

CITY OF GLADEWATER  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION  
MINUTES  
APRIL 19, 2012  
6:00 P.M.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Sean Pate, Melba Haralson, Wayne Smith, Farrell Alexander, Donna Blalock

GUESTS PRESENT: Vi Melton, Robert Haberle, Eddy Holley, Mary Jane Williams, Cathy Smith, Kim Wheeler, Britta Tipton, Evergrace Derrick, Ike Liddell, Gene Keenon, Lola May, Kayla Medlin, Carneshia Tatum, Natalie Pellegalle, Stacy Cole, Tammy Harris, Ann Grimes, Staci Gage, Emilye Harris, Tameka Gordon, Don Blackmon, Marsha Valdetero, Dennis Daniel, Martha Daniel, Mark Carpenter, Gerry Petree, Deborah Perryman-Stewart, Elijah Anderson, Paul Hall, L.C. Wynn, Lanita Smith, Curtis Woods, Keta Woods

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

- a) Invocation – Mayor Derrick
- b) Pledge of Allegiance – Councilmember Williams

II. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

III. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION for Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Mayor Derrick presented the proclamation to Tamekia Gordon with the Women’s Center of East Texas.

IV. CONSIDERATION of Consent Agenda

- a) Minutes – March 15, 2012
- b) Investment Report for quarter ending March 31, 2012
- c) Appointment of Labor Standards Officer for TxCDBG Contract #711312
- d) Designation of Fair Housing/Equal Opportunity/Section 504 Standards Officer for TxCDBG Contract #711312
- e) Settlement Agreement and Release – Calhoun

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

V. PRESENTATION by Kim Wheeler regarding 9-1-1 addressing

Ms. Wheeler explained the problems with inconsistent addressing along Hwy 2685. She suggested starting at the nursing home address of 1201 then moving north. Virtually every address along Hwy. 2685 will change except for the nursing home. She said we have similar addressing problems throughout the city. City Manager Pate suggested we have a public hearing at the next meeting to inform citizens and to allow them an opportunity to air their concerns.

VI. CONSIDERATION of ordinance to designate handicap parking on Pacific Street in front of Gladewater Museum

Councilmember Burlison moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Wells. Carried 7-0.

VII. CONSIDERATION of request by Stacy Gage to replace and/or update Perryman Fields sign

Stacy Gage, granddaughter of Buddy Perryman requested to replace the sign at Perryman Fields at her expense. She presented a rendering of the proposed signage.

Councilmember Watson moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Shipp. Carried 7-0.

VIII. CONSIDERATION of ordinance to amend §50.15 – Schedule of Rates for Allied Waste Systems

Gene Keenon of Allied Waste explained this is the annual CPI rate adjustment of 3.7% which he had held off on until it was determined the city would not start curbside recycling in the

near future. Councilmember Williams commented that we have a tremendous deal with Allied Waste and commended Gene Keenon for the service he provides to the city. Mayor Pro-tem Owens agreed that they are good corporate citizens.

Councilmember Watson moved to approve the rate increase, seconded by Councilmember Burlison. Carried 7-0.

IX. CONSIDERATION of ordinance to adjust boundary line between Lake Gladewater Subdivision lots 17-W-2 and 18-W-2

Martha Daniel and husband Dennis along with neighbor Gerry Petree explained the amicable agreement they have reached in adjusting this lot line. City Manager Pate said there is a past precedent of approval when both neighbors agree.

Councilmember Wells moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Burlison. Carried 7-0.

X. DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION of fencing regulations for lots on Lake Gladewater

Mayor Pro-tem Owens said the lake board asked that this be considered to preserve a non-obstructed view of the lake and avoid future problems. We may have three or so that may need to be grandfather in. He said there are three different issues; 1) limit the height of the fence, 2) make it transparent (i.e. chain link), and 3) to specify the length of fencing. (Current leases say to water's edge however last year's drought significantly increased the length.)

Councilmember Burlison said his neighbor has privacy fencing built up to lake shore when the lake is full. Councilmember Watson said he has observed the situation and an 8' high fence does obstruct the view and agrees we need new regulations. Councilmember Burlison added that a privacy fence may be appropriate between houses and cyclone fencing to start at edge of house to the shoreline. Councilmember Shipp suggested that it be sent back to the Lake Board to research fencing regulations at other lakes. City Manager Pate said if we add a fencing permit requirement it will need an inspection.

Mayor Pro-tem Owens moved to table until June so staff can work with Lake Board and bring back an ordinance for consideration. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Williams. Carried 7-0.

XI. PRESENTATION led by Councilmember Jimmy Williams regarding a smoke free city

Councilmember Williams said he has had several requests to make Gladewater a smoke free city. Most cities are now smoke free because of the dangers of second hand smoke. He introduced a group of Gladewater High School students who spoke regarding a tobacco free awareness campaign and they presented a petition with 175 signatures. They asked the Council to ban smoking inside public buildings citing that there is no safe level of exposure to second hand smoke.

Pete Wynn stated he is a 75-year old who stopped smoking in 1957. He said legislation won't stop people from smoking. Vi Melton said her husband of 47 years was a smoker and she watched him die from it. She said if you want to smoke do it in your home and don't subject others to it.

*No action taken since this was strictly a presentation. Topic will be addressed at a later date with a public hearing so all viewpoints can be heard.*

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Pursuant to Government Code §551.074 regarding annual performance evaluations of City Manager, City Secretary and Municipal Judge

City Council recessed into executive session at 7:00 p.m.

XIII. RECONVENE into open session and take any action necessary regarding

- a) Annual performance evaluations of City Manager, City Secretary and Municipal Judge

City Council reconvened into open session at 7:28 p.m. Mayor Pro-tem Owens said the Council is extremely pleased with the performance of the City Manager, City Secretary and Municipal Judge and gave each of them an outstanding review. However, pay raises are being withheld until we begin the budget process.

XIV. CITY MANAGER REPORT regarding grants, special projects and announcements

1. Will need to budget for equipment in the Street/Parks Dept. The flat bed truck is on its last life and problems also with the backhoe.
2. The new water plant is up and running. It takes less chemicals and much more efficient. The old plant is completely demolished. We are working on issues related to noise sensitivity.
3. The Clarksville City sewer contract will be up in September. In preparation, we will study cost to treat sewer per 100 gallons.
4. We will have a workshop next week regarding the street program.
5. Eagle Scout Nathaniel Wise is doing a bench and trail project at Everett Park.
6. We are purchasing a refurbished GIS printer.
7. We are hiring temporary workers for the Parks/Street Department until the director of Public Works is on board.
8. Ken Beck is paying a local contractor to clean up the spillway and dam area where timber was harvested.
9. We will hear the findings of the Siemens report regarding auto meter reading at the May meeting.
10. Blocks in Socks Daycare sent a letter asking if city had any items to donate.
11. We will have a reception in honor of Mayor Walter Derrick's retirement from City Council after 22 years on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the Former Students Building.
12. It was a pleasure to work with Jimmy Williams and Walter Derrick. Thanks for your friendship, support and guidance.

XV. ADJOURN

Councilmember Shipp moved to adjourn at 7:43 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Williams. Adjourned by consensus.

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WALTER DERRICK, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY