

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 29, 2012
6:00 P.M.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Sean Pate, Melba Haralson, Wayne A. Smith, Judy Hagle, Casey Chambers, Paul Jaap, Farrell Alexander

GUESTS PRESENT: Cathy Smith, Marsha Valdetero, Sam Chenoweth, Linda Wells, Walter Derrick, Colden Rich, John Ringler

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

- a) Invocation – Councilmember Watson
- b) Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Pro-tem Owens

II. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

III. CONSIDERATION of Consent Agenda

- a) Minutes – October 18, 2012
- b) Blanket Permit for Calvary Baptist Church to host a 1 Mile/5K/10K Walk/Run/Cycle event as a fund raiser for Sean and Heather Brown, December 1, 2012
- c) Blanket Permit for Chamber of Commerce Annual Christmas Parade Tuesday, December 4, 2012
- d) Blanket Permit for 5th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. March, Monday January 21, 2013
- e) Resolution authorizing filing of grant application with East Texas Council of Governments for a Solid Waste Grant
- f) Agreement with Gregg County for support of Lee Public Library

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

IV. CONSIDERATION of presentation by KSA Engineers regarding the 12-inch water line project

John Ringler, KSA Engineers led a discussion regarding options available for the route of the 12” water line regarding cost, utility easements and timeline of construction. Due to cost and timeline, Mr. Ringler recommended obtaining utility easements along the north side of Gay Avenue outside of the existing right-of-way. There would be approximately 40 tracts impacted with a probable construction cost of \$634,720 (including easement acquisition) and estimated construction start of May 2013.

Mayor Pro-tem Owens moved that we proceed with Mr. Ringler’s recommendation with an estimated construction cost of \$634,720. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Shipp. Carried 6-0.

V. CONSIDERATION of awarding bid for 2011 Texas Capital Fund Sidewalk Improvements – Main Street

John Ringler of KSA Engineers presented the bid tabulation and recommended using the low bidder of \$108,057.10 by Reynolds & Kay, Ltd.

Councilmember Shipp moved to award the bid to Reynolds & Kay, Ltd for \$108,057.10, seconded by Councilmember Burlison. Carried 6-0.

VI. CONSIDERATION of board appointments

Mayor Wells read the recommendations of each board as follows;

AIRPORT BOARD – All members wish to be reappointed.

Joe Wise
Al Heard
Bert Sharp

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS - All members wish to be reappointed.

Dean Simmons
Elwanda Walker
Nancy Holly

CEMETERY BOARD - There is one vacancy on the board left by John Barnett who did not wish to serve another term. The Board will consider nominations at their December meeting.

Diana Stokes – wishes to be reappointed.
Rhonda Owens – wishes to be reappointed.

LAKE BOARD – All members wish to be reappointed.

Sam Chenoweth
Bruce Stanley
Calvin “Cisco” Frierson

LIBRARY BOARD – Three members wish to be reappointed. Due to the death of Lois Nasados, there is a recommendation to appoint John Dunn as a new member.

Beverly Tallent – wishes to be reappointed.
Sue Clifton-Moore – wishes to be reappointed.
Barry Cook– wishes to be reappointed.
John Dunn – nominated for appointment.

MAIN STREET BOARD – This board has two vacancies, which will be considered at their December meeting.

Mark May – wishes to be reappointed.
Lana Niemann – wishes to be reappointed.
Pete Adams – wishes to be reappointed.

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD – All members wish to be reappointed.

Margaret Bell
Marlene Downing
Ann Clay

Councilmember Burlison voiced objection to Lana Niemann being reappointed to the Main Street Board. He said she currently serves on 3 or 4 boards and he does not think Council should serve on so many. He said we need to recruit more people with diverse ideas.

Councilmember Burlison moved to appoint/reappoint all members as recommended by the respective boards except for the Main Street Board. Motion seconded by Councilmember Niemann. Carried 6-0.

Councilmember Shipp moved to reappoint Mark May, Lana Niemann and Pete Adams to the Main Street Board. He stated that Ms. Niemann is a stellar individual who is willing to serve and the Main Street Board already has two other vacancies. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Owens, carried 5-1 with Councilmember Burlison opposed.

VII. CONSIDERATION of recommendation by Library Board for improvements to the library

Library Director Judy Hagle stated that earlier in the year the library received a \$20k donation in honor of Mrs. Lee, who is the namesake of the library. The Library Board would like to use those funds primarily for automatic doors (both sets) and possibly new flooring in the foyer.

Councilmember Watson moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Burlison. Carried 6-0. Mayor Wells expressed appreciation for Ms. Hagle and said we have a first class library.

VIII. CONSIDERATION of recommendation by Lake Board regarding exceptions to fireworks ordinance

Sam Chenoweth, Chairman of the Lake Board requested the Council grant exception to the fireworks ordinance for residents that live on the lake. He said they would only discharge them over the water and observe burn bans that may be in place.

Fire Chief Wayne Smith voiced objection stating it still presents a fire danger to neighboring homes, there will be noise complaints and it will be difficult to monitor. He disagreed with making exceptions for anyone.

Mayor Wells said he cannot recall any bad incidents at the lake in all the years he has been here. He said people just need to use common sense and he is in favor of the exemption.

Mayor Pro-tem Owens said if we adopt this revision we should make it only for lake front residents and set a time limit.

Councilmember Niemann agreed with Mayor Pro-tem Owens and moved to approve the exception for lake front residents on all holidays until midnight. There was further discussion regarding the dates and time limits. Police Chief Alexander recommended that we do not restrict dates and times.

Councilmember Niemann revised her motion by removing date and time limitations and requested that City Secretary Haralson and Police Chief Alexander work together to write an ordinance to bring back to the Council. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Watson. Carried 6-0.

IX. CITY MANAGER REPORT

a) Update on Dallas Force Main project

We are in the process of obtaining right-of-way acquisitions. The archeological application was submitted. We are behind schedule and the problem is finding the exact location of the existing line.

b) Update on Siemens, Inc. audit

We are looking at obtaining an automated meter reading system. Siemens has installed 10 test meters that will be read in 30 days. The results may be ready to present to the Council in January.

X. ADJOURN

Councilmember Shipp moved to adjourn at 7:15 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Watson. Adjourned by consensus.

HAROLD R. WELLS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY