

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION
MINUTES
MARCH 26, 2015
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Harold Wells, Mayor Pro-tem J.D. Shipp, Elijah Anderson, Chris Bland, Leon Watson, Scott Owens

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lana Niemann

STAFF PRESENT: Sean Pate, Melba Haralson, Kathi Corwin, Robert Vine, Judy Hagle, Susan Thomas, Lynda Spears, Paul Jaap, Al Harrison, David Burrows, Michael Kirkwood, Brent Dove, Josh Johnson, Todd Orendorff, Joel Duraso, Tamara Alex, Rhonda Smith, Korey Frierson

GUESTS PRESENT: Nick Foster, Christian Allen, Randy Koss, Samson Frierson, Kasia Kelly, Tonya Simmons, Cisco Frierson, JeKeaae Frierson, Linda Wells, Akeelah Steven, Donnie Reynlods, Brent Bailey, Colleen Bailey, Ryan Bailey, Shalon Johnson, Jim Koontz, Trecia Hodges, Charles Simmons, Marsha Valdetero, Tarisha English, Hillie Shirley, Jim Bardwell, Champion EMS personnel

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

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

II. PRESENTATION of Life Saving Award to Sergeant David Burrows by Police Chief Rob Vine

Police Chief Rob Vine read a commendation and presented a Life Saving Award to Sergeant David Burrows for saving the life of Cisco Frierson. Champion EMS also made a presentation to Sergeant Burrows and stated that Mr. Frierson went 18-20 minutes without a pulse. Had it not been for Sgt. Burrow's quick response and expertise in administering CPR and chest compressions there would have been a much different outcome.

Cisco Frierson gave an emotional thank you to Sgt. Burrows. Sgt. Burrows said it could have been any officer and he is happy to have made a difference.

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

IV. CONSIDERATION of Consent Agenda

- a) Minutes – February 19, 2015 and February 26, 2015
- b) Blanket permit/street closure for Bricks and Bloom to be held March 28, 2015
- c) Blanket permit for Jazz in the Park events at Lake Gladewater
- d) Blanket permit/street closure for Highway 271 Car Cruise to be held April 11, 2015
- e) Blanket permit/street closure for spring Highway 80 sale event to be held April 18, 2015

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

V. PUBLIC HEARING regarding a request from Hillie Shirley for a Specific Use Permit to operate a tattoo business at Lots 9C and 10C, NCB 56, more commonly known as 108 S. Main Street

Mayor Wells opened the public hearing at 6:13 p.m.

Hillie Shirley, owner of the Airbrush Shop at 108 S. Main explained he is trying to get a zoning permit so he can apply for the state permit to operate a tattoo chair out of his shop. He currently does tattoos at a shop in Longview and would like to move it to Gladewater. He said he has zero tolerance for drugs or alcohol as he is celebrating 9 years of sobriety. He will not tattoo anyone who is using or loaded. He explained he had lots of support at the Planning & Zoning meeting.

Randy Koss stated the Council can stipulate the hours of operation if that is a concern.

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Kathi Corwin, Main Street Manager, said Hillie has been in Gladewater since August. He is very supportive of the City and won 2nd place in the decorating contest. She said his business is beneficial to the City and will bring people downtown.

With no other public comments the public hearing was closed at 6:25 p.m.

- VI. CONSIDERATION of request from Hillie Shirley for a Specific Use Permit to operate a tattoo business at Lots 9C and 10C, NCB 56, more commonly known as 108 S. Main Street

Mayor Pro-tem Shipp moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Watson. Councilmember Owens commented that hours of operation is a viable concern and he looks to Mr. Shirley to appropriately handle that. Motion carried 6-0.

- VII. CONSIDERATION to direct SPI Engineers to advertise the Seal Coat Program Project for bids in the Tyler Morning Telegraph

Councilmember Owens questioned why this was advertised in Tyler and not the Longview News Journal. City Manager Pate explained that SPI Engineers is already seeking bids. They identified the paper with appropriate circulation for cities involved.

Councilmember Watson moved to approve advertisement in the Tyler Morning Telegraph and amended the motion to include the Longview News Journal and Gladewater Mirror. Motion Seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried 6-0.

- VIII. CONSIDERATION of ordinance to amend Sections §150.11 (8) and §151.03 (A) of the Gladewater Code of Ordinances to adopt the 2011 National Electrical Code and latest edition as revised

Code Enforcement Officer Al Harrison explained the original ordinance had a misprint of "International" Electrical Code, instead of "National".

Councilmember Bland moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Carried 6-0.

- IX. CONSIDERATION of ordinance to amend the budget for fiscal year 2015

City Manager Pate outlined the amendments and recommended approval.

Councilmember Watson moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Carried 6-0.

- X. CONSIDERATION of contract for Election Services with Gregg County

Councilmember Shipp moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried 6-0.

- XI. CONSIDERATION of location of July 4th firework display

City Manager Pate explained that it was a recommendation of the Lake Board, due to interference by construction for improvements to the boat ramp area, that the July 4th fireworks display be moved to another location. Mr. Pate stated this has been brought to the Chamber's attention since it is a Chamber of Commerce event.

Mayor Pro-tem Shipp (also Chamber President), respectfully requested that the Chamber be allowed to participate in the process and stated it will be on the next Chamber agenda. He asked that Fire Chief Smith attend and give pros and cons of various locations.

No action taken.

- XII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

a) Update on Ball Park complex – Wet weather has slowed the project down. We are about 2-3 weeks from solid dirt work. We will have a ground breaking ceremony sometime in April.

b) Update on relocation of Public Works facility – Public works is moved out and buildings are ready to be demolished. Administration has moved to the lake office and

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- equipment is relocated to water and wastewater plants. We are requesting assistance with the new property and our attorney is working on acquisition of the 5.2 acres.
- c) Update on 12" water line project – We are still waiting for USDA approval and hopefully will receive it in late April.
 - d) Update on seal coat project – As presented earlier, it is in the bidding process.
 - e) The Main Street Board is looking at a historic preservation ordinance.
 - f) The annual Medal of Honor ceremony for Msgt. Travis Watkins will be March 28th at noon at Gladewater Memorial Park Cemetery.

XIII. ADJOURN

Mayor Harold Wells moved to adjourn at 6:46 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Watson. Adjourned by consensus.

HAROLD R. WELLS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELBA HARALSON, CITY SECRETARY