

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES
March 11th, 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 March 11th, 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
Roy Newport	]	Fire Chief/Bldg. Inspector
Barbara Hupp	]	Court Clerk
Jenny Quintin	]	Librarian

And the following visitors:

Sgt. Lee Parrish	]	Cpl. Troy Binford
Officer John Maddox	]	Anthony Yaw
Damien Goins	]	Clyde Stewart
Fred Huff	]	Brandon Smith
David Schomer		

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, hold an Executive (closed) session in accordance with Government *Code 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property*, in regards to the Helipad across from the Fire Department and hear items from council.

PLEDGE & PRAYER

Tom Edwards opened the meeting with the prayer; Damien Goins 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 Tom Edwards and Patsy Goins 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 6003.4 miles during February; responded to 918 non-dispatched calls; 114 dispatched calls; 20 officers assists, and assisted the fire department 24 times. Besides all of this, 347 citations and 46 warnings were issued.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Roy Newport reported that the Fire Department responded to 73 calls for assistance during February – 55 were sick calls, 7 structure fires, 1 grass fire, 0 vehicle fires, 4 motor vehicle accidents, 0 lake rescues, 2 landing zones, 1 assist and 3 mutual aides.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Roy Newport reported that during the month of February, 5 permits were issued increasing the total valuation of the city by \$131,000.

LIBRARY BOARD

Patsy Goins reported the City of Onalaska public Library Board held their regularly scheduled meeting March 7, 2008 in the Council Chamber at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 4:28 p.m. with quorum present. The minutes from the February 2008 meeting were approved as presented. The Librarians monthly report was accepted as presented.

Gail is pursuing several leads regarding grants for building purposes. Gail has drafted a letter to use in approaching organizations for financial support to further our efforts to build a new library. The board gave input.

The Friends report was given.

LIBRARY – Jenny Quintin reported for February 2008:

Current borrowers:	1457 <i>Added 16 new borrowers</i>				
Materials processed:	8707 withdrew 112 books added 16 donated books				
Library Usage	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
<i>Days open</i>	21	13	19	20	20
Book Circulation	570	526	470	483	519
<i>Book Circ. Avg per day</i>	26	33	25	25	26
Patrons in the library	813	567	641	715	732
Computer Usage	301	252	288	287	317
Monetary Collections	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Copier and Faxes	\$51.10	\$49.25	\$50.85	\$76.45	\$137.25
Fines	\$23.70	\$5.90	\$7.20	\$27.10	\$46.50
CD's Sold	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00
Monthly Total	\$78.80	\$59.15	\$58.05	\$103.55	\$184.75
Year to date Total	\$484.30				
Donations	\$8.60	\$8.95	\$56.25	\$1.66	\$4.11
Year to date Donation Total	\$79.57				

February 2008 narrative:

We have changed the Children's area a little by placing the Easy books in Plastic Bins and restricting the bottom 2-3 shelves for the bins toward the front of the shelf unit. We have also moved the cardboard books (super easy) books to a bin on the back blue table. It has helped to keep the area neat and clean looking. This idea came from the workshop attended in January. We have removed around 112 books from the Adult Fiction area of the library in the L-Z area. We hope to finish weeding the rest of the adult collection next month. The next weeding project will be the Non-Fiction collection. We are implementing some of the ideas from the workshop on Marketing the collection by turning books so that the covers can be seen. We are

weeding books that have not moved in the 6 years we have been open. This will allow us to update our collection to more current books and materials.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY Patsy Goings reported that Friends of the Library volunteered 24 hours during the month of February and there will be no meeting in March.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Closed session in accordance with Government Code 551.072 *Deliberation Regarding Real Property*, in regards to the Helipad across from the Fire Department.

The Mayor announced the reason for the executive session at 7:15 p.m. and the Mayor and Council entered into an executive session.

At 7:25 p.m., the Mayor and Council re-convened into open session. No action was taken.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

Lew Vail announced the 24th Annual Onalaska Area Easter Parade and Egg Hunt will be Saturday March 15th a.m. from the Onalaska Fire Station on Old Groveton Road and proceeds down Hwy. 190 turning south on FM 356 ending past the elementary school. The Egg Hunt starts at 11:00 a.m. at the 1st Assembly of God Church playground on Old Trinity Road. 10,000 candy or toy filled eggs will be set out for children 12 & under.

Patsy Goins advised she had worked with Commissioner Ronnie Vincent and would be able to present the final draft of the 3 year plan for road/street work next month.

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 7:27 p.m., it was moved by Shirley Gilmore and a second was made by Tom Edwards to adjourn the meeting.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

LEW VAIL, Mayor

ANGELA STUTTS, City Secretary

DATE: April 8th, 2008