

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
M I N U T E S
January 13th, 2009**

**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 January 13th, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called and the following were present:

Lew Vail	]	Mayor
Tom Edwards	]	Mayor Pro tem
Shirley Gilmore	]	Council members
Patsy Goins]	
Brandon Smith]	
Ron Gilbert	]	Chief of Police
Roy Newport	]	Fire Chief/Bldg. Inspect.

And the following visitors:

Stg. Lee Parrish	]	Anthony Yaw
Jessica Reese	]	Josh Alexander
James Mason	]	Jeanie Savell
Lynn Brown	]	Cookie Savell
Hazen & Nanette Fanjoy	]	Lee & Bob Bacon
Jeanne Anne Smith Byrd	]	Robert C. Davison
Don & Lydia Hanley]	

Quorum being present, Carl Cruse 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, hear presentation from Amy Poe regarding Hotel Motel Tax usage, present certificates to the winners of the Annual Christmas decorating contest, review and approve the appointment of Jessica Reese as a Reserve Police Officer, review and approve Resolution No. 09-001 amending Resolution No. 08-006 authorizing the mayor to sign vehicle loans for two, and announce any upcoming events.

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 6005.4 miles during December; responded to 1064 non-dispatched calls; 131 dispatched calls; 37 officers assists, and assisted the fire department 1 time. Besides all of this, 159 citations, 17 warnings and 47 warrants were issued (cleared 45 warrants), 38 misdemeanor arrests and 5 felony arrests made.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Roy Newport reported that the Fire Department responded to 58 calls for assistance during December 2008. 40 medical calls, 3 structure fires, 3 grass fires, 0 vehicle fires, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 0 lake rescues, 3 landing zones, 4 assists and 1 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 December 2008, 8 permits were issued increasing the total valuation of the city by \$303,841.00.

LIBRARY BOARD

Patsy Goins reported the City of Onalaska Public Library Board held their regularly scheduled meeting January 9th, 2009, in the Council Chamber at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m. with quorum present. The minutes from the November 2008 meeting were approved as presented. The Librarians November 2008 monthly report was accepted as presented. Cathy Fothergill and I will be attending a H.A.L.S. Geographic meeting January 14th, 2009 at the Cleveland Civic Center. I presented Cathy Fothergill a copy of the Ordinance regarding collecting donations and a copy of the application for the Friends Give A Buck fundraiser they do annually. The July meeting of the City Board has been moved to July 10th due to the holiday. The friends report was given.

LIBRARY

Librarians Report November/December 2008 given by Patsy Goins

Current borrowers: 1622 Added 35 borrowers

Materials processed: 9000 Added 69 books

Library Usage	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Days open	21	17	19	57
Book Circulation	727	475	617	1819

<i>Book Circ. Avg per day</i>	33	28	32	
Patrons in the library	895	589	626	2110
Computer Usage	359	222	231	812
Monetary Collections				
Copier and Faxes	\$102.90	\$77.25	\$86.70	\$266.85
Fines	\$26.70	\$39.49	\$21.30	\$87.49
CD's Sold	\$6.00	\$3.00	\$0.00	\$9.00
Monthly Total	\$135.60	\$119.74	\$108.00	\$363.34
Donations	\$60.01	\$43.00	\$3.75	\$106.76

November/December 2008 narrative:

We received our Lone Star Grant of \$3,714.00. It was Direct deposited to the General fund this December. Of the Grant funds \$2,714.00 will go to the payment of the salary of our part-time staff. The remaining \$1,000.00 will be used for purchasing of books/media for the library. Two types of reports on expenditures of this grant are required in March and by September 5, 2009. Any funds not spent will need to be returned to TSLAC. The library received a donation of Current Law books from Tom Nenni who was retiring his law practice here in Onalaska. We received a total of 186 volumes of law books which are currently in storage as we do not have the shelf space to accommodate that number of books. We will take groups of volumes out as we obtain space on our shelves and as we determine which ones would be most helpful to our patrons. All books are current as of 2008. We have been receiving other donations of books (approx. 150) over the past two months and we have added a small number of them to our collection.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Friends of the Library volunteered 13 hours in November and 18 hours in December. Also, received a letter from Laura Bush which included websites for leads on Grants for libraries.

PRESENTATION BY AMY POE REGARDING HOTEL MOTEL TAX USAGE

Amy Poe could not attend, however furnished a letter of suggested uses for council to consider.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES TO WINNERS OF THE CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

Certificates were presented to the winners in attendance, will deliver the rest.

REVIEW AND APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JESSICA REEVES AS A RESERVE POLICE OFFICER

It was moved by Brandon Smith and a second was made by Shirley Gilmore to approve the appointment of Jessica Reeves as a Reserve Police Officer.

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

REVIEW AND APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 09-001 AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 08-006 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCING OF TWO 2009 FORD CROWN VICTORIAS FOR \$46,195.00 WITH FIRST STATE BANK

It was moved by Patsy Goins and a second was made by Brandon Smith to approve Resolution No. 09-001 a resolution to approve the financing of two 2009 Ford Crown Victorias for \$46,195.00 with First State Bank.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Basketball games at the elementary gym for the next 6 weeks, everyone is invited.

Funeral plans for student accident victim were announced.

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 7:45 p.m., it was moved by Shirley Gilmore and a second was made by Brandon Smith to adjourn the meeting.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

LEW VAIL, Mayor

ANGELA STUTTS, City Secretary

DATE: February 10th, 2009