

CITY OF GLADEWATER  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION  
MINUTES  
MAY 19, 2011  
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Walter Derrick, Mayor Pro-tem Jimmy Williams, Leon Watson, Scott Owens, J.D. Shipp, outgoing members Joe Derouen and Judith Burlison, incoming members Harold R. Wells and Delbert Burlison

STAFF PRESENT: Sean Pate, Melba Haralson, Wayne A. Smith, Farrell Alexander, Richard Ross

GUESTS PRESENT: Roy May, Beth McKamy, Shelly Clodfelter, Christopher Clodfelter, Chris Clodfelter, Pat Derouen, Victor Jordan, Norma Lacy, Alfred Lacy, Diane Turner, Keith Cannon, Joyce Hubbard, Curtis Smalley, Pat Watson, Linda Wells, Lola May, Mark May, Mark Carpenter, David Riddle

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

- a) Invocation – Councilmember Joe Derouen
- b) Pledge of Allegiance – Councilmember Leon Watson

II. PRESENTATION to outgoing City Council members

Mayor Derrick presented plaques to Joe Derouen and Judith Burlison and expressed appreciation for their years of dedicated service.

III. OATH OF OFFICE to newly elected City Council members

City Secretary Melba Haralson administered the Oath of Office to Harold R. Wells, Delbert Burlison, Scott Owens and J.D. Shipp and presented each of them with a Certificate of Election.

IV. CONSIDERATION of appointment of Mayor Pro-tem

Mayor Pro-tem Jimmy Williams moved to appoint Scott Owens as the new Mayor Pro-tem, seconded by Councilmember Wells. Carried 6-0-1 with Mr. Owens abstaining.

V. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

VI. CONSIDERATION of Consent Agenda

- a) Minutes – April 21, 2011 and May 18, 2011
- b) Blanket Permit for American Legion Post 281 - July 4th Parade
- c) Adoption of the American Legion Veteran of the Month Program

Councilmember Watson moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilmember Williams. Carried 7-0.

VII. CONSIDERATION of Proposal from Adams Engineering for additional services for Lake Gladewater dam

David Riddle of Adams Engineering stated the repairs to the dam scheduled in July are essentially a bandaid that will get us by for a few years. According to TCEQ the City is required to have an emergency action plan in place, hence a study is needed for a long-term fix for the dam. Mr. Riddle then answered questions from the Council. He said it will take approximately 4-6 weeks to complete the analysis and the study will cost \$23,000.

Mayor Pro-tem Owens moved to approve the study, seconded by Councilmember Shipp. Carried 7-0.

VIII. CONSIDERATION of amendment to Agreement with Hayward-Baker for emergency spillway repairs

City Manager Pate stated this agreement locks in a commencement date of July 18<sup>th</sup>.

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After a brief discussion, Councilmember Shipp moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Williams. Carried 7-0.

IX. CONSIDERATION of Ordinance to provide for the assessment and collection of fees for services provided by the Gladewater Fire Department

City Manager Pate said this will allow us to recover costs for large scale incidents and is not intended for residential service. Fees will be established and the ordinance will be brought back to Council for approval at a later date. Fire Chief Wayne Smith cited some recent incidents requiring large scale use of City resources and overtime.

Councilmember Williams moved to approve contingent upon the fee schedule, seconded by Councilmember Watson. Carried 7-0.

X. CONSIDERATION of Agreement with Revenue Rescue, Inc. for fire billing and related services

City Manager Pate recommended approval. Councilmember Watson so moved, seconded by Councilmember Wells. Carried 7-0.

XI. CONSIDERATION of Agreement with United States Department of the Interior for the Texas Data Collection Program

City Manager Pate stated there are elevation gauges out by the dam that gives 15 minute interval readings on water level and results are accessed through the web. Funding has been cut for this service and if we want to continue it will cost \$6,995 per year. Chief Farrell Alexander said we need a way to accurately measure the lake level as required by the emergency action plan.

Mayor Pro-tem Owens said we need more time to see if there is a less expensive way and moved to table for 1 month. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Burlison. Carried 6-1 with Councilmember Williams opposed.

XII. PUBLIC HEARING regarding demolition of structures located at;

- a) Lot 8 Block 2 Norton & Olson Addition, more commonly known as 418 Godfrey Street
- b) Lot 7 Block 3 Norton & Olson Addition, more commonly known as 414 Sunset Avenue

The public hearing was opened at 7:00 p.m. With no public comments, Mayor Derrick closed the public hearing.

XIII. CONSIDERATION of demolition order for structures located at;

- a) Lot 8 Block 2 Norton & Olson Addition, more commonly known as 418 Godfrey Street
- b) Lot 7 Block 3 Norton & Olson Addition, more commonly known as 414 Sunset Avenue

Councilmember Williams moved to approve demolitions on both properties, seconded by Councilmember Watson. Carried 7-0.

XIV. CITY MANAGER REPORT

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

City Manager Pate gave the following report;

1. TCEQ is doing a comprehensive evaluation of the water treatment plant and will present an action plan with recommendations.
2. The bridge on East Lake Drive is starting to fail. We have called Lloyd Crabtree, Upshur County Commissioner for assistance and also notified John Ringler of KSA Engineers.
3. The Retail Coach Town Hall meeting is scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. at the Gladewater Former Students Building.
4. Staff is working on goals for the fiscal year 2012 budget.

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5. Appreciation was expressed to Richard Ross for 5 years of service with the City and best wishes were extended.
6. Chief Wayne Smith gave an update on emergency management plan and required training. He also stated we are no longer using the First Call system. Gregg County has switched over to Code Red. Chief Smith said that system can only be activated by 5 people in Gregg County. He also stated NIMS training is required for Council and designated City officials before 9/30/11 in order to be eligible for grants.

XV. ADJOURN

Councilmember Shipp moved to adjourn at 7:27 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Watson. Adjourned by consensus.

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WALTER DERRICK, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY