

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 17, 2011
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Pro-tem Jimmy Williams, Leon Watson, Judith Burlison, Joe Derouen, Scott Owens, J.D. Shipp

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Walter Derrick

STAFF PRESENT: Sean Pate, Melba Haralson, Farrell Alexander

GUESTS PRESENT: Mary J. Williams, Delbert Burlison, Beth McKamy, Marsha Valdetero, Mike McWhorter, Betty Edwards, Brent Bailey, Colleen Bailey, Joyce Hubbard, Mark Carpenter

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Pro-tem Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- a) Invocation – Mayor Pro-tem Williams
 - b) Pledge of Allegiance – Councilmember Shipp

II. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mark Carpenter, 2301 Woodbine, thank those attending and the Council for serving.

III. CONSIDERATION of Consent Agenda

- a) Minutes – January 20, 2011 and January 27, 2011
- b) Interlocal Agreement with Upshur County
- c) Ordinance to order City Election May 14, 2011
- d) Blanket Permit for East Texas Gusher Days Festival

Councilmember Watson moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Shipp. Motion carried 6-0.

IV. CONSIDERATION of expansion of definition of “Mobile Homes” and “Trailer Homes” to include recreational vehicles and camper trailers of any kind

City Manager Pate stated the current definition in the zoning ordinance is a non-propelled vehicle containing living or sleeping accommodations, which does not include motor homes. He we are taking a pro-active stance so that citizens cannot use a motor home or camper trailer of any kind as their residence.

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

V. CONSIDERATON of Hayward/Baker schedule for dam repairs at Lake Gladewater

City Manager Pate stated there are two available dates on Hayward/Baker’s schedule; 2/28/11 or 7/18/11. Given that February is typically the rainy season, he recommended that we schedule for July so that we will not have to pump as much to lower the lake level.

Councilmember Burlison moved we schedule for July 18th, seconded by Councilmember Watson. Carried 6-0.

VI. CONSIDERATION of a request by Mike McWhorter to re-name a portion of Viola Street

Mike McWhorter, 1502 Viola Street, requested that a portion of Viola Street be renamed as J & B Edwards Lane, in honor of his grandparents James and Betty Edwards.

Councilmember Owens said while it is admirable to recognize Mr. & Mrs. Edwards, we already have an Edwards Street. He then explained how the Council previously renamed Stuart Street because we also have a Stewart Street. He mentioned other streets that either sound similar or are duplicated, which causes confusion and delays in response time from emergency service personnel.

Police Chief Alexander agreed with Councilmember Owens and cited other streets with similar names; Sanders, Saunders, Vesta, Vista, Shepperd, Shepard. He reiterated the problems it causes with response times.

Councilmember Watson moved to deny the request, seconded by Councilmember Burlison. Carried 6-0.

VII. CONSIDERATION of Gladewater Police Department 2010 Annual Contact Report

Chief Alexander briefly stated the report is prepared in full compliance with the law and there were no complaints filed regarding racial profiling.

Councilmember Owens commended the Chief and Police Department that there were no complaints, that all personnel are properly trained and that total contacts made were close to the ethnic make-up of citizens. Councilmember Owens then moved to approve the report, seconded by Councilmember Shipp. Carried 6-0.

VIII. CITY MANAGER REPORT

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

City Manager Pate gave the following report;

- a) Grants – The water treatment plant improvement project is going great. The generators are good to go.
- b) Special Projects – ETCOG met with staff regarding the GIS system, which will pinpoint fire hydrants, map out streets and infrastructure for water and sewer. He said we hope to have a quote in the next 30 days.
- c) Announcements – The Retail Coach is underway. They have started pulling data and soon a team will put together town hall presentations. We already have new leads and lots of potential. He said they are excited about working with us. A compact disc presentation of the Asphalt Zipper was given to each Councilmember to watch at their convenience. Mr. Pate said this equipment is a cost saving measure on repairing streets. It mills up the street then re-uses it as base. The cost is about \$19,000/year for 5 years. We will re-visit this issue in the near future.

IX. ADJOURN

Councilmember Shipp moved to adjourn at 6:33 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Watson. Adjourned by consensus.

JIMMY WILLIAMS, MAYOR PRO-TEM

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY