

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES
JUNE 16, 2011
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Walter Derrick, Harold R. Wells, Delbert Burlison, Leon Watson, J.D. Shipp, Jimmy Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Pro-tem Scott Owens

STAFF PRESENT: Sean Pate, Melba Haralson, Farrell Alexander, Wayne A. Smith, Judy Hagle, Dennis Jones, Tim Barnett

GUESTS PRESENT: Vernon Smith, Beth McKamy, Cathy Smith, Mark Carpenter, Lisa Owens, Leward LaFleur, Joyce Hubbard, Lola May, Mark May, Brent Bailey, Colleen Bailey, Ryan Bailey

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Derrick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- a) Invocation – Councilmember Delbert Burlison
 - b) Pledge of Allegiance – Councilmember Wells

II. PRESENTATION to volunteers

Librarian Judy Hagle presented Certificates of Appreciation to library volunteers Vern Smith and Lisa Owens, who was also the NETLS Volunteer of the Year. She also presented Certificates of Appreciation to volunteers Colleen and Ryan Bailey for their help during Story Time.

Police Chief Farrell Alexander presented Tim Barnett with a Certificate of Appreciation for his 11 years as a Police Reserve. He commended Officer Barnett for his dedication and stated he has far exceeded the amount of hours required as a reserve. Chief Alexander then announced that as of June 1st Officer Barnett accepted the position of Lake Warden.

Mayor Derrick offered words of thanks to all the volunteers.

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

- 1. Leward LaFluer of Croley Funeral Home announced he will hold a press conference on June 17th at 10:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers to give sequence of events for the homecoming processional and funeral service of Brad Gaudet (step-son of Mayor Pro-tem Owens) who was killed in the line of duty in Afghanistan.
- 2. Mark Carpenter, 2301 Woodbine, said he was glad to see Item VI tabled at the last meeting. He said technology exists to monitor the lake level for under \$100 per month which will save taxpayer dollars.

IV. CONSIDERATION of Consent Agenda

- a) Minutes – May 19, 2011
- b) Main Street Board appointment of Peter Adams to fill unexpired term of Margaret Larkins

Councilmember Williams moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Burlison. Carried 6-0.

V. CONSIDERATION of Ordinance to provide for collection fees when the City is forced to assume responsibility for demolishing abandoned buildings or cleaning lots with weeds or debris

City Manager Pate stated McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen already collect our delinquent court fines and property taxes. This will authorize them to also collect on liens we place on properties for demolitions or lot clean-up. He recommended approval.

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

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

City Manager Pate said this item was tabled last month in order to explore additional options. John Ringler of KSA Engineers said possibly grant funds could be used to install the elevation gauge and hook it to the SCADA system. In order to do so it must be submitted to RUS for approval, which will take approximately 90 days.

Councilmember Shipp said he is in favor of tabling again until we have a solid alternative. Councilmember Williams agreed, stating we have until budget adoption to consider it. Councilmember Burlison said the agreement doesn't state who has responsibility for the gauges and moved to table. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Wells. Carried 6-0.

VII. CONSIDERATION of requiring security deposit with reservation of lake park pavilion

City Manager Pate said people have been reserving the pavilion and leaving it trashed out. He said the average deposit for other cities is \$75-\$100. If approved we can have an ordinance ready for adoption at the next meeting.

Councilmember Williams moved to approve \$75 deposit for pavilion rental, seconded by Councilmember Watson. Carried 6-0.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Government Code §551.071 to consult with Attorney Ron Stutes regarding litigation with Dual Construction

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

IX. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION and take any action necessary regarding litigation with Dual Construction

The Council reconvened into open session at 7:06 p.m. and took no action.

X. DISCUSSION regarding fireworks display scheduled for July 2, 2011

City Manager Pate and Fire Chief Wayne Smith announced the firework display will be held on Saturday July 2nd, with an alternate date of Sunday July 3rd. Donations to the Chamber of Commerce are appreciated.

XI. CITY MANAGER REPORT

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

City Manager Sean Pate gave the following report;

- a) Grants
There will be an applicant meeting held in the near future for the new HOME grant program.

The Water Treatment Plant project is going well and is on schedule. The replacement or looping of the main from the Water Treatment Plant to East Lake is a partial go. There is approximately \$400k in grant funds that we possibly can use for that purpose.

- b) Special Projects
East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) paid for the Code Red system and has allocated 6,500 minutes to the City of Gladewater to be used at our discretion.

The spillway repairs will begin July 18th. The lake level is low enough so all we will have to pump is the catch basin below the spillway. These repairs are effectively a "band-aid" approach and more permanent options will be on the next agenda.

- c) Announcements
Information received from the Retail Coach is posted on the City's website.

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Mr. Pate handed out a 5 year Capital Improvement Plan to the Council for review, which lists capital projects over \$25,000. He said this is in order for the City to take a proactive approach and will be discussed further in a budget workshop in mid July.

An agreement was reached with Joan Sturkie on the Wishenhunt Center, which will be on the agenda next month. The agreement calls for issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for 299 people. The additional seats will be roped off.

XII. ADJOURN

Councilmember Shipp moved to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. seconded by Councilmember Williams. Adjourned by consensus.

WALTER DERRICK, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY