

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES
MARCH 13, 2008
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor John Paul Tallent, Mayor Pro-tem Walter Derrick, Jimmy Williams, Joe Derouen, Richard Parrish, Scott Owens, Jerry Williams (arrived during Item VI)

STAFF PRESENT: Jay Stokes, Melba Haralson

GUESTS PRESENT: Reva Farnham, Thomas Farnham, Royce Brown, Jimmy Davis, Charles Meadows, Brenda Brown, Beverly Tallent, James Moore, Angela Ward

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Minutes – February 21, 2008
- b) Ordinance to lower speed limit to 20 mph on Clearview Street
- c) City-owned Enclosed Hangar Space Agreement at Gladewater Municipal Airport
- d) City-owned Open Hangar Space Agreement at Gladewater Municipal Airport
- e) Ratification of Investment Policy
- f) Resolution requesting ETMC to contract with UnitedHealthCare Options PPO to allow network access through TML-IEBP
- g) Renewal of Upshur County Interlocal Agreement
- h) Tax refund to American General
- i) Request for water service outside the city limits at 1608 Phillips Springs Rd.

Councilmember Derouen moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Jimmy Williams. Carried 5-1, with Councilmember Owens opposed.

III. PUBLIC HEARING regarding a request from Royce Brown, for a Restricted Commercial zoning to operate a bar at Ab 271 Carl Rhodes Survey, Tr 17, more commonly known as 2054 E. Broadway

Mayor Tallent opened the public hearing at 6:01 p.m. With no public comments, the public hearing was then closed.

IV. CONSIDERATION of a request from Royce Brown, for a Restricted Commercial zoning to operate a bar at Ab 271 Carl Rhodes Survey, Tr 17, more commonly known as 2054 E. Broadway

City Secretary Haralson stated that the Planning & Zoning Commission unanimously approved the request. He is simply moving his business next door.

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

V. CONSIDERATION of awarding bid for sale of real property located north of Lots 27-30, Block 3 of the Red Bird Addition

City Manager Stokes said the lone bid was from James Moore for \$640.

Mayor Pro-tem Derrick moved to accept Mr. Moore's bid, seconded by Councilmember Jimmy Williams. Carried 6-0.

VI. CONSIDERATION of an Ordinance to amend §50.15 of the Gladewater Code of Ordinances for Allied Waste annual rate increase based on CPI, per contract

City Manager Stokes explained that this is a 4.3% rate increase based on the CPI, per the contract.

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

VII. CONSIDERATION of Contract for Election Services with Gregg County

City Secretary Haralson recommended that we contract with Gregg County for \$445.50 to lease one DRE for Early Voting and one DRE for Election Day, which is the minimum requirement according to HAVA (Help America Vote Act). She said we will continue to primarily use paper ballots. Ms. Haralson recounted the problems experienced with Upshur County last year with the late tabulation of votes. She expressed optimism that election results could be obtained faster from Gregg County.

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

VIII. DISCUSSION of request by Cemetery Board for maintenance assistance

City Manager Stokes suggested that this be tabled since no one from the Cemetery Board was in attendance.

Councilmember moved to table, seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried 7-0.

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Update on grants
- b) Gay Avenue drainage
- c) Hampton and Hackberry drainage
- d) Lake Gladewater dam
- e) Spring Beautification Day
- f) Veolia purchase of Lift

City Manager Stokes gave the following report;

- a) Update on grants
The airport work looks phenomenal and will be finished within a month.

The Main Street project is coming along nicely and will be finished in a couple months.

As you may recall, on the 2006 TCDP grant project, the contractor hit two old gas tanks while boring toward downtown. The land owner will pay to have the tanks removed and we will be able to run the water line as planned.

- b) Gay Avenue drainage
We will meet with the engineer next week and it will be the 90% review. We hope to award a bid in May.

- c) Hampton and Hackberry drainage
KSA started the survey work and will produce easements for the property owners to sign.

- d) Lake Gladewater dam
A meeting is set up with the engineer, staff and contractors to get interest up in this project.

- e) Spring Beautification Day is set for April 12th from 8 am to noon. As in the past, we will meet at the Chamber of Commerce.

- f) Veolia purchase of lift
Veolia found a used lift and had it fixed, so we will no longer have to rent one for hanging banners, Christmas lights, etc.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

XI. ADJOURN

Councilmember Parrish moved to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. Adjourned by consensus.

JOHN PAUL TALLENT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY