

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

Lew Vail]	Mayor
Tom Edwards]	Mayor Pro tem
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
And the following visitors:		
James Mason]	Howard Anderson
Lynn Brown]	Clyde Stewart
Dylan Leach]	

Quorum being present, Patsy Goings absence was 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 Ordinance No. 312 Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes, review and approve adding section 2.27 to the Onalaska Police Department Policy, review and approve adding section 2.28 to the Onalaska Police Department Policy, and announce any upcoming events.

PLEDGE & PRAYER

Reverend Jim Mason opened the meeting with the prayer; Dylan Leach 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 Carl Cruse and 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 6964.7 miles during November; responded to 1039 non-dispatched calls; 104 dispatched calls; 20 officers assists, and assisted the fire department 8 times. Besides all of this, 235 citations, 29 warnings and 131 warrants were issued (cleared 44 warrants), 19 misdemeanor arrests and 5 felony arrests made.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Roy Newport reported that the Fire Department responded to 64 calls for assistance during November 2008. 34 medical calls, 4 structure fires, 8 grass fires, 0 vehicle fires, 8 motor vehicle accidents, 0 lake rescues, 3 landing zones, 3 assists and 4 mutual aides, totaling 148 volunteer man hours.

Roy Newport presented Rev. Jim Mason as the appointed Chaplin for the Onalaska Volunteer Fire Department.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Roy Newport reported that during November 2008, 5 permits were issued increasing the total valuation of the city by \$104,100.00.

LIBRARY BOARD

No Report

LIBRARY

No Report

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

No Report

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Closed session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Government *Code Chapter 551*. 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 7:38 p.m., the Mayor and Council re-convened into open session. No action was taken.

REVIEW AND APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 312 SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES

It was moved by Carl Cruse and a second was made by Brandon Smith to approve Ordinance No. 312 Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes; providing penalty for violation; containing a severability clause; and providing for the publication and effective date thereof.

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

REVIEW AND APPROVE ADDING SECTION 2.27 TO THE ONALASKA POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY

It was moved by Shirley Gilmore and a second was made by Tom Edwards and Carl Cruse to approve adding section 2.27 to the Onalaska Police Department Policy.

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

REVIEW AND APPROVE ADDING SECTION 2.28 TO THE ONALASKA POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY

It was moved by Brandon Smith and a second was made by Shirley Gilmore to approve adding section 2.28 to the Onalaska Police Department Policy.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are accepting applications for the Annual Christmas Decorating Contest for Residential, Commercial (indoor/outdoor), Outdoor Daylight and Subdivision categories

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 7:46 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.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

LEW VAIL, Mayor

ANGELA STUTTS, City Secretary

DATE: January 13th, 2009