

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES
JULY 18, 2013
6:00 P.M.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Sean Pate, Melba Haralson, Farrell Alexander, Paul Jaap

GUESTS PRESENT: Robert Haberle, Frank Stephens, Judy Burlison, Brent Bailey, Colleen Bailey, Ryan Bailey, Marsha Valdetero, Robert Johnson

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

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

II. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

III. CONSIDERATION of Consent Agenda

- a) Minutes –June 20, 2013
- b) Blanket permit for 5k Run/Walk and related activities to benefit Reba Hicks, September 14, 2013
- c) Blanket permit for 11th Annual POWER Sports Fest at Lake Gladewater, September 21, 2013
- d) Blanket permit for Operation Give Gratitude Fun Run, November 9, 2013
- e) Ordinance enacting and adopting 2013 S-17 supplement to the Gladewater Code of Ordinances
- f) Investment report for quarter ending June 30, 2013

Councilmember Burlison requested that Item F be set aside to discuss separately.

Councilmember Watson moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Item F, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Owens. Carried 7-0.

With regard to Item F, Councilmember Burlison questioned a credit to General Fund. City Secretary Haralson provided an explanation. Mayor Pro-tem Owens stated that since interest rates are so low he would like staff to look into acquiring blighted properties that we can upgrade to get a better return on investment.

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

IV. CONSIDERATION of presentation by Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. regarding potential grant application to Texas Parks & Wildlife for improvements to Lake Gladewater boat ramps

Bruce Stanley, Vice-Chairman of the Lake Board, stated that for the past couple months the Lake Board has been considering a grant opportunity through Texas Parks & Wildlife to upgrade the boat ramps at Lake Gladewater. He said they need the Council's input before proceeding. Robert Haberle and Frank Stephens with Schaumburg & Polk gave a presentation on the grant and application process. The grant maximum is \$500,000 with a 75/25 match, which equates to approximately \$167,000 of City match, some of which can be in-kind.

Mayor Pro-tem Owens addressed aesthetics and liability issues and asked what the financial obligation is to Schaumburg & Polk for preparing the application. Mr. Haberle said there is no cost to file the grant application, however if the grant is awarded then they would hope the Council would see fit to hire them to engineer the project.

Councilmember Shipp said there is no guarantee this grant will be awarded and there is no guarantee that it will be available next year. He said this is an opportunity to improve the lake and potentially increase tourism, but we need the infrastructure in place first.

City Manager Pate stated the ramps, retaining walls and piers all need repair.

Paul Jaap, Public Works Director stated we can approach TxDOT and SWEPCO to see if they have poles we can use toward in-kind contribution.

Councilmember Niemann asked if the layout contains potential future development of the pavilion area or future fueling area. Mr. Haberle affirmed it does, but the focus of the grant is on boating. She then asked if the material that is dredged out can be used to fill in the gully. Mr. Haberle replied that it could.

City Manager Pate stated the match has not been included in the upcoming budget, so matching funds would have to come out of fund balance if approved.

Mayor Pro-tem Owens moved to authorize staff to pursue grant, seconded by Councilmember Niemann. Carried 7-0.

- V. CONSIDERATION of agreement with Gary Traylor & Associates for grant management services of 2013 HOME Program RSP – Contract #2012-0028

City Manager Pate stated we sought proposals for grant management and Gary R. Traylor & Associates was to the only firm to respond. He said the reserve program requires no match and he recommended approval.

Councilmember Burlison moved to approve the agreement with Gary R. Traylor & Associates, seconded by Councilmember Shipp. Carried 7-0.

- VI. PUBLIC HEARING regarding City of Gladewater Code §131.05 - Curfew Ordinance

Mayor Wells opened the public hearing at 6:57 p.m.

Police Chief Farrell Alexander requested the ordinance be kept in force.

With no other public comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:58 p.m.

- VII. CONSIDERATION of renewal of City of Gladewater Code §131.05 - Curfew Ordinance

Councilmember Watson moved to renew the curfew ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Owens. Carried 7-0.

- VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to GC 551.087 regarding Chapter 380 assistance for business development prospects TT&B and MKC

The Council recessed into executive session at 6:58 p.m.

- IX. RECONVENE into open session and take any action necessary regarding Chapter 380 assistance for business development prospects TT&B and MKC

The Council reconvened into open session at 7:48 p.m.

Mayor Pro-tem Owens moved to decline further assistance to Texas Tire & Brake since an agreement is already in place with GEDCO. Motion seconded by Councilmember Shipp. Carried 7-0.

Mayor Pro-tem Owens moved to table assistance for Mark K. Collins of Radical Realty in order to work with GEDCO on resolution. Motion seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Carried 7-0.

- X. CITY MANAGER REPORT

- a) Dallas force main – Project is in final stages. We located a 15” line that we will tie into and possibly abandon the remainder of the line, which will save a significant amount of money.
- b) Siemens implementation – The supplies are coming in. The lighting project will be first, starting at the library. Meter replacement will start in 60-90 days with full implementation in December.
- c) Pacific Street project – We received approval for change order #2, which will extend the sidewalk along Dean Street in front of the museum. Work will begin in next couple weeks.

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- d) Airport Manager assignment – Paul Jaap will begin serving as the airport manager and the Airport Board will be notified of this change.
- e) FY 2014 budget calendar- The budget workshop will be held August 2nd at 2:00 p.m. The public hearing on the budget will be August 29th at 6:00 p.m. Budget is slated for adoption at the September 19th Council meeting.

XI. ADJOURN

Councilmember Shipp moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Watson. Adjourned by consensus.

HAROLD R. WELLS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY