

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
M I N U T E S
October 14th, 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 October 14th, 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]	
Carl Cruse	]	Council members
Brandon Smith]	
Angela Stutts	]	City Secretary
Ron Gilbert	]	Chief of Police
Roy Newport	]	Fire Chief/Bldg. Inspect.
Barbara Hupp	]	Court Clerk
Jenny Quintin	]	Librarian
And the following visitors:		
Sgt. Lee Parrish	]	Howard Anderson
Lynn Brown	]	Clyde Stewart

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, and announce any upcoming events.

PLEDGE & PRAYER

Tom Edwards opened the meeting with the prayer; Kaitlyn and Shelbi Stutts 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 5786.1 miles during September; responded to 715 non-dispatched calls; 95 dispatched calls; 23 officers assists, and assisted the fire department 19 times. Besides all of this, 117 citations, 12 warnings and 37 warrants were issued (cleared 54 warrants), 32 misdemeanor arrests and 2 felony arrests made.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Roy Newport reported that the Fire Department responded to 1108 calls for assistance during October 1st, 2007 – September 30th, 2008 – 375 were medical calls, 60 structure fires, 54 grass fires, 8 vehicle fires, 35 motor vehicle accidents, 27 lake rescues, 22 landing zones, 346 assists and 16 mutual aides, totaling 2528 volunteer man hours.

Roy Newport presented commendation service awards to Sgt. Lee Parrish and Angela Stutts.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Roy Newport reported that during October 1st, 2007 – September 30th, 2008, 52 permits were issued increasing the total valuation of the city by \$1,723,808.00.

LIBRARY BOARD

Patsy Goins advised The City of Onalaska Public Library Board held their regularly scheduled meeting October 3, 2008 in the Council Chamber at City Hall with quorum present. The minutes from the September 2008 meeting were approved as presented. The Librarians monthly report was accepted as presented. The Librarians Annual report was approved as presented.

A letter to Texas Department of Transportation was approved to be sent regarding the Public Library signage on the highway.

We received a \$50.00 donation. The board approved spending it on a hole punch and stapler for the use of the library patrons.

The friends report was given.

LIBRARY – Jenny Quintin reported for September 2008

Current borrowers: *1587 Added 16 borrowers*

Materials processed: *8931 Added 43 books*

Library Usage	Last 6 m.	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	YTD
<i>Days open</i>	113	21	26	21	20	20	15	236
Book Circulation	3071	484	594	628	989	747	502	7119
<i>Book Circ. Avg per day</i>	26	24	30	30	49	37	33	33
Patrons in the library	4216	707	886	1274	927	874	677	9561
Computer Usage	1711	300	294	296	327	335	225	3488

Monetary Collections	Last 6 m.	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	YTD
Copier and Faxes	\$429.65	\$83.30	\$84.65	\$109.70	\$89.30	\$127.50	\$62.00	\$986.10
Fines	\$123.40	\$19.90	\$3.80	\$2.00	\$81.69	\$6.90	\$5.60	\$243.29
CD's Sold	\$9.00	\$1.00	\$9.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4.00	\$2.00	\$25.00
Monthly Total	\$562.05	\$104.20	\$97.45	\$111.70	\$202.19	\$138.40	\$69.60	\$1254.39
Donations	\$81.37	\$12.50	\$5.79	\$8.74	\$1.30	\$12.70	\$1.10	\$122.50

September 2008 narrative:

The library was closed from September 13th through the 20th due to Hurricane Ike. We were glad to make the space available to the Police Department during that time. Once power was restored we were able to provide wireless internet access to any who had that capability with their portable computers. Since the library was only open 15 days we do not have much to report. Our collection was increased by 43 books which were bestsellers and biographies which were donated by individuals who were downsizing their home collections of books. We are in the process of weeding the Non-Fiction books in the 600's. This is to remove outdated non-circulating books.

Jenny Quintin presented the Annual Library Report.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY Patsy Goins reported that Friends of the Library volunteered 15 1/2 hours during the month of September.

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 7:42 p.m., it was moved by Shirley Gilmore and a second was made by Tom Edwards and Patsy Goins to adjourn the meeting.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

LEW VAIL, Mayor

ANGELA STUTTS, City Secretary

DATE: November 13th, 2008