

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES
JULY 15, 2010
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Walter Derrick, Joe Derouen, Judith Burlison, Leon Watson, Scott Owens, J.D. Shipp

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Pro-tem Jimmy Williams

STAFF PRESENT: Melba Haralson, Richard Ross, Farrell Alexander

GUESTS PRESENT: Jimmy Davis, J.P. Richardson, Donna Higginbotham, Haskell Ballew, Janet Ross, Delbert Burlison, Mark May, Lola May

I. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Derrick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- a) Invocation – Mayor Derrick
- b) Pledge of Allegiance – Councilmember Owens

II. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Dr. J.P. Richardson, Superintendent of Gladewater Independent School District said he appreciated the joint meeting between the School Board of Trustees and the City Council in the last spring and he want so continue working together. The School Board will be voting Monday night on whether to have a roll-back election. He said they have lost 95 students and it is vital we work together to bring in more people and students in the community.

III. CONSIDERATION of Consent Agenda

- a) Minutes – June 17, 2010 and June 28, 2010
- b) Water tap outside the city limits at 4068 Pyeatt Drive
- c) Refund of overpayment of taxes to John Linder Operating Company, LLC

Councilmember Owens moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Shipp. Carried 6-0.

IV. CONSIDERATION of request by Donna Higginbotham to lease site at Lake Gladewater Park for a snow cone stand

Donna Higginbotham, 2300 Industrial, Tyler, TX 75702 presented pictures of one of her snow cone stands and said she would like to lease a spot at the lake to move her snow cone stand in and out every weekend or possibly every day during the summer. The stand is self-contained and she knows all the health rules and regulations and has a similar stand in Canton. She said she will keep the area cleaned up and all she will sell is snow cones so as not to compete with the lake store.

After a short discussion and all questions were answered, Lake Warden Richard Ross said his wife has had a snow cone machine in the store for about 3 years.

With that, Mayor Derrick recommended that we not give this matter further consideration at this time.

V. CONSIDERATION of ranking streets for repair in FY 2010

Councilmember Burlison and Councilmember Watson both requested that Phillips Springs Road from East Lake to Willow Oak be added to the list.

After further discussion, Councilmember Watson moved to rank the streets in the following order of priority and obtain estimates for repair;

1. Phillips Springs from East Lake to Willow Oak
2. Eleanor from South Main to Eddy
3. 1st Street
4. 2nd Street

Motion was seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried 6-0.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Government Code §551.074 regarding recruitment of City Manager

The Council recessed into executive session at 6:35 p.m.

VII. RECONVENE into open session and take any action necessary regarding recruitment of City Manager

The Council reconvened into open session at 7:10 p.m. Mayor Derrick announced that after careful consideration, five candidates will be brought in for interviews in the near future.

VIII. CITY MANAGER REPORT

- a) Grants
- b) Special Projects
- c) Announcements

Interim City Manager Melba Haralson gave the following report;

a) Grants

- 1. Construction of 3 homes has started under the new round of funding for the HOME grant at; 520 Roden, 322 Sunset and 1006 N. Rodeo. Closing on the other 2 homes should happen soon; 1 on Glade and the other on Eddy.
- 2. Weldon Bumblebee Park is almost finished and kids are already enjoying it. The only left to do is paint the basketball court. It will have both the Gladewater Bear logo and the Weldon Bumblebee logo.
- 3. Tuesday John Ringler and I met with the Texas Department of Rural Affairs about the TCDBG Grant we were awarded for 2 generators at WTP & WWTP. We have advertised for bids and the bid opening will be Aug. 12th. We will award the bid at the Sept. council meeting.
- 4. There are some drainage issues with the new taxi-way that was constructed with a TxDOT grant at the airport. Steve Creamer, KSA Engineers, has the contractor coming back out to fix it.
- 5. RDA grant for WTP project – This week they were placing the final outside wall section on the filter foundation and structure. They will backfill the filter to begin clarifier construction after leak testing is done due to concrete temperature issues.

b) Special Projects

- 1. Gracon Construction is working up a sludge proposal for WTP and a change order, which should be ready for your consideration in August.
- 2. A claim was filed on the bonding company of Dual Construction for the defective work on the Gay Avenue drainage project. Neal Holland of Stokes & Associates engineers is gathering documentation that they requested.
- 3. We had two timber management guys look at the timber we have on the north end of the lake. We have a rough estimate of \$50-\$70k of hardwood that could be harvested. The pine on the east side only was harvested about 5 years ago. Gum Creek and Glade Creek both run through the property causing problems with access in some areas. We have access at the northeast corner, but we need another way to access the property from the west side out to FM 2685. I sent letters to all the property owners on the west side seeking an easement and only received 2 responses.

c) Announcements

- 1. Chief Wayne Smith and the Fire Dept. are to be commended because we received an improved ISO rating. We have been rated a 6 for the past several years and it has improved now to a 5, which should result in cheaper home owner insurance rates for our citizens. Our fire suppression system including fire hydrants, fire trucks and equipment, personnel in the fire department as well as dispatch, and water pressure were all evaluated.
- 2. The Main Street Board will host a meet and greet Tuesday, July 20th from 5:00-6:30 at the courtyard next to Decorate Ornate. They will serve watermelon, cookies and drinks and welcome your suggestions to improve Main Street.
- 3. The budget workshop will be Thursday, July 29th at 9:00 at the Library meeting room.

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IX. ADJOURN

Councilmember Shipp moved to adjourn at 7:20 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Burlison. Adjourned by consensus.

WALTER DERRICK, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY
INTERIM CITY MANAGER