

CITY OF GLADEWATER  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2007  
6:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joe Derouen, Jimmy Williams

STAFF PRESENT: Jay Stokes, Farrell Alexander, Richard Ross, Sean Brown, Carl Laza

GUESTS PRESENT: Beverly Tallent, Mary Jane Williams, Jimmy Davis, Vi Melton, Keren Alexander, Rebecca Alexander, Andrew Alexander, Chris Meeks, Charles Meadows, Rhonda Owens, Ray Peden, Marilyn Kelley, Brenda Brown, Mike Burns, Ellis Hayden, Shawn Randolph, Greg Oliver

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Minutes – August 16 and September 6, 2007
- b) Agreement with GISD regarding School Resource/D.A.R.E Officer
- c) Grant Contract with Gladewater Chamber of Commerce
- d) Grant Contract with Gladewater Flag Football Association
- e) Grant Contract with Gladewater Youth Baseball Association
- f) Grant Contract with Gladewater Youth Softball Association
- g) Grant Contract with Gladewater Youth Track Association
- h) Water Services Contract with the City of Warren City
- i) Contract with KSA Engineers, Inc. for engineering services for 2007 Texas Capital Fund Main Street Program project
- j) Resolution delegating authorized signators for Texas Capital Fund Contract No. 727012
- k) Resolution declaring a Local State of Disaster
- l) Fire Protection Agreement with Upshur County Rural Fire Prevention District #1
- m) Fire Protection Agreement with Upshur County Rural Fire Prevention District #1 as Agent for the City of Union Grove

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING regarding a request for a Specific Use Permit to operate a fitness and health facility on 4.653 acres, located at Abstract 179, L.J. Rigsby Survey, Tract 39, Section 2, more commonly known as 500 Allison Street

Mayor Tallent opened the public hearing. Councilmember Jerry Williams, 500 Allison Street, said several years ago he partnered with J.O. Williams, Jimmie Muckleroy and the late Dr. Hugman to build the subject property, which was used as a tennis and swim club. Over the years, it became unprofitable and eventually closed. About 15 years ago he remodeled the facility to use as his home. Scott Flanagan, owner of Gym 101, wants to convert it back to a health facility and needs a specific use permit for this purpose. Mr. Williams said he believes it will be an asset to Gladewater and then offered to answer any questions.

With no other public comments, Mayor Tallent closed the public hearing at 6:15 p.m.

IV. CONSIDERATION of request for a Specific Use Permit to operate a fitness and health facility on 4.653 acres, located at Abstract 179, L.J. Rigsby Survey, Tract 39, Section 2, more commonly known as 500 Allison Street

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Councilmember Owens moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Parrish. Carried 4-0-1, with Councilmember Jerry Williams abstaining.

V. DISCUSSION of Master Plan with Mr. Tim Glendening

Mr. Glendening described the nature of the plan. The Council agreed to have periodic updates brought back to them.

VI. CONSIDERATION of Hampton and Hackberry drainage solutions with Mr. John Ringler, KSA Engineers

Councilmember Jerry Williams moved to table this issue, seconded by Councilmember Parrish. Carried 5-0.

VII. CONSIDERATION of awarding bid for 2006 TCDP Water System Improvements Project (TCDP No. 726229)

Mike Burns, Vice President of KSA Engineers stated that only one bid was received for this project from Wicker Construction, which was approximately 28% over the estimated cost. Mr. Burns recommended that the lone bid be rejected and project re-bid in 30 days.

Councilmember Jerry Williams moved to reject and re-bid in 30 days with asphalt as an alternate bid on Eleanor Street. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried 5-0.

VIII. CONSIDERATION of appointments to the Board of Directors of the Gladewater Economic Development Corporation for a three year term beginning October 1, 2007

With no other nominations, Mayor Pro-tem Derrick moved to appoint John Ussery, seconded by Councilmember Jerry Williams. Carried 5-0.

Mayor Pro-tem Derrick moved to reappoint Marsh Byrd and Bennie Cornutt, seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried 5-0.

IX. CONSIDERATION of nomination for Board of Directors for Upshur County Appraisal District for a two year term beginning January 1, 2008

Mayor Tallent moved to appoint Delbert Burlison, seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried 5-0.

X. CONSIDERATION of Ordinance to amend Chapter 93 - Parks and Recreation; Lake Gladewater of the City of Gladewater Code of Ordinances by adding Section §93.11 - General Regulations

Lake Warden Richard Ross explained the problems he is having in enforcing certain rules at the Lake, namely removal of people in the park after 10:00 p.m. Also, the revised ordinance will prohibit possession of alcoholic beverages at the park, whereas the current ordinance simply prohibits consumption.

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

XI. CONSIDERATION of request for assistance from Continental Realty, Inc. regarding potential new health clinic

Continental Realty is asking that the City guarantee a \$30,000 portion of their loan, which they say is needed to make the project possible and profitable. City Manager Stokes recommended that the Council deny the request as it is not within the realm of the City's core services and other local clinics would have legitimate concerns of not receiving the same assistance.

Councilmember Owens moved to deny the request for assistance, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Derrick. Carried 5-0.

XII. DISCUSSION of request to rename a City street as "C.C. Cooksey Street"

City Manager Stokes said he mailed a letter to all residents of South Main Street and asked for their feedback on renaming the street. Approximately 18 addresses would be affected by this change, not including residents of the Gladewater Housing Authority. Three residents responded that they were against the name change. A letter has not been mailed to residents on Eleanor Street because there are more houses affected there than on South Main Street.

For clarification purposes, the Council asked City Manager Stokes to listen to the tape of the August meeting to see when the Weldon Alumni group is requesting the street name change.

Councilmember Parrish moved to table, seconded by Councilmember Jerry Williams. Carried 5-0.

XIII. CONSIDERATION of Gay Avenue drainage project

City Manager Stokes informed the Council that this project must be engineered and bid. The Council instructed him to proceed as such.

Councilmember Parrish moved to table, seconded by Councilmember Jerry Williams. Carried 5-0.

XIV. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Fall Beautification Day – Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>
- b) Ferry Street railroad crossing – The work is finished but the reimbursement money will not be received until fiscal year 2008.
- c) FY 2007 street paving – This project should be completed by September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- d) Update on grant proposals – The park grant contract will be coming soon. There is no update on the water plant.
- e) Enterprise Fund revenues & expenses update – The fund ended up \$175,000 short in water sales due to the wet summer.
- f) Possible FEMA reimbursements – The City will ask FEMA for reimbursements of \$28,000.
- g) Update on Police Chief search – It was announced at the top of the meeting that Farrell Alexander has been selected as the new Police Chief.

XV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

XVI. ADJOURN

Councilmember Parrish moved to adjourn at 7:15 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Owens. Adjourned by consensus.

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JOHN PAUL TALLENT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY