

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
AGENDA
JUNE 21, 2007
6:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jerry Williams, Jimmy Williams

STAFF PRESENT: Jay Stokes, Melba Haralson, Clay Robertson, Wayne A. Smith, Kerry Blakemore, Fred Ellis

GUESTS PRESENT: John Ringler, Yolanda R. McNeely, Pat Derouen, Jimmy Davis, Chris Meeks, Sheila Scott, Bob Scott, Omega Brooks, Lewis Brooks, Ryan Mason, B.K. Johnson, John Choice, George Borders, Deborah Pike, Charles R. Miller

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tallent called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. City Manager Jay Stokes gave the invocation and Councilmember Owens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Minutes – May 16 and May 17, 2007
- b) Ordinance to amend §93.05 (A) and (B) to prohibit animals at the designated swimming area of Lake Gladewater or within 50 feet of the pavilion, picnic tables and playground areas
- c) Resolution authorizing regular exempt license plates for law enforcement vehicles
- d) Engagement letter for Karen A. Jacks & Associates, P.C. for the financial audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007.
- e) Authorization to accept 2008 State Tobacco Education and Prevention (STEP) grant funds, if awarded

Councilmember Owens moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilmember Parrish. Carried 5-0.

III. UPDATE of Phase II Water Treatment project by John Ringler, KSA Engineers

John Ringler, KSA Engineers, presented the Council with a project update. He said the project was originally estimated at \$4.8 million and the new projection is \$6,986,410.87 due to rising costs. He explained that we can either cut back on the scope of the project or look into other funding options.

IV. CONSIDERATION of revisions to Gladewater Memorial Park Rules and Regulations

City Secretary Haralson explained the recommendations from the Cemetery Board and stated the rules will be effective August 1, 2007.

After a short discussion, Mayor Pro-tem Derrick moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Derouen. Carried 5-0.

V. CONSIDERATION of request by John & Sheila Scott to use Lake Gladewater lot # 51-W-1 for access to 11.621 acres located at Abstract 8, Tract 8-04 of the Augustine Survey

Sheila Scott, 241 Glendale, Liberty City, explained that they are considering purchasing lot 51-W-1 with adjoining acreage. She said they would like to build a home and possibly a few cabins on the acreage in the future. She stated that they won't go through with the purchase if they can't use lot 51-W-1 for access.

Lewis Brooks, who leases an adjoining lot, said his fear is that a big subdivision may go in there, or a road that connects through to FM 2685. Mayor Tallent explained that that would require the Council's approval.

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Councilmember Owens moved to approve, with the stipulation that any future development must come before the Council. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Derrick. Carried 5-0.

- VI. CONSIDERATION of amendment to Skynet Country, LLC contract for telecommunications lease at Allison Street water tower

City Manager Stokes explained the need to amend the lease for electricity use and that the monthly cost will be rolled into the lease.

Mayor Pro-tem Derrick moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Derouen. Carried 5-0.

- VII. CONSIDERATION of 2007 street paving project

Chris Meeks, Veolia Water Project Manager, said they are recommending that we seek an outside contractor to repair Money Street and West Gave Avenue (from Rodeo Street to FM 2685). Veolia crews would like to repair Ragsdale, W. Shepperd, and the intersection of West Lake and Pinecrest, using some of the budgeted funds to buy the materials. In addition, an outside contractor will be hired to chip-seal a few streets downtown with part of the Ferry Street railroad crossing closing money.

Councilmember Owens said the intersections of Hwy 271 and Melba and Canfield and Melba also need to be done. Mayor Tallent said that Hull Street needs to be repaired. Chris Meeks said it has to be completely redone. He said he will try to have the bid ready for July. Mayor Pro-tem Derrick said he will bring other facts to City Manager Stokes on streets needing repair.

Councilmember Owens moved to proceed with the project, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Derrick. Carried 5-0.

- VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Government Code §551.074 to hear a complaint against an off-duty Gladewater police officer

The Council recessed into executive session at 6:25 p.m.

- IX. RECONVENE into open session and take any action necessary regarding the complaint against an off-duty Gladewater police officer

The Council reconvened into open session at 6:38 p.m. Mayor Tallent announced that no action will be taken. The City Council has no authority over this matter.

- X. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Ferry Street railroad crossing
- b) Moore lift station update
- c) Update on grant proposals
- d) FY 2008 proposed budget calendar

City Manager Jay Stokes gave the following report;

- a) The brick work has been completed and they did a great job. Veolia employees have been trained and will be able to make future repairs. We used all the antique brick and found new brick that is very similar in order to finish the project. The chip-seal still needs to be done.
- b) The Moore lift station project is very close to being complete. The inflow is down and the project came in under budget.
- c) We have received no formal notification on the Master Plan grant. ExxonMobil sent \$1,000 to the Fire Department and \$4,000 for the summer help. We hope to hear something on the Park grant later in the summer. The administration of the Capital Fund grant will be done by Gary Traylor and Associates, approval of which will be on the next agenda. We will start the water line on the south end of town in a couple months. We are waiting on easements. The parking lot downtown may be done by the county.
- d) The first budget workshop will be held July 26th. If all goes well, the budget will be adopted September 20th.

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XI. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Deborah Pike said the Juneteenth Parade Association wishes to thank the Police Department and Fire Department for their help with the parade in the rain.

XII. ADJOURN

Councilmember Parrish moved to adjourn at 6:45 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Owens. Adjourned by consensus.

JOHN PAUL TALLENT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY