

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 7, 2006
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, Richard Ross

GUESTS PRESENT: Pat Derouen, Mary J. Williams, John Shafer, Brenda Brown, Beverly Tallent, Tim Glendenning

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. CONSIDERATION of resolution authorizing the submission of a TCDP application for funding through the Office of Rural Community Affairs/Planning Capacity Building Fund

Tim Glendenning, addressed the Council and said he works closely with Gary Traylor & Associates and will be submitting our grant application.

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING on proposed FY 2007 budget

Mayor Tallent opened the public hearing at 6:02 p.m. John Shafer asked how they were supposed to comment on the proposed budget if they haven't seen it. Mayor Tallent responded that we have held budget meetings and we have invited the public. City Manager Stokes added that a copy of the proposed budget has been on file in the City Secretary's office for anyone that requested a copy.

Councilmember Owens commended City Manager Stokes and the department heads for working so hard and presenting such a detailed budget. The sentiments were echoed by other Councilmembers.

Mayor Tallent closed the public hearing at 6:03 p.m.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING on proposed FY 2007 ad-valorem tax rate

Mayor Tallent opened the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. and stated that the proposed tax rate is .565399, which is a decrease of .011266 over the current tax rate of .576665.

Councilmember Jimmy Williams said he had received calls from several citizens who were confused about the ad in the newspaper. He clarified that we are not raising taxes, we are lowering the rate but the valuations are higher. Councilmember Owens said he had also received some calls. John Shafer asked how much the appraised value went up. City Manager Stokes replied about \$30,000,000.

With no other public comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:05 p.m.

V. ADJOURN

Councilmember Parrish moved to adjourn at 6:05 p.m. Adjourned by consensus.

JOHN PAUL TALLENT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY