

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION
MINUTES
AUGUST 29, 2013
6:00 P.M.

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

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Mark Carpenter, Jim Bardwell

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wells called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. PUBLIC HEARING regarding budget for fiscal year 2014

Mayor Wells opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m.

- 1) City Manager Sean Pate explained the only difference in the proposed budget from the one presented at the budget workshop is the addition of the Certificate of Obligation proceeds and about \$8,500 additional cost to the Gregg County Humane Society contract.
- 2) Councilmember Burlison asked for Hotel Occupancy Tax reporting that the Chamber of Commerce is required to provide quarterly. He said we need to find out where the money is going.
- 3) Mayor Pro-tem Owens said this is an ongoing issue with the Chamber and the Council passed an ordinance a couple months ago requiring audited financial statements from entities that received City funding. He also stated there is overlapping duties with the Chamber, GEDCO and Main Street.
- 4) Councilmember Niemann (also Chamber President) said there will be a 3rd party audit done within 60 days.
- 5) Mark Carpenter, 2301 Woodbine, asked what the City has in debt and cash assets. He said he would like to see the City be out of debt and operate on a pay as you go basis. City Manager Pate said that is not practical for a City our size and gave approximate figures of debt and assets. City Secretary Haralson offered to get him exact figures.

With no other public comments the public hearing was closed at 6:18 p.m.

III. ANNOUNCEMENT that final vote for fiscal year 2014 budget will be taken at the regular City Council meeting September 19, 2013

Mayor Wells so announced.

IV. ADJOURN

Councilmember Shipp moved to adjourn at 6:18 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Watson. Adjourned by consensus.

HAROLD R. WELLS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY