

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES
MAY 23, 2013
6:00 P.M.

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

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Sheila Faggans, Tom Mooney, Peggy Mooney, Charlie E. Gordon, Walter Derrick, Michael Tolbert, Jimmy Williams, Mary J. Williams, James Moore, Linda Wells, J.L. Elder, Linda Anderson-Beasley, Tommie Whitaker, LaKeshia Williams, Tierra Williams

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

- a) Invocation – Councilmember Watson
- b) Pledge of Allegiance – Councilmember Niemann

II. OATH OF OFFICE for newly elected City Council members

City Secretary Melba Haralson administered the Oath of Office to Delbert Burlison, Elijah Anderson, Scott Owens and Delbert Burlison and presented each with a Certificate of Election.

III. CONSIDERATION of appointment of Mayor Pro-tem

Councilmember Watson moved to reappoint Scott Owens as Mayor Pro-tem. Motion seconded by Councilmember Shipp. Carried 6-0-1, with Owens abstaining.

IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Councilmember Burlison wished to discuss the map and boundaries for the façade grant that was approved at the last meeting. This item will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

V. CONSIDERATION of Consent Agenda

- a) Minutes – April 18, 2013
- b) Blanket permit for fireworks display for Gladewater High School graduation May 31, 2013
- c) Blanket permit for Independence Day fireworks display July 6, 2013
- d) Blanket permit for annual Juneteenth Parade June 15, 2013
- e) Resolution changing authorized representatives for LOGIC Investment Pool

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

VI. CONSIDERATION of bids for sale of 705 North Rodeo Street

City Manager Pate stated four bids were received. The highest bid was from Mark Carpenter for \$29,000. Mr. Pate recommended approval and stated the city attorney will draw up documents.

Mayor Pro-tem Owens moved to award the bid to Mark Carpenter, seconded by Councilmember Shipp. Carried 7-0.

VII. CONSIDERATION of Agreement for Fire Protection Services with Smith County Emergency Services District #2

City Manager Pate said this contract is for the southern boundary outside the city limits and the biggest issue is there is no map with a definitive area of coverage. He said we have always received \$5,000 but an increase is justified. He asked for authorization to negotiate a price increase that is fair and equitable and a map of coverage. Fire Chief Smith cited previous negotiations in which Smith County ESD denied our request for an increase. He said it is not worth \$5,000 per year to cross into an undefined area of Smith County to assist Winona VFD.

Councilmember Niemann said she has full faith that City Manager Pate and Fire Chief Smith can negotiate what is fair and that Smith County will be reasonable if we can bring them all information.

Councilmember Shipp moved to allow the City Manager and Fire Chief to enter into discussion with Smith County ESD regarding price increase and to define coverage area. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Niemann. Carried 7-0.

VIII. CONSIDERATION of Tower Lease Agreement with Skynet Country, LLC

City Manager Pate stated the amount was increased by 15% and both the cell space and land space agreements were combined. Mayor Pro-tem Owens said he is pleased they fixed up the building.

Councilmember Niemann moved to approve the agreement, seconded by Councilmember Shipp. Carried 7-0.

IX. CONSIDERATION of Cemetery Board appointment

City Secretary Haralson said the Cemetery Board unanimously nominated Robbie Floyd.

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

X. CONSIDERATION of ETMC-EMS notice of termination

City Manager Pate announced we have been notified by ETMC that they are canceling our contract and hence our ambulance service as of July 15th. ETMC cited cut backs due to new health care reform. He said we will be meeting in the near future with other providers and will bring a recommendation back to Council. Mayor Pro-tem Owens said he would like it addressed that the citizens have been paying an annual fee to ETMC. City Manager Pate stated they are aware and ETMC will pro-rate.

Councilmember Niemann moved to accept notice of termination, seconded by Councilmember Watson. Carried 7-0.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Government Code 551.074 for discussion of Management Assessment of Gladewater Police Department

The City Council recessed into executive session at 6:30 p.m. Councilmember Burlison exited the meeting.

XII. RECONVENE into open session and take any action necessary regarding Management Assessment of Gladewater Police Department

The Council reconvened into open session at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Pro-tem Owens moved to contract with Rathburn & Associates to conduct a Management Assessment of the Gladewater Police Department for a cost of \$22,000 to be paid from contingency funds. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Watson. Carried 6-0.

XIII. CITY MANAGER REPORT

- a) Dallas force main – Project is on schedule. They have begun clearing the land.
- b) Main Street grant project – We will be preparing a punch list for the contractor.
- c) Longview Metropolitan Planning – We are now in LMPO and Mayor Wells will be on the board. This opens up another competitive pot of money for the City.
- d) TxDOT project opportunity – TxDOT sent a notice to call for projects in which the City would be responsible for 10% of the project cost. Deadline for submittal is July 3rd.

XIV. ADJOURN

Councilmember Shipp moved to adjourn at 7:03 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Adjourned by consensus.

HAROLD R. WELLS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY