

CITY OF GLADEWATER  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION  
MINUTES  
JULY 13, 2009  
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Walter Derrick, Mayor Pro-tem John Ussery, Jimmy Williams, Judith Burlison, Scott Owens, Charles Meadows

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joe Derouen

STAFF PRESENT: Jay Stokes, Melba Haralson, Wayne Smith, Farrell Alexander, Larry Player, Judy Hagle, Richard Ross

GUESTS PRESENT: Delbert Burlison, Jimmy Davis, Chris Meeks, Janet Ross, Lon Welton

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Derrick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. CONSIDERATION of Strategic Plan presented by Ron Cox Consulting

Mr. Ron Cox gave an overview of the process of creating the Strategic Plan and presented the plan in detail.

There was discussion, questions and answers on several aspects of the plan. City Secretary Haralson pointed out a missing segment on Information/Communication.

Mayor Derrick thanked Mr. Cox and staff for their hard work in putting the plan together.

Mayor Pro-tem Ussery moved to adopt the plan with the caveat that we add the missing items as stated by Ms. Haralson. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Meadows. Carried 6-0.

III. PRELIMINARY BUDGET WORKSHOP for FY 2010

City Manager Stokes said we don't have the certified values from the Appraisal Districts yet, but we anticipate a significant decrease. He asked the Council which aspects of the Strategic Plan they want included in the FY 2010 budget. He proposed we focus on the Water Treatment Plant and the back-up generators. He said we are not under enforcement from TCEQ on the Dallas Force Main so we can wait, but the line will continue to have problems and the cost of the project will rise.

Mr. Stokes reported we are not doing well in the water fund as people are using less water. We would have to raise rates again to fund the Dallas Force Main. Another problem is the main transmission line. The City is without water when it breaks. We don't have a cost estimate but he guarantees it would be seven figures.

There was discussion regarding the most pressing needs and anticipated costs and means to fund the projects, including water and sewer rate increases.

Councilmember Owens asked if it is allowable for 4A GEDCO to help out with infrastructure. He said if we changed to a 4B Corporation the half-cent sales tax could be used to pay for it. Mayor Pro-tem Ussery stated we should hold off on this discussion until Lon Welton, GEDCO Director is in attendance.

City Manager Stokes said he is comfortable with leaving the Dallas Force Main and the main transmission line out of the FY2010 budget and hope for the best, which was the general consensus of the Council.

IV. ADJOURN

Councilmember Meadows moved to adjourn at 7:58 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