

CITY OF GLADEWATER  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION  
AGENDA  
MAY 18, 2006  
6:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jimmy Williams

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

GUESTS PRESENT: J.W. Shafer, Charles R. Miller, Hercules Wells, Roy May, Elijah Anderson, Beverly Tallent, Larry Quinn, Brad Bunt, Brett McKinney, Vi Melton, Megan Middleton, Linda Patton, B.K. Johnson, Cleophus Blaylock, Jr., Brenda Brown, DeQuence Clay, Deborah Pike, Marilyn Kelley, Pat Derouen, Mark Carpenter

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

a) Minutes – April 20, 2006 and May 8, 2006

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

III. OATH OF OFFICE administered to newly elected officers

City Secretary Melba Haralson administered the oath of office to John Paul Tallent and Walter Derrick and presented each with a Certificate of Election. *Note: Jimmy Williams was not present but will take the oath of office prior to the next meeting.*

IV. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM

Councilmember Jerry Williams moved to reappoint Walter Derrick as Mayor Pro-tem, seconded by Councilmember Derouen. Carried 5-0-1 with Mr. Derrick abstaining.

TAKEN OUT OF ORDER – CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

IX. b) Police Chief search - City Manager Stokes announced that there will be a reception for retiring Police Chief Jimmy Davis Thursday, June 29 2006 at 6:00 p.m. and congratulated Mr. Davis for 35 years of service. Those in attendance gave Chief Davis a round of applause. Mr. Stokes expressed a collective appreciation, personally and on behalf of the City for Gregg County Sheriff Maxey Cerliano, White Oak Police Chief Charlie Smith and Kilgore Emergency Services Director Ronnie Moore for screening applicants. He said they are consummate professionals who did a thorough job of investigating applicants. Mr. Stokes then introduced and welcomed the new Police Chief, Kerry Blakemore. Mr. Blakemore said that he is honored to be here and accept the position. Mr. Stokes said that he will officially begin July 1<sup>st</sup> but he will be making occasional visits before then.

V. PUBLIC HEARING regarding an application for a drill permit for a gas well to be located 541' FSL and 2,433' FEL of the J.R. Crosby Survey, A-50, Gregg County, Texas.

Mayor Tallent opened the public hearing at 6:08 p.m. Brett McKinney, land man for TXOK Energy Resources stated that this will be a sweet gas well on the W.C. Walker tract off of the loop. He estimated that drilling will start in approximately 30 days and be completed in about 90 days.

With no other public comments, Mayor Tallent closed the public hearing.

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- VI. CONSIDERATION OF A DRILL PERMIT for a gas well to be located 541' FSL and 2,433' FEL of the J.R. Crosby Survey, A-50, Gregg County, Texas.

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

- VII. DISCUSSION OF SISTER CITY – KIROVSKE, UKRAINE

Lon Welton, GEDCO Executive Director, announced that another manufacturing business will be opening soon, employing 10-30 employees. The owner of this business is from Venezuela, point being that it truly is a global market.

Mr. Welton then introduced Mr. Brad Buntt of the Small Business Development Center. Mr. Welton said the SBDC hosted the first group from Ukraine two years ago, then again one year ago. Then late last year we attended a conference in Washington, D.C. with Mr. Bunt. It may six months to a year to see development, but the trip was very productive and worthwhile. Making the trip were; Congressman Louie Gohmert, Brad Bunt of the Small Business Development Center, Mike Morrison, Superintendent of G.I.S.D., City Manager Jay Stokes, City Council member and GEDCO board member Jerry Williams and GEDCO Director Lon Welton. Mr. Welton presented Mayor Tallent with gifts for the City of Gladewater from the City of Kirovske, Ukraine. Mr. Welton stated that another Q&A session regarding the trip will be scheduled for a later date. Councilmember Jerry Williams added that contacts were made with economic prospects. The Ukraines were generous with their time and he was flattered with the treatment they received. Mr. Williams gave a brief overview of Ukraine history and economic situation. He said they also went to Romne, which is Longview's sister city. He said the trip was meaningful and they made a lot of good contacts. Mr. Williams humbly added that he personally presented a 4-year scholarship to a 12-year old girl pianist prodigy.

- VIII. CONSIDERATION OF ENGINEERING REPORT at Lake Gladewater dam

City Manager Stokes explained that the dam needs to be brought up to the current TCEQ standards, but we can put it off until next budget year if need be. He referred to a proposal from Todd Estes at Adams Engineering for \$14,500 and explained that we tried but could not find enough construction information on the dam to reduce the scope of the work.

Councilmember Jerry Williams moved that we amend this year's budget and accept the proposal from Adams Engineering for \$14,500. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Derouen. Carried 6-0.

- IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Moore lift station update – We don't have all the engineering results, but maybe we will be able to have this as an action item next month.
- b) Police Chief search – Taken out of order – after Item IV above.
- c) Budget calendar 2007 – We will begin preparation on the staff level quickly and have first discussions with the Council in June. The preliminary appraisal district values are up over last year. We will call a special meeting the end of July and finish and adopt the budget in August or September.
- d) Main Street update – Bids will be opened May 26, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.
- e) Next round TCDP grant – In preparation for the next TCDP round to be scored in August. We have discussed three projects; water lines on Old Hwy 80, sewer lines out from the Dallas lift stated by Glade Creek on Hwy 80, or water lines toward 271 from Weldon. Steve Hoover and Chris Meeks of Veolia Water believe that our biggest need is the lines out of the Dallas lift station and the sewer lines by the Housing Authority should be considered.
- f) Exxon Mobile grant update – We received a \$2,000 grant for summer help with no match.
- g) TCDP 2006 update – We should know something this summer.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mark Carpenter, 2301 Woodbine, said he would like to match the Exxon grant from his oil company.

XI. ADJOURN

Councilmember Parrish moved to adjourn at 6:40 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Jerry Williams. Adjourned by consensus.

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JOHN PAUL TALLENT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY