

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2008
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Walter Derrick, Mayor Pro-tem John Ussery, Jimmy Williams, Joe Derouen, Jerry Williams, Scott Owens, Richard Parrish

STAFF PRESENT: Jay Stokes, Melba Haralson, Farrell Alexander, Richard Ross

GUESTS PRESENT: Janet Ross

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. CONSIDERATION of Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the 2008 HOME Owner Occupied Housing Program

City Manager Stokes said this grant is on a first come first served basis, so we may have a good chance of getting funded. It is a \$375,000 grant and requires a \$55,000 match, which is not funded in the 2009 budget.

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

III. CONSIDERATION of Resolution to adopt revised Abatement Agreement with Antique Capital RV Park, LLC

City Secretary Haralson explained that the only revision was the anticipated completion date of construction.

Mayor Pro-tem Ussery moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried 7-0.

IV. CONSIDERATION of purchasing a 2008 John Deere 6330 tractor

Chris Meeks, Project Manager of Veolia Water said the tractor will cost about \$6,000 more than budgeted, for a total of \$41,367. He said the Kubota tractor they were first interested in is not best suited for the boom and bat wing mowers. Mr. Meeks said this John Deere 6330 tractor will have 4 wheel drive and an air conditioned cab.

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

V. CONSIDERATION of purchasing permitting software upgrade

City Secretary Haralson said the permitting software we currently have is no longer supported and we must upgrade. She contacted three vendors and the most economical route is to upgrade the existing software for \$4,395.

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

VI. CONSIDERATION of placing K-9 Shiloh with another agency

Police Chief Farrell Alexander explained the problems with the K-9. He said the dog is a great responsibility and Officer Burrows is now too busy with detective work. He said no other officer in the department is interested in taking on the job and the dog is not being utilized. He further explained that the benefit to the

City is minimal and we are paying Officer Burrows extra to basically feed the dog. Chief Alexander said the Canine Interdiction Association (CIA) has agreed to take the dog and continue training and keep his certification up.

Councilmember Owens said he hates to see that we've wasted money on the dog, but we need not to continue wasting money. With regret, he moved to place K-9 Shiloh with the Canine Interdiction Association agency. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jimmy Williams. Carried 7-0.

Chief Alexander added that this in no way affects how much the police department works drug cases.

- VII. PUBLIC HEARING regarding a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 4.12 percent

Mayor Derrick opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. With no public comments, the public hearing was then closed.

- VIII. ANNOUNCEMENT of the meeting date, time and place when the City Council will vote to adopt the tax rate for fiscal year 2009

Mayor Derrick announced that the City Council will vote to adopt the tax rate at the regular meeting on September 18, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

- IX. PUBLIC HEARING on the fiscal year 2009 proposed budget

Mayor Derrick opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. With no public comments, the public hearing was then closed.

- X. CONSIDERATION of postponing the final vote on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2009

Councilmember Jimmy Williams moved to postpone the final vote, seconded by Councilmember Jerry Williams. Carried 7-0.

- XI. ANNOUNCEMENT of the meeting date, time and place when the City Council will vote to adopt the budget for fiscal year 2009

Mayor Derrick announced that the City Council will vote to adopt the budget at the regular meeting on September 18, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

- XII. ADJOURN

Councilmember Parrish moved to adjourn at 6:33 p.m. Adjourned by consensus.

WALTER DERRICK, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY