

CITY OF GLADEWATER  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 15, 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, Phillip Creel, Memori Ruesing, Mike Adams, Jim Bardwell

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 – Mayor Wells

II. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mike Adams, Marketing Director for Champion EMS, said they were sending a letter out to clear up confusion caused by ETMC sending out subscription renewal letters to residents in Upshur County. He said Champion EMS is glad to be a part of Gladewater.

III. CONSIDERATION of Consent Agenda

- a) Minutes –July 18, 2013 and August 2, 2013
- b) Interlocal Agreement with ETCOG for 9-1-1 PSAP Services
- c) Interlocal Agreement with ETCOG for 9-1-1 Database Maintenance
- d) Resolution authorizing submission of grant application to Texas Parks & Wildlife for State Boating Access Program
- e) Resolution adopting Gregg County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan

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

IV. CONSIDERATION of proposals for City of Gladewater depository services

City Secretary Melba Haralson said she hand delivered proposal packets to all four banks in town and received bids back from Austin Bank, Texas Bank & Trust and Capital One Bank. She recommended awarding the bid to Austin Bank, who offered the best interest rate on deposits and no fees for services.

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

V. CONSIDERATION of Ordinance to amend Chapter 30 – Boards & Commissions, of the City of Gladewater Code of Ordinances

Mayor Pro-tem Owens explained this has been revised per the meeting a couple months ago with the emphasis placed on the purpose, which is “to encourage community involvement by engaging citizens of diverse backgrounds, skill sets and innovative ideals to serve on city boards.” Councilmember Niemann expressed appreciation for the work put back into revising this policy.

Councilmember Watson moved to adopt, seconded by Councilmember Niemann. Carried 7-0. Mayor Wells echoed sentiments of appreciation.

VI. CONSIDERATION of Ordinance to amend Chapter 96 – Cemetery, of the Gladewater Code of Ordinances

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

VII. CONSIDERATION of Ordinance to amend §154.100 – Board of Adjustments, of the Gladewater Code of Ordinances

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

VIII. DISCUSSION regarding appointment of Historical Preservation Liaison pursuant to §98.02 of the Gladewater Code of Ordinances

Memori Ruesing stated that Main Street Director Marsha Valdetero had given her a copy of the Historical Preservation ordinance several months ago. Mrs. Ruesing said she is already doing

all the requirements of the Historical Preservation Liaison because she owns a registered landmark home. She said she loves history and collects pictures and artifacts. She is currently on the Main Street Organizational Committee and would like to serve as the Historical Preservation Liaison.

Councilmember Burlison, Mayor Pro-tem Owens and Councilmember Niemann all commented that we should stay consistent with the Board Appointment Policy that was just adopted. Councilmember Burlison asked where the records are being kept. Mrs. Ruesing stated they would be kept at the museum. Councilmember Niemann added that these function coincide with Main Street.

IX. CONSIDERATION of Lake Store lease agreement

City Manager Pate gave the timeline of revisions to the lease since its inception in December 2010. Councilmember Shipp asked for the status on the police sub-station. City Manager Pate said it is used seasonally for the Lake Warden and Texas Game Warden office, but for the most part is vacant.

Mayor Pro-tem Owens said there were committees formed at the budget workshop for enterprise situations like this. He said we need time to formulate a plan so we can use the lake to its maximum potential. He suggested extending the lease to the end of the year in order to study options. Councilmember Shipp agreed, stating we need to evaluate the lease values of each building, as the value of the sub-station is based on the value of the store.

Councilmember Watson said he would like to see a longer lease, that one year is not enough time. Councilmember Burlison said it has options to extend.

Mayor Wells said he would like the store to stay separate from the police sub-station. Mayor Pro-tem Owens clarified that it was never intended to be a police sub-station and we need to keep our options open.

Councilmember Niemann said we are in early stages of discussing what is most beneficial to the city. She concurred that options should be studied and brought back to Council, and lease should be extended with same terms until the end of December.

Mayor Pro-tem Owens asked Michael Tolbert for his opinion. Mr. Tolbert agreed there needed to be a plan and also agreed to extending the lease until the end of the year.

Mayor Pro-tem Owens moved to extend the lease through the end of December at the same terms and rate. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Carried 7-0.

X. DISCUSSION of proposal to adopt the effective tax rate of .644502/\$100 valuation for fiscal year 2014

City Manager Sean Pate stated he is proposing to go with the effective tax rate of .644502. He said that is the rate that will generate the same amount of revenue as last year with the exception of new value.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENT that the City Council will vote to adopt the tax rate for fiscal year 2014 at the City Council meeting, September 19, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Wells so announced.

XII. CITY MANAGER REPORT

- a) Siemens implementation – Supplies have been ordered. The public will be notified in advance of meter installation. There will have to be an amendment to the ETEX radio tower lease in order to install meter reading equipment. We still expect full implementation in December.
- b) Pacific Street project – The project will be fully completed after the striping is done.
- c) Update on 12" water main on East Lake Drive – The environmental study cannot be submitted to the State until an archaeological investigation is completed. Our engineers are trying to determine the required scale and scope of the study.

XIII. ADJOURN

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

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HAROLD R. WELLS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY