CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT DONATION OF MATCHING FUNDS from Gladewater Economic Development Corporation for industrial improvements at Gladewater Municipal Airport

Councilmember Jimmy Williams moved to accept \$186,000 for grant match from GEDCO and offered words of appreciation, seconded by Councilmember Jerry Williams. Carried 7-0.

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- XIV. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT for 2002 NPE Funds to fund design work for improvements at Gladewater Municipal Airport

Councilmember Jimmy Williams moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Jerry Williams. Carried 7-0.

- XV. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATION OF PROJECT FUNDS for 2002 NPE Funds to fund design work for improvements at Gladewater Municipal Airport

Councilmember Owens moved to approve, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Derrick. Carried 7-0.

- XVI. CONSIDERATION OF DESIGNATION OF AIRPORT BOARD MEMBERS as sponsor's consultant selection committee for 2002 NPE funded design work for improvements at Gladewater Municipal Airport

Councilmember Jimmy Williams moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Parrish. Carried 7-0.

- XVII. CONSIDERATION OF DESIGNATION OF JAMES J. STOKES, City Manager/Airport Manager, as sponsor's authorized representative for 2002 NPE funded design work for improvements at Gladewater Municipal Airport

Councilmember Jimmy Williams moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Derouen. Carried 7-0.

- XVIII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING UPSHUR COUNTY'S REQUEST that the GISD Board of Trustees accept a bid of \$11,111 for two tracts of land that were bid into trust to Upshur County as follows;

Tract one - Lots 2-11, Block 2 New Lake Addition, City of Gladewater

Tract two - Lots 1-16, Block 3, New Lake Addition, City of Gladewater

Judy Singleton, attorney for McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen, explained that this property was bid in trust by Upshur County and the high bid was \$11,111. The City's portion of the sale will be approximately \$2,000.

Mayor Pro-tem Derrick moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Jimmy Williams. Carried 7-0.

- XIX. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION allowing McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen, P.C. to sell at auction any property bid into trust for the City of Gladewater's benefit for an amount that is less than the market value at the time of judgment or the total amounts due in the judgment without further notice to the City of Gladewater's City Council

Judy Singleton stated that this resolution will cover future tax sales.

Councilmember Jimmy Williams commented that this will save time and expense in the future and moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Derouen. Carried 7-0.

- XX. CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION for National Night Out 2005

City Manager Stokes and Police Chief Davis explained that the program works by organizing block parties in an attempt to lower the crime rate and raise awareness in each neighborhood. Volunteer hosts are needed. The event is held the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in August, which will be August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Councilmember Owens volunteered to be a host and moved to approve the proclamation, seconded by Councilmember Jimmy Williams. Carried 7-0.

- XXI. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) TCDP Master Plan funding
- b) U-turn parking in front of post office
- c) FY 2006 budget calendar
- d) Update on sale of property
- e) Update on Gay-Haggans Cemetery

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City Manager Jay Stokes gave the following report;

- a) We did not get funding for the Master Plan. There is a possibility of moving into funding if another awarded city drops out.
- b) There was discussion regarding U-turn parking at the post office. Police Chief Jimmy Davis said that currently there is no law or City ordinance to prohibit U-turns in the City and one would need to be passed and signs be posted in order to enforce. Councilmember Jimmy Williams suggested that we try some publicity on the issue to see if it has an affect. Councilmember Jerry Williams stated that it is dangerous for pedestrians. Councilmember Parrish added that the City of Longview passed a City ordinance and did not need to erect signs. City Manager Stokes said he will check into the issue and bring it back to the Council in a future meeting.
- c) The budget calendar was presented. Mr. Stokes stated that he will be out of the country from July 21<sup>st</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- d) All properties recently sold are in the process of either lenders or title companies, except for one. The main snag is the property that is jointly owned with the American Legion. Mr. Stokes explained the problems we are having obtaining authorized signers for the American Legion organization.
- e) Our research has shown that the City of Gladewater does own the Gay-Haggans Cemetery, although it is completely surrounded by private property. City Secretary Haralson explained that the property was acquired for the construction of Lake Gladewater. After the lake was constructed excess property was sold off, but the 2.2 acres of the cemetery was excepted from the sale. The City has never maintained this cemetery. Upshur County Commissioner Lloyd Crabtree has agreed to try to arrange for probationers to clean up the cemetery after we obtain access.

XXII. CONSIDERATION OF GRANTING A LETTER OF VARIANCE regarding an encroachment of the T.W. Lee Building into the right-of-way of Ames Street

Jerry Kates, owner of the Lee Building explained that he has sold the building and the survey found that the building lies 1 ½' over the easement. He stated the building was constructed in 1949. He is requesting a letter of variance so the buyer can obtain title insurance.

Councilmember Derouen moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Jerry Williams. Carried 7-0.

XXIII. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

XXIV. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Tallent gave the following report;

- a) The sewer project on Hwy 80 is progressing and looking great.
- b) The dirt work for the Gardens of Gladewater is progressing well. Concrete is scheduled for July.
- c) Employee Appreciation Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at noon for City and Veolia employees.
- d) A special City Council meeting will be held July 18<sup>th</sup> for a budget workshop and the regular meeting will be July 21<sup>st</sup>.

XXV. ADJOURN

Councilmember Parrish moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Owens. Adjourned by consensus.

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JOHN PAUL TALLENT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY