

CITY OF GLADEWATER  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 18, 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, Melba Haralson, Wayne Smith, Farrell Alexander, Richard Ross

GUESTS PRESENT: Cathy Smith, Linda Patton, Kay Alexander, Vi Melton, Rachel Hardin, Jimmy Hardin, Greg Oliver, Charles Meadows, Don Bouse, Neal Holland, John Choice Brenda Brown John Ringler, Phillip Creel, Mike Burns

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Minutes – September 13, 2007
- b) Blanket Permit – Gladewater Lions Club annual Turkey Shoot, November 10, 2007
- c) Lease with GISD for baseball field property
- d) Investment Report for quarter and fiscal year ending September 30, 2007
- e) Tax refund of \$580.07 to John Paul Tallent for 2005 overpayment
- f) Resolution delegating authorized signators for TCDP Contract No. 727084

Councilmember Parrish moved to approve, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Derrick. Carried 4-0-1, with Mayor Tallent abstaining.

III. CONSIDERATION of awarding bid on 2006 TCDP Water System Improvements project (TCDP No. 726229)

*Note: This item was considered immediately following Item IV.*

Mike Burns, KSA Engineers explained that last month it was his recommendation to reject the bid of \$530,000 and to re-bid the project. This month he is pleased to recommend awarding the bid to A.E. Shull Company for a total of \$362,676.50, which is \$313,301 base bid and \$49,375 alternate. He said they can start the job in December and be finished in 90 days.

Councilmember Owens moved to award the bid as recommended, seconded by Councilmember Parrish. Carried 5-0.

IV. CONSIDERATION of Hampton & Hackberry drainage solutions with Mr. John Ringler, KSA Engineers

*Note: This item was considered immediately following Item II.*

John Ringler, KSA Engineers presented three different options, but recommended that we check with the City Attorney, as there may be some public vs. private property issues.

Option 1 – Assumes no utility relocation, with 10' storm inlet and 18" drain at back of curb. Opinion of probable cost \$155,256.

Option 2 – 10' storm inlet and 18" drain through yards (private property). Opinion of probable cost \$129,442.

Option 3 – 10' storm inlet and 18" drain along existing drainage channel. Opinion of probable cost \$117,624.

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Councilmember Owens asked what percentage of the estimated cost is labor versus material. Mr. Ringler responded that it's not broken down, but generally labor runs about 50%.

Mayor Tallent said the only problem is we have so many other projects going that this is not top priority right now.

Councilmember Jerry Williams said it looks like there would be a substantial savings if we did it in house with Veolia. He said we need to pursue Option 3.

Jimmy Hardin, 2202 W. Hampton said most of the ditch is already there. Greg Oliver, 2200 W. Hampton said there is a lot of extra expense in the engineer's bid that is not necessary. They both agreed to give easements to the City.

Veolia Project Manager Chris Meeks said he will look into it further to see if there is anything Veolia can do.

Mayor Tallent asked that this be considered again at the next meeting. City Manager Stokes added that there is some money in the budget, so we can hire John Ringler to get with the neighbors and Veolia.

Councilmember Parrish moved to table until the next meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Derrick. Carried 5-0.

V. CONSIDERATION of purchasing new pump for Water Treatment Plant

Chris Meeks and John Choice of Veolia Water explained the need to replace the high service pump at a cost of \$13,100 plus installation of up to \$4,000, for a total of \$17,100. City Manager Stokes said there will have to be electrical work done, which will involve more cost. He said the long-term pump costs \$100,000. We can use the cheapest pump to get us through until the Water Plant upgrade.

Councilmember Owens asked if there is any resale value to the pump. Mr. Meeks said there may be. Councilmember Owens asked him to see if there is a buy back option. City Manager Stokes added that Veolia can pay for the pump with funds budgeted for overages.

Councilmember Parrish moved to approve the purchase, seconded by Councilmember Jerry Williams. Carried 5-0.

VI. CONSIDERATION of hiring engineering firm for service related to Gay Avenue drainage project

City Manager Stokes emphatically stated that he is not related to anyone at Stokes & Associates. He then explained that we have \$164,000 remaining from the 2003 Certificate of Obligation money and this is an eligible expense. He said we would have to use all of the \$100,000 budgeted for 2008 street work and we will still be about \$73,000 short. He said if we don't have surplus budgeted funds, we will have to go into reserves for the balance.

Mayor Pro-tem Derrick moved to hire the engineering firm of Stokes & Associates for the project, seconded by Councilmember Jerry Williams. Carried 5-0.

VII. CONSIDERATION of items related to Weldon Bumblebee Park;

- a) Hiring Planning Concepts for administrative services related to 2007 Texas Parks & Wildlife grant
- b) Designating committee to work with Planning concepts on park equipment and related elements

Item a - City Manager Stokes stated that Planning Concepts has done a good job so far and recommended approval. Mayor Pro-tem Derrick moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried 5-0.

Item b – City Manager Stokes said that in the near future Planning Concepts would like to meet with the community and talk about playground equipment, color scheme, etc. This project could be completed by the spring of next year.

Councilmember Owens said he would like to work with the committee and be involved in it. Councilmember Parrish agreed and said it should be a joint meeting with the City Council and the CCC.

Councilmember Jerry Williams moved that the City Council should meet in conjunction with the CCC to make it a team effort. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried 5-0.

VIII. CONSIDERATION of board appointments

Councilmember Jerry Williams said we are fortunate to have people in our community willing to serve on these boards and moved to reappoint the following;

AIRPORT BOARD – Alfred Lacy, Jr., Garnet McClure, Ed Parton and Terry Bewley

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS - John Murray, J.L. Elder, Weldon Davis and Elijah Anderson

CEMETERY BOARD – Tim Barnett, Mildred Bowden Jones

LAKE BOARD – Virdell Skelton, Jim St. John, Rocky Hawkins, Karen Newman

LIBRARY BOARD –Darren Richardson, Brenda Kaster, Vi Melton

MAIN STREET BOARD – Brenda Kaster, Monty Graham, Nauty Byrd Mayer

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD – Linda Patton, Mark Friend, Sheila Faggans, Harry Sutphen

Motion was seconded by Councilmember Parrish. Carried 5-0.

IX. CONSIDERATION of ordinance to amend fiscal year 2007 budget

City Manager Jay Stokes explained that in the General Fund we received quite a bit more revenue than was budgeted and two big expense items that were not budgeted. We had \$100,000 budgeted for street work and we added Phillips Springs and E. Lake Drive. In addition, the 2006 street work did not finish up in 2006, but carried over into 2007. We won't be reimbursed for the Ferry Street railroad crossing closure until 2008. General Fund revenues need to be amended \$688,000 and expenditures need to be amended \$726,000.

In the Enterprise Fund we received \$150,000 less than budgeted in revenue because of the wet summer. We also spent \$190,000 less due to the TCDP project being held over to 2008. Veolia overages were \$108,412 because of TCEQ mandated upgrades on the Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant. Therefore, the Enterprise Fund needs to be amended \$66,000 due to Veolia overages.

The Airport Fund needs to be amended \$7,750 for the TxDOT Grant match.

Councilmember Jerry Williams moved to amend the 2007 budget as presented, seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried 5-0.

X. STAFF REPORT from Gladewater Police Chief Farrell Alexander

Police Chief Alexander gave a report on traffic control efforts, staff changes, and his plans to establish a more professional standard in the Police Department while building moral and team work. He said is very proud of the Council for supporting the Department and providing competitive salaries and benefits. He plans to pursue grants

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to help upgrade computers. He also said he would like to start a new program for kids 14-21 years of age called Explorer, which is patterned after the Boy Scouts. He also reminded everyone of the upcoming Halloween Carnival.

XI. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Fall Beautification Day – Saturday, October 20th
- b) Ferry Street railroad crossing
- c) Coach Cooksey Street
- d) FY 2007 Street paving
- e) Update on grant proposals
- f) FY 2008 budget revenue & expenditures
- g) Gay Avenue drainage project
- h) Lake Gladewater dam update
- i) Update on possible FEMA reimbursements
- j) Date of March City Council meeting

City Manager Stokes gave the following report;

- a) The Fall Clean-up Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 8am to noon.
- b) This project is done except for striping Dean Street in front of the Post Office.
- c) After listening to the audio tape of the August meeting, it was determined that the Weldon Alumni Association did ask for the street name change on McNeece Street south to Loop 485.
- d) Chris Meeks of Veolia Water was complimented for getting much better pricing on the project by bidding out components of the project separately. We have received many compliments on Money Street and also saved money by not resurfacing all the way to the church.
- e) This is a standing item, nothing new to report.
- f) The 2008 Budget has just started and already we have unexpected expenses, such as the Gay and Hampton projects, the parking lot at the Emergency Services Building and the dump truck.
- g) This item was discussed earlier.
- h) Chris Meeks, Richard Ross, Wayne Smith and Jay Stokes will present information at the next meeting on four areas of seepage on the spillway.
- i) Chris Meeks worked very hard to categorize where we may need to be reimbursed and provided FEMA with necessary details. Although we don't have the exact amount, it appears we may get \$11,000-\$12,000 on the Gay Avenue project. Gregg County portions of the City are eligible too, for a possible \$12,000-\$20,000 reimbursement.
- j) March 20, 2008 is the date of the regular Council meeting, which falls during the week of Spring Break and the day before Good Friday. If permissible, the meeting can be moved to March 13<sup>th</sup>.

XII. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

XIII. ADJOURN

Councilmember Parrish moved to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Adjourned by consensus.

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JOHN PAUL TALLENT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY