

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2005
6:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joe Derouen

STAFF PRESENT: Jay Stokes, Melba Haralson, Jimmy Davis, Wayne Smith

GUESTS PRESENT: Brent T. Abernathy, Mary Jane Williams, Linda Patton, Beverly Tallent, Jack Earp, Lee Todd, Brenda Brown

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tallent called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and gave the invocation. Councilmember Jerry Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Minutes – August 18, September 1 and September 6, 2005
- b) Airport recommendation regarding East Texas Skydiving
- c) Library Board appointment – Lois Nasados

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT to operate an auction house at Lots 7-10, NCB 5, more commonly known as 215 E. Pacific Street

Mayor Tallent opened the public hearing at 6:01 p.m. Mr. Jack Earp explained that the Goodwill Store will be vacating his building soon, as they have purchased property on Highway 80 and will be building a new store. He stated that obtaining this specific use permit would open up more options for the use of his soon to be vacant building.

With no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:07 p.m.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT to operate an auction house at Lots 7-10, NCB 5, more commonly known as 215 E. Pacific Street

Councilmember Owens moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Jerry Williams. Carried 6-0.

V. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS for East Lake Drive paving project

City Manager Stokes explained that only one bid was received, but it came in at \$228,013, which is about \$12,000 under the engineer's estimate. Mr. Stokes explained the scope of the project.

Jamie Ballard, 3061 E. Lake Drive asked about repairs to the portion of Phillips Springs Rd. City Manager Stokes explained that the sections marked off will be cut out, the base repaired then chip sealed. He added that the two recent cut outs for sewer repair will also be fixed on Gay Avenue.

Mayor Pro-tem Derrick moved to accept the bid of \$228,103 from Reynolds & Kay, Ltd., seconded by Councilmember Parrish. Carried 6-0.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE adopting and approving the budget for fiscal year 2006

Councilmember Parrish moved to adopt the budget as presented, seconded by Councilmember Jimmy Williams. By a record vote in the affirmative was Mayor

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Tallent, Mayor Pro-tem Derrick, Jimmy Williams, Jerry Williams, Scott Owens, Richard Parrish, Jr. None opposed.

- VII. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE levying taxes for the use and support of the general government and retirement of general obligation bonded indebtedness through an Interest and Sinking fund

Councilmember Jimmy Williams moved to adopt the tax rate of .57665, seconded by Councilmember Jerry Williams. By a record vote in the affirmative was Mayor Tallent, Mayor Pro-tem Derrick, Jimmy Williams, Jerry Williams, Scott Owens, Richard Parrish, Jr. None opposed.

- VIII. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT U-TURNS within the City limits of Gladewater

Councilmember Jimmy Williams moved to approve with instructions to erect two signs at the post office, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Derrick. Carried 6-0.

- IX. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE TO AMEND §95.03 (E) of the City of Gladewater Code of Ordinances regarding scheduled meetings of the Lee Public Library Advisory Board

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

- X. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST BY G.I.S.D. to use Lake Gladewater facilities for Gladewater High School bonfire

Brent Abernathy, 1613 E. Lake Drive, a representative of the Bear Booster Club requested permission to hold a bonfire on September 28th at 8:30 p.m., barring a burn ban in Upshur County.

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

- XI. CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

City Secretary Haralson explained the following budget amendment requests;

\$134,075 – 2002 TCDP grant match. Funds were budgeted last fiscal year, however project was not completed until this fiscal year.

\$113,809 – 2003 TxDOT Airport Drainage grant, amend both revenue and expense.

\$10,000 – Tocker grant for Lee Public Library, amend both revenue and expense.

Councilmember Jimmy Williams moved to approve budget amendments, seconded by Councilmember Jerry Williams. Carried 6-0.

- XII. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

- XIII. MAYOR'S REPORT

- a) Mayor Tallent expressed personal thanks to citizens who have helped the evacuees from Hurricane Katrina.
- b) He read a letter from State Comptroller Carol Keeton Strayhorn praising Gladewater for its energy conservation efforts.
- c) The sewer lines are still being installed on the 1.1 mile stretch of town on Hwy. 80 West. They have recently had to cut the streets on Post and East Lake Drive.
- d) The Gardens of Gladewater is progressing well. Several slabs have been poured, and framing will begin next week.

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- e) We have had a severe sewer break on Gay Avenue near the bridge. We've had to cut the new pavement, but this will be repaved when we pave the area west of the bridge.
- f) Fall clean-up day is set for Saturday, October 22, from 8 a.m. to noon. We will provide dumpsters downtown for our citizens.
- g) The next regular council meeting will be Thursday, October 20th at 6:00 p.m.
- h) The employee Christmas party is set for Thursday, December 8th.
- i) Gladewater will host the TML Region 15 meeting January 31, 2006.

XIV. ADJOURN

Councilmember Parrish moved to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Adjourned by consensus.

JOHN PAUL TALLENT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY