

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
AGENDA
NOVEMBER 17, 2005
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor John Paul Tallent, Jimmy Williams, Joe Derouen, Jerry Williams, Scott Owens, Richard Parrish, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Pro-tem Walter Derrick

STAFF PRESENT: Jay Stokes, Melba Haralson, Jimmy Davis

GUESTS PRESENT: Mary J. Williams, Gregory Dohrer, A.L. Heard, E.M. Parton, Charles Mouton, Beverly Tallent, James Moore, J. Greenwood, Linda Patton, Brenda Brown, Gary R. Traylor, Mary Todd, Lee Todd, Terry Bewley, Mark Carpenter, Alfred Lacy, Norma Lacy, Chuck Whalen

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Minutes – October 20, 2005
- b) Resolution regarding Solid Waste Grants Program
- c) Water tap outside city limits at 5045 East Lake Drive
- d) Investment Reports for the quarter and fiscal year ending September 30, 2005
- e) Blanket Permit – Lions Club Turkey Shoot for November 19, 2005

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING regarding an application from Nadel & Gussman, LLC for a drilling permit for an oil well on the Snavelly Heirs Oil Unit No. 2, located 1477.1' FNL and 1663.8' FEL of the Francis W. Johnson Survey, A-112, Gregg County, Texas

The public hearing was opened at 6:00 p.m. Mr. James Moore, a representative of Nadel & Gussman offered to answer any questions.

Mayor Tallent read a letter of opposition from David Frye. Councilmember Jerry Williams stated that he owns property within 500 feet of the drill tract and he is very pleased that the well is being drilled and hopes it is successful.

With no public comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:06 p.m.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION from Nadel & Gussman, LLC for a drilling permit for an oil well on the Snavelly Heirs Oil Unit No. 2, located 1477.1' FNL and 1663.8' FEL of the Francis W. Johnson Survey, A-112, Gregg County, Texas

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

V. CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT with Gregory Cuke for cove dredging in Lake Gladewater

City Manager Stokes stated that Mr. Cuke asked that we revise the contract as follows; 1) that it be payable monthly, or upon completion of work in areas accessible by dredging equipment; and 2) that the agreement be made with Gregory Cuke, dba Glade Investments.

Councilmember Jerry Williams raised questions regarding the cost of \$30.77 per cubic yard and believed it to be much higher than the rate we previously paid for dredging. Mayor Tallent said that it cost \$100,000 last time for two coves and JDW Services will load silt and remove it at no charge. Councilmember Jerry Williams asked how many cubic yards there was last time.

Councilmember Owens moved to table until more information is obtained and Mr. Cuke can be in attendance. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Derouen. Carried 6-0.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF AIRPORT BOARD RECOMMENDATION regarding hangar rental to Mark Carpenter

Alfred Lacy, 200 Oak, Chairman of the Airport Board, pointed out that Gladewater does not have an industrial park and all hangars are used for aviation purposes only. Although TxDOT said that the office space will not jeopardize the grant, it might create additional traffic and interfere with aircraft. Mr. Lacy went on to cite an accident two years ago with a pickup truck and an airplane. He stated that the Airport Board has unanimously rejected Mr. Carpenter's request.

Mark Carpenter, 2301 Woodbine read a letter previously sent to the City Council on October 15th and also read TxDOT response stating that the office space is not a problem. Mr. Carpenter said that he is aviation related, but not aviation only. He asked the Council to consider how best the valued airport should be used. He believes it should be used to enhance business and economic development. He said that the Airport Board and Mr. Lacy are taking the worst case scenario. He said the grant funds are not at stake, he is not having a store front or much traffic. He stated that he felt that the Airport Board is giving the Council bad advice.

Ed Parton, Chuck Whalen, Bryan Woods, Mary Todd, Charles Mouton, Lee Todd, Greg Dohrer and Terry Bewley all spoke in clear opposition to Mr. Carpenter's request, some expressed concerned about the increased vehicular traffic, some about enforcing the leases, some about using the hangars for cheap office space and some were concerned about using the hangar for storage of non aviation equipment.

Councilmember Jerry Williams stated that he listened attentively as each one spoke. He said that he was in the Air Force and he enjoys serving on the Council and doesn't mind making tough decisions. Mr. Williams said that we have an excellent Airport Board and he is not convinced that we need to make a precedent for non-conforming uses for a lease that has been in effect for over 40 years. He said he has confidence in the Airport Board, they have researched the issue and don't think it's appropriate.

Councilmember Derouen said he doesn't like the idea of an irrevocable lease and this would open the door for other business to use the hangars.

Councilmember Jerry Williams added that TxDOT did not give carte blanche approval and he quoted "primarily" used for aeronautical purposes.

Councilmember Parrish said that we should go along with the Airport Board's recommendation.

Councilmember Owens said that we are lucky to have this good airport and Airport Board. He expressed concern that a portion of sales tax dollars are to be used for economic development. He said we are at a crossroads and need to look at the direction we're headed to see if we are using these funds to their best potential. We also need to look at how cheap hangar rental is.

Councilmember Owens moved to table this issue again and get input from GEDCO. Motion died for lack of a second.

Councilmember Jimmy Williams said that he knows Mr. Carpenter and would like to help him get established, but he moved to deny the request based on the recommendation of the Airport Board. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jerry Williams, carried 6-0.

VII. CONSIDERATION OF GRANT CONSULTING CONTRACT for Civic Center/Community Shelter Grant from FEMA/DEM

Gary Traylor summarized that he came into knowledge from the governor's office that FEMA would be making considerable money for shelters as a result of hurricanes Rita and Katrina. There have been 1,606 disasters since FEMA began keeping track in 1953. The City could use grant funds to provide shelter for hurricanes and tornadoes and have a common public purpose such as a civic center. Mr. Traylor explained that

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no fee due unless the grant is accepted, then their fee will be 10% of the funds received.

Councilmember Jimmy Williams asked if the fee is negotiable. Mr. Traylor answered that it would not if left on a contingency basis. Mr. Traylor added that he believes the competition will be very intense, but our physical location will probably be attractive to FEMA. The worst case scenario of match is 65/35.

Councilmember Owens asked what would happen if the grant was approved, but the City backed out for lack of funding. Mr. Traylor said that we would be expected to pay a portion of the fee.

Councilmember Jerry Williams questioned whether this would be designed basically as a civic center versus a shelter. Mr. Traylor said that the only difference will be that the building will be constructed to withstand 190 mph winds.

Councilmember Jimmy Williams moved to pursue the grant opportunity, seconded by Councilmember Parrish. Carried 6-0.

VIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Sale of old Jaycee Park property – The closing is scheduled for Tuesday, November 22, 2005.
- b. FY 2005 HOME Program funding – Gary Traylor and Jay Stokes went to Austin last month and was unsuccessful in their attempt to have the scoring reevaluated. Mr. Traylor is leading a coalition of cities to sue the Office of Rural Community Affairs on behalf of the city.
- c. TCFP Grant for fire equipment – Application has been submitted.
- d. Main Street Grant – The City Council is invited to attend a meeting Tuesday, November 22, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce regarding the Main Street program. The low bid came in at 54% over budget after the project was scaled back.
- e. TCEQ inspection of dam at Lake Gladewater – The inspection revealed minor problems that the engineer will need to look at.
- f. Downtown handicap parking – The committee met and came up with ideas, but then got the news on the grant and decided to wait and see how that develops before bringing a recommendation.

IX. CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT for Lake Gladewater Park

Jay Stokes submitted handouts of quotes from The Playwell Group. He asked for them to look at equipment for ages 2-5 and ages 5 and up. The quote came in at \$60,213. Mr. Stokes said that we have \$43,000 budgeted and will receive \$17,485 from the sale of the old Jaycee Park property. He also explained that Buyboard takes public bids and then public entities can purchase through them.

Councilmember Jerry Williams asked about the life expectancy of the equipment. Mr. Stokes answered 10-15 years and recommended that we purchase the equipment.

Councilmember Owens asked if this would replace the existing playground equipment. Mr. Stokes replied that it will be in addition to the existing equipment.

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

X. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION regarding the City of Gladewater's distribution of votes for the Gregg Appraisal District's ballot for its 2005 Board of Directors nominees

Councilmember Derouen moved to cast the City's 59 votes to Mr. A.P. Merritt, seconded by Councilmember Jerry Williams. Carried 6-0.

XI. CONSIDERATION OF BOARD APPOINTMENTS

AIRPORT BOARD - Councilmember Owens moved to reappoint Alfred Lacy, Jr., Mary Todd, Ed Parton and Terry Bewley, seconded by Councilmember Jerry Williams. Carried 6-0.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS – Councilmember Jimmy Williams moved to reappoint John Murray, J.L. Elder and Robert Carter, seconded by Councilmember Parrish. Carried 6-0. Councilmember Jimmy Williams moved to appoint Weldon Davis to replace Joe McElroy, seconded by Councilmember Derouen. Carried 6-0.

CEMETERY BOARD – Councilmember Jerry Williams moved to reappoint Tim Barnett, Mildred Bowden-Jones and Nina Cockerell, seconded by Councilmember Derouen. Carried 6-0.

LAKE BOARD – Councilmember Derouen moved to reappoint John Douglas Shipp and Jim St. John, seconded by Councilmember Jerry Williams. Carried 6-0. Councilmember Jimmy Williams moved to appoint Rocky Hawkins to replace Mike Newland and Karen Newman to replace Bettie Liddell, seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried 6-0.

MAIN STREET BOARD – Councilmember Jerry Williams moved to reappoint Karen Peden, Joan Sturkie and Stephani Chance, seconded by Councilmember Jimmy Williams. Carried 6-0.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION – Councilmember Jimmy Williams moved to reappoint Linda Patton, Mark Friend, Sheila Faggans and Harry Sutphen, seconded by Councilmember Derouen. Carried 6-0.

XII. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mark Carpenter said that the Rodeo Street at Highway 80 intersection needs to be repaired. Mayor Tallent said that the contractor is aware that it must be fixed before they are contractor paid.

XIII. MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Striping on E. Lake Drive, Gay Avenue and Dean Street have been completed. The new law prohibiting u-turns is now in effect.
2. The fall clean up day on Saturday, October 22nd was a complete success. Thanks to everyone who helped, including Veolia who had 5 men and 2 trailers that helped us carry off trash.
3. The next regular City Council meeting will be Thursday, December 15th.
4. The employee Christmas party is set for Thursday, December 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the Gladewater Former Students Building.
5. Gladewater will host the TML Region meeting on January 31st.
6. All the framing has been done on the Gardens of Gladewater. They are putting in wiring and sheetrock.
7. Jay Stokes, Scott Owens and I, attended the TML Conference held in Grapevine, October 26-28th at the Gaylord Texan Convention Center.
8. The Veteran's Day observance was well attended. Ken Peden did a great job as the speaker.
9. Last Saturday night, Jay Stokes and I were going to serve hot chocolate to downtown shoppers. Due to the heat, we passed out 200 beads instead. Stores were open until 8 p.m. Shoppers seemed to have fun and the streets and stores were crowded. Store owners reported more activity than in the past years.

XIV. ADJOURN

Councilmember Parrish moved to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Adjourned by consensus.

JOHN PAUL TALLENT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY