

CITY OF GLADEWATER
CITY COUNCIL, GISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND GEDCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL SESSION
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 26, 2018
6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor J.D. Shipp, Mayor Pro-tem Elijah Anderson, Farrell Alexander, Brandy Flanagan, Dennis Robertson, Quyen Tong

GISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRESENT: Secretary George Glenn, Superintendent Cedric Clark, Ross Morgan

GEDCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT: Secretary Marsha Byrd, Executive Director Robert Johnson, Charla Nash, Larry Clemens, President Robert Green

STAFF PRESENT: Ricky Tow, Judy Van Houten, Rob Vine, Al Harrison

GUESTS PRESENT: Christian Allen, Jim Bardwell, Jon Rowe, Brittany Williams, Scott Owens

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Shipp called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
 - a) Invocation – Dennis Robertson
 - b) Pledge – Farrell Alexander
- II. JOINT WORKSHOP of the Gladewater City Council, GISD Board of Trustees and GEDCO Board of Directors to discuss “Operation: The Future is Now” – a comprehensive planning and strategy session for the City of Gladewater

Mayor Shipp began by thanking everyone in attendance for their dedication. This is the 3rd meeting so far and there are lots of good ideas being discussed.

Team King – Mayor Shipp presented a handout with suggested goals for each of the three groups represented (City, GEDCO, GISD).

City:

- Develop a Clean City Program
- North Loop 485 Water and Sewer Infrastructure

GEDCO:

- Life Skills / Job Training
- Market Existing Industrial Park

GISD:

- Focus on Trades and Technology
- Dual Credit Coursework

Team 6 – Robert Johnson presented the following ideas for his group:

- Tax increment financing
- Developing outside current industrial park
- Infrastructure
- Over the river plan
- Clear understanding of codes for new businesses

Team Ace – Councilmember Alexander presented the following ideas for his group:

- Making Gladewater a destination area by utilizing the lake, new golf course, and downtown
- Streamlining the permitting process
- Cooperation between the City, GISD, and GEDCO for city-wide clean-up efforts

Team 10 – Councilmember Flanagan presented the following ideas for her group:

- Developing a new perspective about Gladewater
- Capitalize on volunteers – create programs to bring in more volunteers
- Utilize GEDCO for marketing

Team Jack – Councilmember Tong presented the following ideas for his group:

- Ease of access for new businesses
- Quick turn-around on inspections
- Improve and maintain curb appeal
- City-wide clean-up
- Consistency in enforcing ordinances
- Need to “define” trash
- Arts
- “Treasuring the Past” by celebrating with an annual play/production

Superintendent Clark spoke about the School’s “Vision 2025” plan. He said they have been developing this plan but the school must walk with the City and GEDCO. The school acknowledges the need to develop a plan of success for all students, not just those who will go on to college.

Mayor Shipp announced the dates, times, and locations for the 4 Town Hall meetings in October. They are as follows:

October 15, 2018 – 6:30 p.m. – Weldon Alumni Center

October 22, 2018 – 6:30 p.m. – Lee Public Library

October 23, 2018 – 6:30 p.m. – St. James Baptist Church

October 29, 2018 – 6:30 p.m. – Gladewater Center for Community Education

- III. ADJOURN – Councilmember Alexander made a motion to adjourn at 7:23 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Tong. Adjourned by consensus.

J.D. SHIPP, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY VAN HOUTEN, CITY CLERK