

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION
AGENDA
MAY 31, 2012
3:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Harold R. Wells, Mayor Pro-tem Scott Owens, Delbert Burlison, Leon Watson, Lana Niemann

MEMBERS ABSENT: J.D. Shipp

STAFF PRESENT: Sean Pate, Melba Haralson

GUESTS PRESENT: Gary Shaver, John Duraso

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wells called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. CONSIDERATION of request by John Duraso regarding taxes on property located at Abstract 179, L.J. Rigsby Survey, Tract 17 Section 3, more commonly known as 805 N. Main Street

John Duraso, 3087 E. Lake Drive, stated he is in the wholesale car business. He recently purchased the defaulted note from Gladewater National Bank for the property located at 805 N. Main Street. He hopes to remove the underground gas tanks, fix it up and make a successful business there. He asked the Council to forgive back taxes.

Mayor Pro-tem Owens explained the tax sale procedure and said he does not believe we can legally strike off the taxes. City Attorney Gary Shaver affirmed, stating we are prohibited from giving public funds for private causes.

Councilmember Niemann said since we cannot dismiss the back taxes maybe we can work forward with some sort of incentive. Mayor Pro-tem Owens agreed and mentioned the possibility of application for tax abatement.

No action taken.

III. ELECTED OFFICIALS ORIENTATION presented by City Attorney Gary Shaver

Attorney Gary Shaver discussed City Charter provisions, addressed issues regarding the Open Meetings Act, conflicts of interest and led a general question and answer session.

IV. ADJOURN

Councilmember Burlison moved to adjourn at 4:55 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Watson. Adjourned by consensus.

HAROLD R. WELLS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY