

CITY OF GLADEWATER  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION  
MINUTES  
MAY 21, 2009  
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Walter Derrick, Mayor Pro-tem John Ussery, Jimmy Williams, Joe Derouen, Scott Owens, Richard Parrish, Jr. (Outgoing member), and Judith Burlison, Charles Meadows (Incoming members)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rhonda Smith (Outgoing member)

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Delbert Burlison, Ernestine Sawyer, Mary J. Williams, Frances Cox, Jimmy Davis, James Duckworth, Lynda Meadows, Chris Meeks, Vi Melton, Joyce Hugman, Jim Lindsey, James Griffin, Mark Carpenter, Jim Talley, Laura Talley, John Adams, Cisco Frierson

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Derrick called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

- a) Invocation – given by Mayor Pro-tem Ussery
- b) Pledge of Allegiance – led by Mayor Derrick

II. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Minutes – April 16, 2009, April 30, 2009 and May 13, 2009
- b) Ordinance to amend §51.46 – Water and Sewer Tap Fees
- c) Investment Report for quarter ending March 31, 2009
- d) Water tap outside the City limits at 2110 Phillips Springs Road
- e) Ratification of Tax Abatement Guidelines
- f) Contract with Traylor & Associates for grant management services for HOME Grant #1001015

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

III. RECANVASS the votes for the General Election held May 9, 2009, depending on the outcome of the May 19, 2009 recount

There was no change in the official tabulation of votes. Item skipped.

IV. PRESENTATION to outgoing City Council members

Mayor Derrick presented Councilmember Parrish with a plaque and offered words of appreciation for the 10 years he served on the Council.

V. OATH OF OFFICE for newly elected City Council members

City Secretary Melba Haralson administered the Oath of Office to Judith Burlison, Joe Derouen, Charles Meadows and Scott Owens, and presented each with a Certificate of Election.

VI. CONSIDERATION of water bill adjustment for Tejas Chili Pepper

Councilmember Jimmy Williams said staff does a fantastic job working with people. The City Manager documented about six pages of meetings and conversations regarding this situation. Mr. Williams said all rates and fees apply to everybody and we don't need to make changes. With that he moved to deny the request. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Burlison. Carried 7-0.

VII. UPDATE and possible action regarding condemned property located at Gladeview Addition S177 (A8), Block 5 Lot 11, more commonly known as 1203 N. Rodeo Street

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Mayor Derrick announced that our Code Enforcement Officer, Larry Player could not be here, but he has stated improvements are going well and he has no concerns with the property.

Councilmember Owens said he has been by the property and Mr. Duckworth has done a lot of interior work, including hiring an electrician.

No action necessary.

VIII. CONSIDERATION of Ordinance to prohibit parking on the south side of Melba Street from Wood to Howard Streets during school hours

James Griffin, Principal of Gladewater Middle School said parking on the south side of Melba Street is interfering with mail delivery of about seven houses from Wood to Mildred Street. He requested that signs be installed to prohibit parking from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on school days.

There was discussion about whether the signs should specify hours/days or simply state during school hours.

Councilmember Owens moved to approve the ordinance to prohibit parking during school hours on Melba Street between Wood and Mildred Streets. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Meadows. Carried 7-0.

IX. DISCUSSION regarding a request to abandon the alley in the Morningside Heights Subdivision, S245 (A8), Block 1, Lots 33-39 more commonly known as 2404 Hendricks

City Manager Stokes said he received a request from Joe Fife, who bought the property on the north-west corner of Hendricks and Gay Avenue. He said an alley is platted but was never built. Mr. Fife owns both sides of the alley, and with the Council's approval staff will go through the same process of notifying the property owners before the Council votes. The surveying costs will be the responsibility of the property owners, not the City.

Mayor Derrick said we have been allowing staff to do the leg work and bring it back for a vote in the future.

Councilmember Owens so moved, motion was seconded by Councilmember Derouen. Carried 7-0.

X. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Grants update
- b) Special projects update
- c) Lake Gladewater Dam improvements
- d) Update on taxi cab proposal
- e) 2010 Budget calendar
- f) EMS service update

City Manager Stokes gave the following report;

- a) Grants update
  - 1. Weldon Bumblebee Park – SWEPCO is the hold up. They will be taking out the electrical poles at McNeese & Cooksey. There is a small amount of work to do with ponding water at the trails. The grand opening will be held June 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. as part of the Juneteenth Celebration.
  - 2. Water Plant – John Ringler, KSA Engineers, had an onsite visit with RDA. The paperwork is being forwarded to the state office in Temple and the bond attorney is working on the ordinance. We will be bidding this project as soon as possible.
  - 3. HOME Grant – the first applicant meeting will be held in mid June.

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4. ETCOG – Hurricane Ike – We are applying for funding with Traylor & KSA Engineers. We are asking for back-up power at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The application will be turned in by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
  5. Stimulus – Dallas Force Main – This project is not shovel ready and we will not receive stimulus funding.
  6. Master Plan – The Planning & Zoning Commission met Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and will meet again in June over the last quadrant of the city. Tim Glendening has to close out the grant in July, but he will continue working with us.
- b) Special Projects Update
1. We still don't know how much money we will be getting back from TxDOT on the Main Street Project for administration costs.
  2. The first Movie in the Park will feature the Disney movie "Boltz" on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, it will be moved to First Baptist Church. We will be cooking hot dogs at 7:00 p.m.
  3. The next special meeting on the Veolia contract will be May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. This will be the last one until the fall.
- c) Lake Gladewater Dam – Todd Estes visited with contractors and thinks the bids will come in lower than expected. We hope to award the bid in July.
- d) Taxi service – Craig Merrill called today and is still struggling to find insurance coverage to comply with our ordinance. Mr. Stokes called Mr. Merrill's insurance agent who has trouble getting that amount of coverage for one cab. It is still being negotiated.
- e) 2010 Budget Calendar – Mr. Stokes handed out a preliminary budget calendar and pointed out the first big workshop will be held the morning of August 6<sup>th</sup>. He anticipates a difficult budget this year.
- f) EMS Service Update – ETMC is no longer the ambulance service provider for White Oak, which was the primary point of backup for Gladewater. They say we will not suffer as they will now come from Big Sandy. This may be an opportune time to negotiate their rent.

XI. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Jim Talley apologized for not talking to City Manager Stokes before the meeting and then asked how much money was allotted for Weldon Bumblebee Park. Mr. Stokes said he would be glad to give him that information after the meeting.

Mark Carpenter, 2301 Woodbine, had with him a Joe Derouen campaign sign, which he agreed to put up in his yard for 24 hours if Joe won the election. He congratulated Mr. Derouen for running a clean race and returned the sign to him. He commended the election workers and City Secretary Haralson for a job well done and also offered congratulations to Judy Burlison and Charles Meadows. He also commended Richard Parrish for the years he contributed to the City.

XII. ADJOURN

Councilmember Meadows moved to adjourn at 6:43 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Williams. Adjourned by consensus.

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WALTER DERRICK, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY