

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES
January 8th, 2008**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS]
THE COUNTY OF POLK]
THE CITY OF ONALASKA]**

The City Council of the City of Onalaska, Texas, for the regular monthly meeting on January 8th, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., met in the chamber room of City Hall. Roll was called and the following were present:

Lew Vail]	Mayor
Tom Edwards]	Mayor Pro-tem
Patsy Goins]	
Althea Elliott]	
Shirley Gilmore]	Councilmembers
Carl Cruse]	
Angela Stutts]	City Secretary
Ron Gilbert]	Chief of Police
Barbara Hupp]	Court Clerk
And the following visitors:		
Carolyn Edwards]	Howard Anderson
Clyde Stewart]	Brian Butler

Quorum being present, the Mayor continued with the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to hear from the public, approve the consent agenda (minutes, voucher list and accept the financial report), hear reports from the departments, present Christmas decorating contest awards, review and approve ordinance ordering a general election in May 2008, approve the Mayor stipend increase effective after the May election and hear items from council.

PLEDGE & PRAYER

Tom Edwards opened the meeting with the prayer; Lew Vail led the pledge to the American and Texas Flags.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Shirley Gilmore and a second was made by Patsy Goins and Althea Elliott to accept and approve items listed on the consent agenda as presented.

VOTE: For – All; Against – None. Motion carried.

REPORTS – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Ron Gilbert reported that the department traveled 5384 miles during December; responded to 675 non-dispatched calls; 300 dispatched calls; 21 officers assists, and assisted the fire department 14 times. Besides all of this, 61 citations and 28 warnings were issued, and 33 warrants cleared.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Lew Vail reported that the Fire Department responded to 61 calls for assistance during December – 45 were sick calls, 5 structure fires, 4 grass fires, 0 vehicle fires, 1 motor vehicle accidents, 1 lake rescues, 2 landing zones, 2 assists and 1 mutual aides.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT – Roy Newport reported that during the month of December, 7 building permits were issued.

LIBRARY BOARD – Patsy Goins reported the City of Onalaska public Library Board held their regularly scheduled meeting in January in the Council Chamber at City Hall. The meeting was called to order with quorum present. The Librarians monthly report was accepted as presented. Board discussed the possibility of changing the hours of operation for the Library, however they are currently doing a community survey and will advise the results. The board approve placing a comments box located inside the library easily accessible to patrons, etc. and Gail is pursuing several leads regarding grants for building purposes.

The Friends report was given.

LIBRARY – Jenny Quintin reported
Current borrowers: 1417 *Added 36 new borrowers*
Materials processed: 8771 added 21 books

Library Usage	Oct	Nov	Dec
<i>Days open</i>	21	13	19
Book Circulation	570	526	470
<i>Book Circ. Avg per day</i>	26	33	25
Patrons in the library	813	567	641
Computer Usage	301	252	288

Monetary Collections	Oct	Nov	Dec
Copier and Faxes	\$51.10	\$49.25	\$50.85
Fines	\$23.70	\$5.90	\$7.20
CD's Sold	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$0.00
Monthly Total	\$78.80	\$59.15	\$58.05
Year to date	Total \$196.00		
Donations	\$8.60	\$8.95	\$56.25
Year to date Donation	Total \$73.80		

November/December 2007 narrative:

In the month of November we did our inventory during Thanksgiving Week. We show that only eight books were declared missing that we could not find. Of the eight missing four came back in the week following Thanksgiving. It seemed they were checked out improperly. This means that less than 1% of our collection “walks” or was stolen. That is better than most other libraries in which I have been. In fact this shows that the community we live in is better than most. We were able to identify those books that needed repair and needed a new bar code. We corrected 25 errors

in cataloging where the wrong label was attached to the wrong book. We corrected 15 errors in the actual records themselves and reprinted new labels. Though our numbers show less patrons, the actual number per day is around 33-40 individuals per day. In November and December the library is open fewer days than usual. The number of computer users is also 14-19 per day over the past three months. As of January 1, 2008, we increased the cost per page of our 8½x11 copies and printouts from .05 to .10. Legal sized copies (8½x14) are now set at .15 and Ledger size (11X17) is set at .25. Faxes are now going to cost .50 per 1-4 pages sent or received. So far the reaction has been positive.

We lost our new volunteer Heidi Grimm. She has left to return to Cleveland, Texas. She was a great help but family problems prevented her from staying in Onalaska. We are still looking for a regular volunteer for Thursday and Friday lunch hours.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY – Patsy Goins reported the Friends volunteered 13 hours during December.

PRESENTATION OF CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST AWARDS

Christmas Decorating Contest 2007 Winners

1 st Place	Subdivision	Creekside
1 st Place	Commercial	Lasting Impressions
1 st Place	Residential	Brian & Karen Butler
2 nd Place	Residential	Carol Dearman
3 rd Place	Residential	Al & Linda Butler

REVIEW AND APPROVE ORDINANCE ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION IN MAY 2008

It was moved by Carl Cruse and a second was made by Shirley Gilmore to approve ordinance #308 an ordinance of the City of Onalaska, Texas, providing for a General Election to be held on the 10th day of May, 2008, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two Councilmembers full-term at-large positions; designating polling places, and containing other provisions relating to the subject.

VOTE: For – All; Against – None. Motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVE THE MAYOR STIPEND INCREASE EFFECTIVE AFTER THE MAY 2008 GENERAL ELECTION

It was moved by Carl Cruse and a second was made by Shirley Gilmore and Patsy Goins to approve the mayor’s stipend increase effective after the May 2008 General Election in which the amount was included on the City of Onalaska 2007-08 approved budget

VOTE: For – All; Against – None. Motion carried.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

Lew Vail announced the city offices would be closed on January 21, 2008 for holiday and if you are interested their will be the 8th Annual Multicultural Festival held at the Livingston High School auditorium starting at 5:00 p.m. There is a flyer included in your packets.

Lew Vail announced the 2nd Annual 5K Leprechaun Walk and new 5K Fun Run will be held Saturday, March 1st, 2008 at the Onalaska High School and starts at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 7:23p.m., it was moved by Tom Edwards and a second was made by Shirley Gilmore and Patsy Goins to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: For – All; Against – None. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

LEW VAIL, Mayor

ANGELA STUTTS, City Secretary

DATE: February 12th, 2008