

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
M I N U T E S
AUGUST 12th, 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 August 12th, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called and the following were present:

Lew Vail	]	Mayor
Tom Edwards	]	Mayor Pro-tem
Patsy Goins]	
Shirley Gilmore	]	Councilmembers
Carl Cruse]	
Brandon Smith]	
Angela Stutts	]	City Secretary
Ron Gilbert	]	Chief of Police
Roy Newport	]	Fire Chief/Bldg. Insp.
Barbara Hupp	]	Court Clerk
Jenny Quintin	]	Librarian

And the following visitors:

Sgt. Lee Parrish	]	Cpl. John Maddox
Officer Anthony Yaw	]	Officer Ashley Brame
Howard Anderson	]	Jim Vann

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 resolution no. 08-004 a resolution supporting the discontinuation of the diversion of transportation user revenues to non-transportation uses and the appropriations of all revenue generated from highway user fees and taxes to fund transportation projects, review and approve resolution 08-005 a resolution to submit a 2009-2010 Texas Community Development Program grant application, review and approve proclamation supporting "Raise Your Hand Texas" and here 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 to accept and approve items listed on the consent agenda as presented.

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

REPORTS – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ron Gilbert reported that the department traveled 7763.1 miles during July; responded to 1138 non-dispatched calls; 163 dispatched calls; 39 officers assists, and assisted the fire department 20 times. Besides all of this, 188 citations, 23 warnings and 70 warrants were issued (cleared 62 warrants), 24 misdemeanor arrests and 10 felony arrests made.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Roy Newport reported that the Fire Department responded to 56 calls for assistance during July – 31 were sick calls, 4 structure fires, 4 grass fire, 1 vehicle fires, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 2 lake rescues, 5 landing zones, 6 assists and 1 mutual aide.

Chief Newport further advised that on Sunday, August 3rd, Polk County experienced a sudden and severe wind event. The fire department was dispatched to 12 emergency calls in a short period of time. The “hot topic” was the Oak tree at City Hall falling onto Ashley Brame’s personal vehicle and also into wall of Police Station but there were more pressing issues.

The sudden strong wind put boaters in peril. Four calls were for capsized boats and/or jet ski’ers. Two boats actually capsized with 4 people in the water. All were safely brought to shore. Four call for assistance with electrical hazards – potential fires, three calls of fires, one was false it was a controlled burn, 1 was electrical in nature at Sonic and the third treated as structure fires but none found. Finally, a possible arson case with a vehicle fire that was located in the county.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Roy Newport reported that during the month of July, 4 permits were issued increasing the total valuation of the city by \$129,120.00.

LIBRARY BOARD

Patsy Goins advised The City of Onalaska Public Library Board held their regularly scheduled meeting August 1, 2008 in the Council Chamber at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m. with quorum present. The minutes from the January 2008 meeting were approved as presented. The Librarians monthly report was accepted as presented. The letter to Laura Bush was completed and the friends report was given.

LIBRARY – Jenny Quintin reported for July 2008

Current borrowers: 1557 *Added 19 borrowers*

Materials processed: 8865 *Added 95 books*

Library Usage	Last 6 m.	Apr.	May	Jun	Jul	YTD
<i>Days open</i>	113	21	26	21	20	201
Book Circulation	3071	484 5	94	628	989	5870
<i>Book Circ. Avg per day</i>	26	24	30	30	49	33
Patrons in the library	4216	707	886	1274	927	8010
Computer Usage	1711	300	294	296	327	2928
Monetary Collections	Last 6 m.	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	YTD
Copier and Faxes	\$429.65	\$83.30	\$84.65	\$109.70	\$89.30	\$796.60
Fines	\$123.40	\$19.90	\$3.80	\$2.00	\$81.69	\$230.79
CD's Sold	\$9.00	\$1.00	\$9.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19.00
Monthly Total	\$562.05	\$104.20	\$97.45	\$111.70	\$202.19	\$1046.39
Donations	\$81.37	\$12.50	\$5.79	8.74	\$1.30	\$109.70

July 2008 narrative:

We have received all but 5-6 books which have not been published or bound. As soon as they are they will be sent to us. We received the shelf unit purchased for the library by Ed Farrell and have installed it in the back corner. The other shelves have been moved to allow for more shelf space in the youth book area. We now have sufficient room in the youth non-fiction area to add some much needed books for students to use in their school work. These will be purchased next year as we have very little left in our budget this year. I will be weeding the adult non-fiction books this month and removing those volumes that are out of date and never checked out. The books we will be looking at are those that have been on the shelf for 5 or more years and have never been checked out.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY Patsy Goins reported that Friends of the Library volunteered 15 hours during the month of July.

REVIEW AND APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 08-004 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DISCONTINUATION OF THE DIVERSION OF TRANSPORTATION USER REVENUES TO NON-TRANSPORTATION USES

AND THE APPROPRIATIONS OF ALL REVENUE GENERATED FROM HIGHWAY USER FEES AND TAXES TO FUND TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

It was moved by Patsy Goins and a second was made by Shirley Gilmore to approve Resolution No. 08-004 a resolution supporting the discontinuation of the diversion of transportation user revenues to non-transportation uses and the appropriations of all revenue generated from highway user fees and taxes to fund transportation projects.

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

REVIEW AND APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 08-005 A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A 2009-2010 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

It was moved by Carl Cruse and a second was made by Brandon Smith and Patsy Goins to approve Resolution No. 08-005 a resolution to submit a 2009-2010 Texas Community Development Program grant application.

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

REVIEW AND APPROVE PROCLAMATION SUPPORTING "RAISE YOUR HAND TEXAS"

It was moved by Shirley Gilmore and a second was made by Patsy Goins to approve proclamation supporting "Raise Your Hand Texas."

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

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

Carl Cruse requested an update regarding Fair's property. Mayor advised he is still within the allowed time frame. However, would be keeping track of it.

Patsy Goins announced that Pinto Construction had completed the chip and seal on Ponderosa and Florence drive.

Carl Cruse asked if the mayor had heard anything back regarding Real Property described as being 0.172 acres, situated upon the John Johnson Survey, Abstract No. 359 in Polk County, Texas, and being a part of that certain 25.094 acre tract conveyed to Ted Vaughn by deed recorded in Volume 269, page 539 of the Deed Records of Polk County, Texas.

Mayor Lew Vail advised he had not heard anything regarding this matter.

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 7:24 p.m., it was moved by Brandon Smith and a second was made by Patsy Goins to adjourn the meeting.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

LEW VAIL, Mayor

ANGELA STUTTS, City Secretary

DATE: September 9th, 2008