

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION
MINUTES
OCTOBER 27, 2011
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Walter Derrick, Mayor Pro-tem Scott Owens, Leon Watson, Jimmy Williams, Harold Wells, Delbert Burlison, John Shipp

STAFF PRESENT: Sean Pate, Melba Haralson, Dennis Jones, Wayne A. Smith

GUESTS PRESENT: Lola May, Joyce Hugman, Jim Lindsey, Mark Carpenter, Steven Best, Paul Hall

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Derrick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.
- II. CONSIDERATION of Gladewater Economic Development Corporation budget for fiscal year 2012

Robert Johnson, GEDCO Director have a presentation on the budget and offered to answer questions.

Councilmember Burlison voiced numerous objections to the budget and GEDCO in general. After a lengthy discussion, and with no other questions or comments, Mayor Derrick called for a motion.

Councilmember Wells moved to approve the budget, seconded by Councilmember Watson. Carried 5-1-1 with Councilmember Burlison opposed and Councilmember Williams abstaining.

Mayor Pro-tem Owens commented that we all have passionate differences of opinions but all want what's best for Gladewater. He encouraged everyone to move forward and work together.

City Manager Pate commended Robert Johnson and said his value to the City is far beyond GEDCO. Councilmember Williams also commended GEDCO Chairman Steven Best for a great job on the budget and also asked that Robert Johnson be given a chance. He is well educated and an asset to Gladewater. Councilmember Shipp welcomed Mr. Johnson and other council members echoed those sentiments. Mayor Derrick added that we are moving in the right direction.

- III. ADJOURN

Councilmember Shipp moved to adjourn at 6:53 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Williams. Adjourned by consensus.

WALTER DERRICK, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY