

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION
MINUTES
AUGUST 27, 2009
6:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jimmy Williams

STAFF PRESENT: Jay Stokes, Melba Haralson

GUESTS PRESENT: David Mawer, Terrie Mawer, Chris Meeks, Jeff Butler, Roy Sims, Delbert Burlison, James Stewart, James Draper, Angela Ward

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. CONSIDERATION of a request from David & Terrie Mawer for use of Holly Street for utilities

City Manager Stokes explained that Davie and Terrie Mawer have purchased property north of Gay Avenue and east of East Lake Drive. They requested to use the Holly Street right-of-way to bring utilities to the property.

Councilmember Burlison said she has a concern about anything that would tear up Gay Avenue. Mr. Stokes pointed out the electricity is overhead, so all that we're concerned with is water and sewer.

Councilmember Owens asked Mr. Mawer why he wants to get utilities from Gay rather than E. Lake Drive. Mr. Mawer believed it is a shorter distance to Gay. He said they don't want to tear up Gay Avenue either, so that option is out.

Mayor Pro-tem Ussery moved to allow them use of the Holly Street right-of-way to bring electricity to the property. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Burlison. Carried 6-0.

III. CONSIDERATION of Ordinance to amend the Ordinance authorizing issuance of Waterworks & Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2009, to name a replacement Paying Agent/Registrar, and all other matters incident and related thereto.

Councilmember Owens clarified that this is necessary because Austin Bank is unable to serve as the Paying Agent and we are changing to Regions Bank in Longview, and then he made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Meadows. Carried 6-0.

IV. CONSIDERATION of bids for asphalt

City Manager Stokes said we only received one bid from Wood County Asphalt. Councilmember Burlison said according to her calculations we only have enough money to do the first 4 streets on the list. Discussion ensued.

Chris Meeks, Project Manager of Veolia Water said he was looking at the highest probable cost when preparing the estimates. He said most roads have little to no base. If you put a new 6" base down you can cut the asphalt down to 2 ½ inches. Further discussion ensued regarding the condition of streets, cost and materials needed.

Mayor Pro-tem Ussery said the past City Councils and staff have worked hard over the years to be frugal and put money back. He suggested that we dip into the reserves for about \$69,000 and do all of the streets on the list. He said the

vast majority of funds are spent on infrastructure, things that can't be seen. The citizens will appreciate work they can see.

Councilmember Owens said we want money for emergencies, but we don't want to fall behind on street work. He also noted that we will have to coordinate the street work on Canfield with the school.

Mayor Derrick asked if there was any possibility of getting some type of curb on streets without one. Contractor Roy Sims replied that it's not in the bid.

City Manager Stokes said he okay with coming out of reserves and reminded the Council that we only arrived at this number of streets because we hoped we could do them.

Contractor Roy Sims of Wood County Asphalt said they can extend the price for 12 months.

Mayor Pro-tem Ussery moved to accept the bid from Wood County Asphalt, not to exceed \$68/ton for 1,100 tons. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Derouen. Carried 6-0.

V. CONSIDERATION of bids for street repair services

Mayor Pro-tem Ussery moved to accept the bid from Jeff Butler's Asphalt and Paving not to exceed cost of \$157,002 less asphalt cost. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Meadows. Carried 6-0.

VI. CONSIDERATION of re-plat of Lot 34-R, Lot 37-R and Lot 38-R, Block 1 of the Morningside Heights Subdivision, Augustine Survey, Abstract 8

City Manager Stokes explained the Council recently abandoned an alley to facilitate Joe Fife who purchased this property to build 3 spec houses. Now the property has been surveyed and split into 3 lots.

Councilmember Meadows moved to approve the plat, seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried 6-0.

VII. ADJOURN

Councilmember Meadows moved to adjourn at 6:35 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Burlison. Adjourned by consensus.

WALTER DERRICK, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY