

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
M I N U T E S  
April 14<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 April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called and the following were present:

Lew Vail	]	Mayor
Carl Cruse	]	
Shirley Gilmore	]	Council members
Patsy Goins	]	
Angela Stutts	]	City Secretary
Ron Gilbert	]	Chief of Police
Roy Newport	]	Fire Chief/Bldg. Insp.

**And the following visitors:**

Cpl. John Maddox	]	Troy Binford
Jessica Reese	]	Clyde Stewart
Howard Anderson	]	Lynn Brown
Jimmy Thompson	]	Ronnie Vincent
Kim Baker	]	Wayman Morrow
Michael Brooks		

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, presentation by Belt Harris & Associates, current status of FEMA application regarding Hurricanes Gustav and Ike, accept certification of unopposed candidates, review and approve ordinance #316 Canceling the May 2009 City of Onalaska General Election, accept the Texas Subdivision Regulations as amended by Commissioners court of Polk County, Texas and announce any upcoming events.

**PLEDGE & PRAYER**

Lew Vail opened the meeting with the prayer; Lew Vail led the pledge to the American and Texas Flags.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Roy Newport announced the Fire Dept. would start cooking on Monday, April 20, 2009 for their Annual BBQ Fundraiser and invited council to help serve.

Ronnie Vincent, Commissioner Pct. 2 announced the county had awarded the bid to start construction on a road between FM 3459 and Hwy. 356 N. Construction may start in as soon as three – four weeks. Further, Commissioner Vincent asked for assistance by the Police Dept. to help by watching equipment and supplies.

## **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 6522.6 miles during March; responded to 786 non-dispatched calls; 127 dispatched calls; 37 officers assists, and assisted the fire department 14 times. Besides all of this, 151 citations, 32 warnings and 114 warrants were issued (cleared 100 warrants), 61 misdemeanor arrests and 4 felony arrests were made.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Roy Newport reported that the Fire Department responded to 60 calls for assistance during March 2009. 29 medical calls, 5 structure fires, 5 grass fires, 0 vehicle fires, 5 motor vehicle accidents, 5 lake rescues, 2 landing zones, 9 assists and 1 mutual aides, totaling 170 volunteer man hours.

## **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Bldg. Inspector Roy Newport reported that during March 2009, 9 permits were issued which increased the Value by \$109,700.00 for a YTD total of \$1,358,110.00.

## **PRESENTATION BY BELT HARRIS & ASSOCIATES, FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 AUDIT**

Mike Brooks, representative of Belt Harris & Associates presented to council a summary of the City of Onalaska 2007-08 Audit.

## **REPORT FROM MAYOR REGARDING THE STATUS OF FEMA APPLICATIONS ON HURRICANES GUSTAV AND IKE**

Low Vail reported that after the City of Onalaska's project worksheets had been deleted from FEMA's system we were able to redo the applications. We received an E-Mail earlier today advising the application will be hand carried through out the review process, expedited for obligation (authorization by Congress to pay) and then taken to the State of Texas for Direct Deposit to the City's General Fund account.

**ACCEPT CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES**

It was moved by Shirley Gilmore and a second was made by Patsy Goins to accept the certification of unopposed candidates.

VOTE: For – All; Against – 0 Motion carried.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE ORDINANCE #316 CANCELING THE MAY 2009 CITY OF ONALASKA GENERAL ELECTION**

It was moved by Shirley Gilmore and a second was made by Patsy Goins to approve Ordinance #316 Canceling the May 2009 City of Onalaska General Election.

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

**ACCEPT SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS AS AMMENDED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF POLK COUNTY, TEXAS**

It was moved by Carl Cruse and a second was made by Shirley Gilmore to accept Polk County, Texas Subdivision Regulation as amended by the Commissioners Court of Polk County.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Red's Mobile home park is under new ownership and they plan to upgrade and make repairs to bring the park into compliance.

Tom Edwards arrived at 7:29.

Roy Newport announced the fire department was looking to possibly purchase a new truck to maintain the ISO rating of 4 which in turn gives local residents a substantial decrease in insurance premiums.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At approximately 7:33 p.m., it was moved by Shirley Gilmore and a second was made by Patsy Goins 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: May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009