

CITY OF GLADEWATER  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 1, 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 Parrish, Jr.

STAFF PRESENT: Jay Stokes, Melba Haralson, Jimmy Davis, Lon Welton

GUESTS PRESENT: Pat Derouen, Joyce Hugman, Judith Burlison, Delbert Burlison, Beverly Tallent

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PUBLIC HEARING to discuss proposed budget for fiscal year 2005/2006

The public hearing was opened at 6:00 p.m. City Manager Jay Stokes outlined the changes in the proposed budget since the last discussion in July.

Councilmember Jimmy Williams commended Jay Stokes and staff on the budget preparation. Councilmember Derouen added that it is comprehensive. Councilmember Jerry Williams commented that the water revenue seemed to be a conservative forecast. Mr. Stokes answered that he prefers to be conservative and base the numbers on a wet summer.

With no public comments, the public hearing was closed.

III. PUBLIC HEARING to consider a property tax increase

Mayor Tallent opened the public hearing. City Manager Jay Stokes explained that this is the same rate as last year, but it is higher than the effective rate, which will result in higher tax revenues based on appraised values.

Councilmember Owens asked if we have a breakout from the appraisal district on the values. City Manager Stokes replied that overall the residential values went down while the mineral values increased.

Joyce Hugman asked what the tax rate is. City Manager Stokes responded that it is .57776, which is the same as last year.

Judith Burlison asked for and received clarification that the only increase in tax revenue is due to a valuation increase.

Councilmember Owens commented that this is the first budget that we've had funding for street paving without increasing the tax rate.

City Manager Stokes stated that mineral revenues are likely to rise in the next couple years, if we can sustain, we can use that money for street paving.

Councilmember Jimmy Williams added that the majority of our mineral revenue is primarily based on gas and that market is not as volatile as oil.

Councilmember Jerry Williams commented that the customer will end up paying for it in their electric bill.

With no further public comments, the public hearing was closed.

IV. CONSIDERATION of a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Texas Interoperability Channel Plan (TICP)

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

V. CONSIDERATION of support of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual East Texas Fall Sports Fest

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

VI. CONSIDERATION of Fire Protection Agreement with Upshur County Rural Fire Prevention District #1

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

VII. CONSIDERATION of Fire Protection Agreement with Upshur County Rural Fire Prevention District #1 as agent for the City of Union Grove

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

VIII. CONSIDERATION of 2005/2006 budget for Gladewater Economic Development Corporation (GEDCO)

Lon Welton, GEDCO Executive Director stated that the budget was approved unanimously by the GEDCO board on August 17, 2005.

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

IX. ADJOURN

Councilmember Parrish moved to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. Meeting adjourned by consensus.

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JOHN PAUL TALLENT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY