

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES
AUGUST 18, 2011
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Walter Derrick, Mayor Pro-tem Scott Owens, Harold Wells, Delbert Burlison, Leon Watson, J.D. Shipp

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jimmy Williams

STAFF PRESENT: Sean Pate, Melba Haralson, Larry Player, Farrell Alexander, Dennis Jones

GUESTS PRESENT: Tony Cain, Marsha Valdetero, Cisco Frierson, Bryan Rossman, Onie Holt, Jr., Lola May, Mark May, Bobbie Stone, John Paul Tallent, Joyce Hubbard, Reba Smith, Diane Turner, B.K. Johnson, Jeremy Buechter, Elijah Anderson, Mark Carpenter, Judith Burlison

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

- II. PRESENTATION to Church of Christ volunteers

Mayor Derrick presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the North Loop Church of Christ for their volunteer work at Lake Gladewater Park. John Paul Tallent accepted on behalf of the church.

- III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Joan Sturkie thanked the City for their cooperation and said the Whisenhunt Center is now open. She encouraged all to come and enjoy the center. Ron Gage announced the upcoming shows.

- IV. CONSIDERATION of Consent Agenda

- a) Minutes – July 21, 2011 and August 4, 2011
b) Blanket Permit for Chamber of Commerce 39th Annual Arts & Crafts Festival – September 17-18, 2011

Councilmember Burlison moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Wells. Motion carried 6-0.

- V. PUBLIC HEARING regarding a proposal to adopt a tax rate of \$0.642560/\$100 valuation for fiscal year 2012

Mayor Derrick opened the public hearing at 6:13 p.m. With no public comments the public hearing was then closed.

- VI. ANNOUNCEMENT of date, time and place the City Council will vote on the tax rate

Mayor Derrick announced there will be a second public hearing on September 1, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. and the tax rate will be voted on at the regular City Council meeting on September 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

- VII. PUBLIC HEARING regarding demolition of structures at the following locations;

- a) Lot 8A, Block 6 (W ½ of Lot 8) Phillips Heights, more commonly known as 501 Phillips Drive
b) Lots 8 & 9A, NCB 64 Gladewater (S 15' Lot 9), more commonly known as 215 S. Center
c) Lot 10A NCB 4 (W PT Lot 10) & Lots 11-13 NCB 5, more commonly known as 105 Broadway

Mayor Derrick opened the public hearing at 6:20 p.m. With no public comments the public hearing was then closed.

- VIII. CONSIDERATION of a demolition order for structures at the following locations;

- a) Lot 8A, Block 6 (W ½ of Lot 8) Phillips Heights, more commonly known as 501 Phillips Drive
b) Lots 8 & 9A, NCB 64 Gladewater (S 15' Lot 9), more commonly known as 215 S. Center

- c) Lot 10A NCB 4 (W PT Lot 10) & Lots 11-13 NCB 5, more commonly known as 105 Broadway

Mayor Pro-tem Owens expressed appreciation to Inspector Larry Player for getting this done and moved to grant the demolitions. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Watson. Carried 6-0. Inspector Larry Player confirmed to Councilmember Wells that there is another 30 day waiting period before demolition is done.

Note: At the request of Mayor Pro-tem Owens Mayor Derrick reopened the public hearing on the tax rate (Item V) at 6:27 p.m.

- V. PUBLIC HEARING regarding a proposal to adopt a tax rate of \$0.642560/\$100 valuation for fiscal year 2012

1. John Paul Tallent, 200 Allison, said this is a lean budget and he adamantly insisted that Councilmember Wells explain why he voted against the proposed tax rate. Councilmember Wells responded that he did not want to raise taxes.
2. Mark Carpenter, 2301 Woodbine, said he appreciates everybody on the Council and believes they should be able to vote their conscience.

With no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:30 p.m.

- IX. CONSIDERATION of a request from Joe Bowen for an easement to trench for natural gas pipeline

City Manager Pate said that Mr. Bowen could not be in attendance; however last month he withdrew his request for a propane tank for the property he leases from the City under the Allison Street water. Centerpoint Energy will run a line for natural gas but they need the City's permission for an easement.

Mayor Pro-tem Owens said he was opposed to propane but has no problem with natural gas and moved to grant the easement to Centerpoint Energy. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Shipp. Carried 6-0.

- X. CONSIDERATION of Continuation of Coverage Agreement with TML Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool

City Secretary Haralson explained this agreement is required every year in order for Texas Municipal League to administer continuation of coverage services to employees who terminate but wish to continue medical insurance coverage at their own expense.

Councilmember Shipp moved to approve the agreement, seconded by Councilmember Burlison. Carried 6-0.

- XI. CONSIDERATION regarding Lake Gladewater spillway project

Bryan Rossman of Adams Engineering said they found significant voids in the spillway that have now been filled. He recommended that the City move forward with plans to construct a labyrinth style spillway, which is the least expensive option, in order to show good faith that the City intends to be in full compliance with TCEQ regulations. He stated the work done now will give about 10 years but will not satisfy TCEQ.

Mr. Rossman answered several questions from the Council. Mayor Pro-tem Owens moved to proceed with plans for a labyrinth style spillway, seconded by Councilmember Burlison. Carried 6-0.

- XII. CONSIDERATION of request for franchise fee increase

City Manager Pate explained we currently receive franchise fees at 2% of Suddenlink revenue and we can go up 1.5% each year up to 5%. He said this will generate approximately \$18,000 more in franchise fee revenue, which probably Suddenlink would pass on to customers.

Councilmember Watson moved to approve the increase, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Owens. Carried 6-0.

XIII. CONSIDERATION of Ordinance to amend §93.02 (F) – Boating Regulations

City Manager Pate said the Lake Board has already approved. The Water Code says we cannot restrict our day passes to be for fishing only.

Mayor Pro-tem Owens said we have no choice but hates that we don't have a say. He then moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Councilmember Shipp. Carried 6-0.

XIV. CONSIDERATION of 9-1-1 Interlocal PSAP Agreement FY 2012-2013

City Manager Pate stated these contracts are recurring each year.

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

XV. CONSIDERATION of Database Maintenance Agreement for FY 2012

Councilmember Watson moved to approve the agreement, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Owens. Carried 6-0.

XVI. CITY MANAGER REPORT

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

City Manager Pate gave the following report;

1. The contract amendment prepared by KSA Engineers was approved by RUS. We are now in the grant stage of \$1.2 m, which will replace the 12" water main and loop from culvert to East Lake.
2. The spillway project is going great.
3. In regards to the street project. Dennis Jones and crew have been practicing with the asphalt zipper. We rented a motor grader for a week which we also used on Phillips Springs Road. Next fiscal year we will lease one for a month.
4. Street Superintendent Dennis Jones will go out tomorrow morning to dig up the Gay Avenue drainage ditch so the engineers and attorneys can see whether the problem is with the pipe or the installation.
5. The backhoe is in the shop with hydraulic problems. We can probably get one more use out of it. We need to rent a backhoe in the interim.
6. We neglected to inform you of a great donation from Kawasaki for the jet ski being used at the lake for \$1 per year for law enforcement purposes. We can a new one each year. Police Chief Farrell Alexander said the Lake Warden found out about the program with Longview Cycle & Ski. Other area lakes are also using this program. The jet ski is quicker and much more maneuverable than the boat.
7. Curtis Smalley is no longer with Veolia Water. He took a job in the private sector. We will temporarily be assigned to Oklahoma.

XVII. ADJOURN

Councilmember Shipp moved to adjourn at 7:10 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Watson. Adjourned by consensus.

WALTER DERRICK, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY