

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
M I N U T E S  
March 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called and the following were present:

Lew Vail	]	Mayor
Tom Edwards	]	Mayor Pro-Tem
Carl Cruse	]	
Shirley Gilmore	]	
Patsy Goins	]	Council members
Brandon Smith	]	
Angela Stutts	]	City Secretary
Ron Gilbert	]	Chief of Police
Barbara Hupp	]	Municipal Court Clerk

**And the following visitors:**

Sgt. Lee Parrish	]	Cpl. John Maddox
Dylan Leach	]	Clyde Stewart
Howard Anderson	]	Lynn Brown

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, accept the resignation of Officer Anthony Yaw effective March 10, 2009, review and approve the appointment of Reserve Officer Jessica Reese to full-time position, review and approve the appointment of Officer Faye Adams as Reserve Officer, review and approve the appointment of Officer Ray Brown as Reserve Officer, discussion and possible action regarding the Burn Ban, review and consider resolution no. 09-003 support for the Alabama Coushatta Indian Tribe in their ongoing efforts to bring legalized gambling to the reservation and announce any upcoming events.

### **PLEDGE & PRAYER**

Tom Edwards 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 Patsy Goins to accept and approve items listed on the consent agenda as presented.

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

### **REPORTS – POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Ron Gilbert reported that the department traveled 5241.3 miles during February; responded to 742 non-dispatched calls; 98 dispatched calls; 33 officers assists, and assisted the fire department 13 times. Besides all of this, 136 citations, 21 warnings and 117 warrants were issued (cleared 95 warrants), 26 misdemeanor arrests and 3 felony arrests were made.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Lew Vail reported that the Fire Department responded to 52 calls for assistance during February 2009. 27 medical calls, 8 structure fires, 9 grass fires, 1 vehicle fires, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 1 lake rescues, 1 landing zones, 2 assists and 1 mutual aides, totaling 161 volunteer man hours.

### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Lew Vail reported that during February 2009, 3 permits were issued.

### **LIBRARY BOARD**

Patsy Goins reported the City of Onalaska Public Library Board held their regularly scheduled meeting March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009, in the Council Chamber at City Hall with quorum present. The minutes from the February 2009 meeting were approved as presented. The Librarians February 2009 monthly report was accepted as presented. Lisa Smith, Book Committee was presented with a requested list of new books for her review. These will be presented to the Board in April along with her recommendations. The Board is working on a Conduct Policy for Employees and Volunteers in the Library office. The Board is working with Friends of the Library on the Conduct Policy. Cathy Fothergill gave the friends report.

## **LIBRARY**

### **Patsy Goins gave the Librarians Report for February 2009**

Current borrowers: *1659 Added 20 borrowers*

Materials processed: *9018 Added 12 books Withdrew 2 books*

	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>Days open</b>	21	17	19	16	19	92
Book Circulation	727	475	617	462	484	2281
Book Circ. Avg per day	33	28	32	28	25	
Patrons in the library	895	589	626	745	697	2855
Computer Usage	359	222	231	294	281	1106

#### **Monetary Collections**

Copier and Faxes	\$102.90	\$77.25	\$86.70	\$113.70	\$100.90	\$380.55
Fines	\$26.70	\$39.49	\$21.30	\$10.10	\$5.30	\$97.59
CD's Sold	\$6.00	\$3.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$10.00
Monthly Total	\$135.60	\$119.74	\$108.00	\$124.80	\$107.20	\$488.14
Donations	\$60.01	\$43.00	\$3.75	\$3.90	\$6.80	\$110.66

#### **February 2009 narrative:**

Nothing to report other than being out sick for most of the month. Received some donations of new books. We received around 25 books, 13 of the books were duplicates.

## **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**

Patsy Goins reported Friends of the Library provided 14 Volunteer hours and acquired 2 new volunteers. Proceeds from the Baby Pageant were approximately \$1000.00 – \$1200.00.

## **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 7:29 p.m., the Mayor and Council re-convened into open session. No action was taken.

## **ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF OFFICER ANTHONY YAW EFFECTIVE MARCH 10, 2009**

It was moved by Shirley Gilmore and a second was made by Patsy Goins to accept the resignation of Officer Anthony Yaw effective March 10, 2009.

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

## **REVIEW AND APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF RESERVE OFFICER JESSICA REESE TO FULL-TIME POSITION**

It was moved by Brandon Smith and a second was made by Carl Cruse and Patsy Goins to approve the appointment of Reserve Officer Jessica Reese to Full-time position with the standard probationary period.

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

**REVIEW AND APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER FAYE ADAMS AS RESERVE OFFICER**

It was moved by Patsy Goins and a second was made by Carl Cruse to approve the appointment of Officer Faye Adams as Reserve Officer.

VOTE: For – 3 - Patsy Goins, Carl Cruse and Tom Edwards; Against – 2 – Shirley Gilmore and Brandon Smith. Motion carried.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER RAY BROWN AS RESERVE OFFICER**

It was moved by Carl Cruse and a second was made by Brandon Smith to approve the appointment of Officer Ray Brown as Reserve Officer.

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

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE BURN BAN**

No Action.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 315 REQUEST FOR ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN TREE FARM TRACTS**

No Action.

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 09-003 SUPPORT FOR THE ALABAMA COUSHATTA INDIAN TRIBE IN THEIR ONGOING EFFORTS TO BRING LEGALIZED GAMBLING TO THE RESERVATION**

It was moved by Carl Cruse and a second was made by Brandon Smith to offer support for the Alabama Coushatta Indian Tribe in their ongoing efforts to bring legalized gambling to the reservation.

VOTE: For – 3 - Carl Cruse Brandon Smith and Patsy Goins; Against – 2 – Shirley Gilmore and Tom Edwards. Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Brandon Smith announced that Onalaska Sports Association will host the Little Dribbler's Regional Tournament scheduled March 23<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> which will include both boys and girls.

Lew Vail announced that there will be a teen dance on March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Rent for Event building which will be sponsored by a local Christian group.

Lew Vail announced that its time to sign up for the Easter Parade.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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LEW VAIL, Mayor

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ANGELA STUTTS, City Secretary

DATE: April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009