

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
M I N U T E S
September 9th, 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 September 9th, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called and the following were present:

Lew Vail	]	Mayor
Tom Edwards	]	Mayor Pro tem
Patsy Goins]	
Carl Cruse	]	Council members
Brandon Smith]	
Angela Stutts	]	City Secretary
Ron Gilbert	]	Chief of Police
Roy Newport	]	Fire Chief/Bldg. Inspect.
David Johnson	]	Municipal Judge
Barbara Hupp	]	Court Clerk
Jenny Quintin	]	Librarian

And the following visitors:

Cpl. John Maddox	]	Josh Alexander
Troy Binford	]	Gail Severin
Rev. Jim Mason	]	Howard Anderson
Lynn Brown	]	Shannon Goins
Jimmy Thompson]	

Quorum being present, Shirley Gilmore's absence excused, 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 recommendation made by Polk County Fresh Water District #2 to award the contract for the 2007 Texas Community Development Program Grant Contract No. 727400 for sewer improvements on Stutts and Phillips road to Absolute Industries, Inc. for the base bid with deductible alternate 1 in the amount of

\$259,455.00, accept the resignation of Officer Ashley Brame, review and approve the appointment of Officer Troy Binford to full-time position, review and approve the appointment of Officer Joshua Alexander as a Reserve, review and approve the appointment of Sgt. Lee Parrish to serve as the City of Onalaska Fire Marshall, authorize the Mayor to sign engagement letter for accounting services for September 30, 2008 and 2009 with Belt Harris & Associates, LLP, select candidate to serve a six-year term on the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool (Worker's Compensation, Property and Liability) Board of Trustees and submit ballot, approve Ordinance #311 an Ordinance Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 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 Patsy Goins and a second was made by Tom Edwards 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 8134.7 miles during August; responded to 1023 non-dispatched calls; 131 dispatched calls; 18 officers assists, and assisted the fire department 7 times. Besides all of this, 235 citations, 24 warnings and 112 warrants were issued (cleared 68 warrants), 28 misdemeanor arrests and 6 felony arrests made.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Roy Newport reported that the Fire Department responded to 89 calls for assistance during August – 42 were sick calls, 6 structure fires, 8 grass fires, 1 vehicle fires, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 8 lake rescues, 3 landing zones, 14 assists and 5 mutual aides.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Roy Newport reported that during the month of August, 3 permits were issued increasing the total valuation of the city by \$49,200.

LIBRARY BOARD

Patsy Goins advised The City of Onalaska Public Library Board held their regularly scheduled meeting September 5, 2008 in the Council Chamber at City Hall with quorum present. The minutes from the August 2008 meeting were approved as presented. The Librarians monthly report was accepted as presented.

As Lay Representative, Mrs. Goins attended the HALS meeting in New Waverly and will attend the Fall system meeting and advisory council meeting October 10, 2008 at the Houston Public Library.

Onalaska Public Library will host a Grant Writing Workshop in March.

LIBRARY – Jenny Quintin reported for August 2008

Current borrowers: 1571 Added 14 borrowers

Materials processed: 8888 Added 23 books

Library Usage	Last 6 m.	Apr.	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	YTD
<i>Days open</i>	113	21	26	21	20	20	221
Book Circulation	3071	484	594	628	989	747	6617
<i>Book Circ. Avg per day</i>	26	24	30	30	49	37	34
Patrons in the library	4216	707	886	1274	927	874	8884
Computer Usage	1711	300	294	296	327	335	3263

Monetary Collections	Last 6 m.	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	YTD
Copier and Faxes	\$429.65	\$83.30	\$84.65	\$109.70	\$89.30	\$127.50	\$924.10
Fines	\$123.40	\$19.90	\$3.80	\$2.00	\$81.69	\$6.90	\$237.69
CD's Sold	\$9.00	\$1.00	\$9.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4.00	\$23.00
Monthly Total	\$562.05	\$104.20	\$97.45	\$111.70	\$202.19	\$138.40	\$1184.79
Donations	\$81.37	\$12.50	\$5.79	\$8.74	\$1.30	\$12.70	\$122.40

August 2008 narrative:

We received our notice of the Loan Star Grant. The amount awarded is \$3,714.00 which is \$27.00 more than last year. We also received a donation of new Fiction books which we have added to our collection.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY Patsy Goins reported that Friends of the Library volunteered 27 hours during the month of August. There will be a meeting of the Friends on September 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the Library. The Friends are preparing for a Book/Garage sale at Impala Woods in October and the Give A Buck fund raiser raised \$996.20. Texans advised they would donate memorabilia to help raise funds for the Library.

REVIEW AND APPROVE RECOMMENDATION MADE BY POLK COUNTY FRESH WATER DISTRICT #2 TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE 2007 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT CONTRACT NO. 727400 FOR SEWER IMPROVEMENTS ON STUTTS AND PHILLIPS ROAD TO ABSOLUTE INDUSTRIES, INC. FOR THE BASE BID WITH DEDUCTIBLE ALTERNATE 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$259,455.00

It was moved by Tom Edwards and a second was made by Carl Cruse and Patsy Goins to approve the recommendation made by Polk County Fresh Water District #2 to award the contract for the 2007 Texas Community Development Program Grant Contract No. 727400 for sewer improvements on Stutts and Phillips road to Absolute Industries, Inc. for the base bid with deductible alternate 1 in the amount of \$259,455.00

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

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF OFFICER ASHLEY BRAME

It was moved by Carl Cruse and a second was made by Tom Edwards Accept the resignation of Officer Ashley Brame.

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

REVIEW AND APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER TROY BINFORD TO FULL-TIME POSITION

It was moved by Brandon Smith and a second was made by Patsy Goins to approve the appointment of Officer Troy Binford to full-time position.

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

REVIEW AND APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER JOSHUA ALEXANDER AS A RESERVE

It was moved by Carl Cruse and a second was made by Patsy Goins and Brandon Smith to approve the appointment of Officer Joshua Alexander as a Reserve Officer.

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

REVIEW AND APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF SGT. LEE PARRISH TO SERVE AS THE CITY OF ONALASKA FIRE MARSHALL

It was moved by Tom Edwards and a second was made by Patsy Goins to approve the appointment of Sgt. Lee Parrish to serve as the City of Onalaska Fire Marshall.

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

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR ACCOUNTING SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 30, 2008 AND 2009 WITH BELT HARRIS & ASSOCIATES, LLP

It was moved by Tom Edwards and a second was made by Brandon Smith to Authorize the Mayor to sign engagement letter for accounting services for September 30, 2008 and 2009 with Belt Harris & Associates, LLP.

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

SELECT CANDIDATE TO SERVE A SIX-YEAR TERM ON THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RISK POOL (WORKER'S COMPENSATION, PROPERTY AND LIABILITY) BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND SUBMIT BALLOT

No Action Taken.

APPROVE ORDINANCE #311 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

It was moved by Tom Edwards and a second was made by Patsy Goins to approve Ordinance #311 an Ordinance Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

VOTE: For – Tom Edwards, Patsy Goins & Brandon Smith; Against – Carl Cruse. Motion carried.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Lew Vail announced Clean-up Onalaska day would be September 27th, 2008.

Mayor Vail announced National Night out would be on October 7th at the Fire Department from 5:30 – 7:00 with hotdogs and apple cobbler on the menu.

Mayor Vail advised that stormpulse.com was a useful website to monitor the weather.

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 7:30 p.m., it was moved by Tom Edwards 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: October 14th, 2008