

CITY OF GLADEWATER  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 16, 2007  
6:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jimmy Williams

STAFF PRESENT: Jay Stokes, Melba Haralson, Clay Robertson, Richard Ross

GUESTS PRESENT: Jimmy Davis, Charles Meadows, B.K. Johnson, John Choice, Glen Fullerton, Shirley Fullerton, Margaret Larkins, Beverly Tallent, Lesley Taylor, Athalia Taylor, Deane Turner, Mark Carpenter

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Minutes – July 19 and July 26, 2007
- b) Blanket Permit - Gladewater Arts & Crafts Festival September 22-23, 2007
- c) GEDCO Budget for fiscal year 2008
- d) Interlocal Service Agreement for Enhanced 9-1-1 with East Texas Council of Governments
- e) Tax refund of \$656.55 to Chase Home Finance for 2005 tax year
- f) Agreement with Tim Glendening & Associates for Master Plan services

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING on City of Gladewater budget for fiscal year 2008

Mayor Tallent opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m.

City Manager Stokes complimented the staff for their work in preparing the budget and commended the department heads for keeping expenses down. Mr. Stokes said the budget is based on a .02 cent tax increase as our values went down, largely due to the mineral (gas) decreases. He did not recommend a water and sewer rate increase this year, but said we will watch them closely for next year.

With no other public comments, Mayor Tallent closed the public hearing at 6:02 p.m.

IV. CONSIDERATION of ordinance adopting and approving budget for fiscal year 2008

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

V. CONSIDERATION of adopting property tax revenue increase reflected in fiscal year 2008 budget

City Manager Stokes recommended that we adopt the effective tax rate, which will result in no new revenue except for new value that was added last year, totaling about \$11,000. Councilmember Owens commented that the reason the effective rate went up is because the mineral values went down.

Mayor Pro-tem Derrick moved to approve the effective tax rate of .586000, which is an increase from last year's rate of .565399. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Parrish. Carried 6-0.

VI. CONSIDERATION of ordinance levying taxes for the use and support of the general government and for retirement of general obligation bonded indebtedness through an interest and sinking fund for fiscal year 2008

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City Manager Stokes explained that there was an error in the notice published in the newspaper. According to TML, it is ok to vote tonight and run a corrected notice in the newspaper.

Councilmember Owens moved to approve the Maintenance & Operations tax rate of .526800 and an Interest & Sinking tax rate of .059200, for a total rate of .586000 per \$100 valuation. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Derouen. Carried 6-0.

VII. CONSIDERATION of request from the Weldon Alumni Association, Inc. to re-name a City street to "C.C.Cooksey Street"

Lesley Taylor, President of Weldon High School Alumni Association presented their request to have either Main Street or Eleanor Street renamed in honor of Coach Cooksey, who was inducted into the Texas Black's Hall of Fame in 2006. He believed it would be a shame not to do something for him on a local level. He said their next reunion is in July 2008, and would like to have this done before then.

Councilmember Jerry Williams asked if they would prefer C.C. Cooksey Street or Coach Cooksey Street. Mr. Taylor said they would prefer Coach Cooksey.

Mayor Tallent said the Council will take it under consideration and get back with them in 60-90 days.

Councilmember Parrish moved to table for 60-90 days, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Derrick. Carried 6-0.

VIII. CONSIDERATION of a request from Gladewater Antique District Association to place planters along Main Street

Diane Turner, Secretary/Treasurer of GADA presented pictures of the planters they have chosen and asked permission to proceed with the project. She said the containers can be obtained locally for \$49 each and Vital Earth has agreed to supply the potting soil at cost. She said they will need about 28 containers.

Councilmember Jerry Williams received affirmation that they will also be placed on side streets. Councilmember Derouen received confirmation that GADA will maintain the planters and there will be no signs placed in them. Mrs. Turner said that GADA's goal is to dress up the antique district.

Chris Meeks, Project Manager for Veolia Water, said that Veolia Water will gladly donate \$2,000 to purchase the planters for downtown. Ms. Turner expressed great appreciation on behalf of GADA.

Councilmember Jerry Williams moved to approve the purchase of approximately 40 planters as presented, seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried 6-0.

IX. CONSIDERATION of bids for the following;

- a) Street materials
- b) Street labor
- c) Dump truck

Street Materials - Councilmember Derouen moved to accept the low bid from Longview Asphalt for \$58/ton for 1,150 tons. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Derrick. Carried 6-0.

Street Labor – Councilmember Jerry Williams moved to accept the low bid from Jeff Butler's Asphalt for \$43,215.60. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Parrish. Carried 6-0.

Dump Truck – Councilmember Derouen moved to accept the bid from Pegues Hurst for \$48,987.35 plus \$366 for air conditioning. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jerry Williams. Carried 5-0-1, with Councilmember Owens abstaining.

X. CONSIDERATION of repairs to Gay Avenue drainage pipe

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City Manager Stokes said we have repaired this several times after each big rain. Recently a garbage truck sank in all the way to the rear axle. Chris Meeks, Veolia Water Project Manager, talked to 7 or 8 contractors and cannot find anyone interested. The area has fiber optic lines and we may need an engineer involved, in which case it will be very costly. The sink holes are all the way from Gladewater High School to Glade Creek. Chris Meeks said the drain currently has 36" concrete pipe in 4 feet joints. We would need approximately 1,700 feet. The pipe alone will cost approximately \$46,000. Mayor Tallent asked Veolia Water to work up an estimate for repairs.

Mayor Pro-tem Derrick moved to table until a repair estimate is received, seconded by Councilmember Derouen. Carried 6-0.

XI. CONSIDERATION of ordinance to amend fiscal year 2007 budget

Councilmember Jerry Williams moved to approve amendments as follows;

Foam System on Tank Truck	1,500
Light Bar for Truck	1,550
Phone System in Emergency Services Bldg.	8,750
Flashlights	1,400
Clothes Washer & Dryer & Dishwasher	<u>2,000</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	15,200
Backhoe	<u>56,139</u>
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND	56,139

Councilmember Owens seconded the motion. Carried 6-0.

XII. CONSIDERATION of purchase of new pump at Southside Lift Station

Chris Meeks and John Choice of Veolia Water explained that somehow the cord got cut and water has ruined the pump at the Texas Die Casting lift station. Mr. Choice said the pump was about 2 ½ years old and possibly some foreign object got sucked into the system and cut the line. He recommended purchasing a new pump from WPS for \$4,324.30 and Veolia will install it at no charge.

Councilmember Jerry Williams approved the purchase, seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried 6-0.

XIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Update on water hyacinth
- b) TML Annual Conference
- c) Ferry Street railroad crossing
- d) Water Plant Phase II update
- e) Hackberry & Hampton drainage update
- f) Update on grant proposals
- g) Fall Clean-up

City Manager Stokes gave the following report;

- a) The water hyacinth was sprayed on August 15<sup>th</sup>. He complimented Lake Warden Richard Ross, Lake Board member Jim St. John, and the Texas Parks & Wildlife for their work in completing this project. Richard Ross said they used about 600 gallons of chemical in several locations, but mostly on the northeast shoreline.
- b) Mr. Stokes announced the TML Annual Conference in Dallas, November 7-9<sup>th</sup>, and asked anyone wishing to attend to let him know as soon as possible.
- c) The agreement has been signed for the chip and seal work, which is the final phase of the Ferry Street railroad crossing closure. They will fill in holes, then chip and seal Center Street from the railroad to Sabine, and Dean Street from Hwy 80 to Pacific Street. They will try to do this work on a weekend.
- d) Mr. Stokes said there's no news on Phase II of the water plant improvements. He talked with Joe Jones, who has submitted our paperwork to Washington, D.C.
- e) John Ringler, KSA Engineers, will try to do the survey work next week on the Hackberry & Hampton drainage issue. It will be brought back to the September meeting.

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- f) Parks & Wildlife staff has recommended that Weldon Bumblebee Park be funded. Earlier in this meeting the consultant was hired for the Master Plan. All of the easements have been signed for the 2006 TCDP water line on the south side. Mike Burns, KSA Engineers will be letting bids for the project real soon.
- g) The Fall Clean-Up is set for Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

XIV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Councilmember Scott Owens thanked the Police and Fire Departments for a successful National Night Out event.

XV. ADJOURN

Councilmember Parrish moved to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Adjourned by consensus.

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JOHN PAUL TALLENT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY