

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
M I N U T E S  
April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

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

The City Council of the City of Onalaska, Texas, met in the chamber room of City Hall for the regular monthly meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. 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

**And the following visitors:**

Brandon Smith	]	Howard Anderson
Fred Huff	]	Dennis Horn

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, review and approve ordinance No. 308, review and approve ordinance No. 309, 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 Althea Elliott 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 6937.3 miles during March; responded to 1113 non-dispatched calls; 130 dispatched calls; 41 officers assists, and assisted the fire department 16 times. Besides all of this, 284 citations and 69 warnings were issued.

Chief Ron Gilbert advised council on recently receiving Officer Troy Binford's letter of resignation. Further advising council that he was leaving to pursue advancement in his law enforcement career, stating Officer Binford was an asset and would be missed and presented officer Binford with a certificate of service.

Officer Binford stood before council and thanked them for the opportunity of working for our great city and appreciated their support from the beginning.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Roy Newport reported that the Fire Department responded to 66 calls for assistance during March – 48 were sick calls, 4 structure fires, 3 grass fire, 0 vehicle fires, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 1 lake rescues, 4 landing zones, 4 assist and 0 mutual aides.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Roy Newport reported that during the month of March, 2 permits were issued increasing the total valuation of the city by \$41,500. Also, there are 3 homes in the planning stage, Creeklake Cove, Twin Harbors & Oak Ridge.

**LIBRARY BOARD**

Patsy Goins reported the City of Onalaska public Library Board held their regularly scheduled meeting April 4, 2008 in the Council Chamber at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. with quorum present. The minutes from the March 2008 meeting were approved as presented. The Librarians monthly report was accepted as presented.

Gail had the draft of the letter to use in approaching organizations for financial support to further our efforts to build a new library with the new input added. The letters will be going out soon.

The Friends report was given.

**LIBRARY** – Patsy Goins reported for March 2008:

Current borrowers:	1473 <i>Added 26 new borrowers</i>						
Materials processed:	8707 withdrew 63 books added 36 donated books						
<b>Library Usage</b>	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	<b>YTD</b>
<i>Days open</i>	21	13	19	20	20	20	<b>113</b>
Book Circulation	570	526	470	483	519	503	<b>3071</b>
<i>Book Circ. Avg per day</i>	26	33	25	25	26	25	<i>26 Average per day over 6 months</i>
Patrons in the library	813	567	641	715	732	748	<b>4216</b>
Computer Usage	301	252	288	287	317	266	<b>1711</b>
<b>Monetary Collections</b>	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	<b>YTD</b>
Copier and Faxes	\$51.10	\$49.25	\$50.85	\$76.45	\$137.25	\$85.85	<b>\$450.75</b>
Fines	\$23.70	\$5.90	\$7.20	\$27.10	\$46.50	\$13.00	<b>\$123.40</b>
CD's Sold	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	<b>\$9.00</b>
Monthly Total	<b>\$78.80</b>	<b>\$59.15</b>	<b>\$58.05</b>	<b>\$103.55</b>	<b>\$184.75</b>	<b>\$107.45</b>	<b>\$562.05</b>
<b>Donations</b>	<b>\$8.60</b>	<b>\$8.95</b>	<b>\$56.25</b>	<b>\$1.66</b>	<b>\$4.11</b>	<b>\$1.80</b>	<b>\$81.37</b>

**March 2008 narrative:**

Suggestion box is now in place but so far no suggestions. I spent a large amount of time training a new volunteer and revising the procedures to reflect recent changes to the way the office is set up and the loss of the special code for dialing long distance. We had to decide to no longer let patrons use the phone to call unless we dial the number ourselves and give them the phone. This is so that the library does not have to pay for any long distance charges incurred for non-business calls.

There has been an extension on the five volumes concerning the I-69 Trans Texas study. The period it will be available to the public has been extended until January 2009.

We have received from the IRS copies of the envelopes concerning the Stimulus payment for those individuals who do not normally fill in a Tax return. These are available for anyone who did **NOT** fill out a 2007 tax return and think they may be eligible for the Stimulus Payment from the IRS.

I received a new vacuum at home for Christmas and have brought my old one in which is a Kenmore Canister Vacuum. I also brought all the bags for it. This is so that on weekends we can clean the library and not have to worry about obtaining a vacuum from City Hall which is locked on Saturdays.

I have finished the State Annual Report and submitted it with only one error. The previous year's information concerning the 4 number extension to the Zip Code read 0888 instead of 0880. The Chairman of the library Board and the Mayor have copies of the report.

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY** Patsy Goins reported that Friends of the Library volunteered 28.5 hours during the month of March and there are 17 entries for the Beauty pageant scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 308, ORDERING THE 2008 GENERAL ELECTION (CHANGES INCLUDE ADDING THE NAMES OF ELECTION JUDGE, ALT. JUDGE AND CLERKS)**

It was moved by Shirley Gilmore and a second was made by Patsy Goins to approve Amended Ordinance No. 308, Ordering the 2008 General Election (changes include adding the names of Election Judge, Alt. Judge and Clerks)

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

**REVIEW AND APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 309, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ONALASKA, TEXAS PROVIDING FOR A ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) DAY MORATORIUM FOR THE PURPOSE OF STUDYING AND TO PROTECT AND POSSIBLY AMEND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THIS AREA; THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE CITY OF ONALASKA, TEXAS (HEREIN REFERRED TO AS "CITY") BY DEFINING THE REQUIREMENTS OF MOBILE/MANUFACTURED HOMES OR RECREATIONAL TRAVEL TRAILERS AND MOTOR HOMES LOCATED OR PARKED WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CITY. DIRECTING CITY COUNCIL TO CONTINUE WITH PROCEDURES TO STUDY AND POSSIBLY AMEND SAID AREA; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR A TERMINATION DATE.**

It was moved by Shirley Gilmore and a second was made by Carl Cruse to approve Ordinance No. 309, an ordinance of the City of Onalaska, Texas providing for a one hundred twenty (120) day moratorium for the purpose of studying and to protect and possibly amend development regulations applicable to real property within this area; the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Onalaska, Texas (herein referred to as "city") by defining the requirements of mobile/manufactured homes or recreational travel trailers and motor homes located or parked within the limits of the city. Directing City Council to continue with procedures to study and possibly amend said area; providing a severability clause; and providing for an effective date; and providing for a termination date.

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

**ITEMS FROM COUNCIL**

Lew Vail announced the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Onalaska Volunteer Fire Department Annual Barbecue & Auction to be held on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from 11:00 – 3:00 p.m. Also, BBQ sandwiches and by-the-pound will be served starting Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Lew Vail announced Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 is Clean up Onalaska Day! Once again working with Pct. 2 Commissioner Ronnie Vincent the City of Onalaska is offering residents a chance to get rid of heavy trash, junk, almost anything from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon at the Sub-Courthouse.

Lew Vail announced that there will be an appreciation dinner hosted at the Fire Department for Bob Stutts for his years of service and dedication to the community and helping make Onalaska what it is today. Everyone that knows Bob is welcome on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At approximately 7:35 p.m., it was moved by Shirley Gilmore and a second was made by Carl Cruse to adjourn the meeting.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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LEW VAIL, Mayor

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ANGELA STUTTS, City Secretary

DATE: May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008