

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
M I N U T E S
September 8th, 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 September 8th, 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
Roy Newport]	Fire Chief/Bldg. Insp.
Barbara Hupp]	Court Clerk

And the following visitors:

Lynn Brown]	Officer Brain Perkins
Jay Stutts		

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, review and approve ordinance #319 an ordinance adopting the budget for fiscal year 2009-2010, review and approve Mayor to sign ballot for the 2009 TML IEBP Board of Trustees 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

Patsy Goins advised of upcoming improvements regarding roads and streets.

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 6741.6 miles during August; responded to 605 non-dispatched calls; 141 dispatched calls; 26 officers assists, and assisted the fire department 7 times. Besides all of this, 175 citations, 36 warnings and 67 warrants were issued (cleared 79 warrants), 23 misdemeanor arrests and 11 felony arrest was made.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Roy Newport reported that the Fire Department responded to 57 calls for assistance during August 2009. 33 medical calls, 7 structure fires, 7 grass fires, 0 vehicle fires, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 4 lake rescues, 2 landing zones, 5 assists and 1 mutual aide, totaling 167 volunteer man hours.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Roy Newport reported that during August 2009, 3 permits were issued which increased the Value by \$65,000.00 for a YTD total of \$1,659,010.00.

LIBRARY BOARD

Patsy Goins reported the City Library Board met for the regularly scheduled meeting, with quorum present, Friday, Sept. 4th, 2009, at 4:30PM in the City Council Chamber.

A letter will be prepared and sent, when approved by Mr. Reddin, to the elementary students to let them know about the story time being held at the Library.

The librarian and I attended the HALS meeting at the Grapeland Public Library August 27, 2009. Onalaska is on the list to host one of the H.A.L.S. Geographic meetings this fall or in the spring.

The City Board passed a resolution to deposit the funds from the donation can in the library into the building fund every 90 days. We were notified we had to have activity in this account to keep it open.

LIBRARY

Patsy Goins reported that during July there are 1741 current borrowers, added 100 books, discarded 174. Library was open 20 days, book circulation 520, patrons 859 and computer usage 325. Monetary collections totaled \$161.40. Donations \$3.36.

July 2009 narrative:

Two events were held that were sponsored by the library. One was a mystery solving event held at a Young Women/Young Men function at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints called "My Grandma's Gonna Kill Me". 18 people participated between the ages of 10-14. The second event was the "Ultimate Expedition". 25 people participated and it was planned to hold it a

second time later in the year. 5 teams of 4 people each participated with 5 adults assisting. Ages of the teams players were between 13 and 18 years of age. Good response from all participants. The library has started holding Story Time on Thursday afternoons and it has been announced in the Polk County Enterprise by the Onalaska Orator. We now have a reader for Monday Afternoons who will start in two weeks. We will be setting up an area in the front of the Library for a reading area. The room across from the office in the library will be turned into a book sale room. This will allow us to collect money for the library in behalf of the Friends org. We will be placing all discarded books from our collection there to be sold to whomever wants them.

Friends of the Library volunteered 16 hours for the month of July.

REVIEW AND APPROVE ORDINANCE #319 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010

It was moved by Patsy Goins and a second was made by Tom Edwards to approve ordinance #319 an ordinance adopting the budget for fiscal year 2009-2010.

VOTE: For – Carl Cruse, Tom Edwards, Patsy Goins & Brandon Smith; Against Shirley Gilmore. Motion passed.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MAYOR TO SIGN BALLOT FOR THE TML INTERGOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

It was moved by Carl Cruse and a second was made by Brandon Smith to approve the Mayor to sign ballot for the TML Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool Board of Trustees marking vote for Joseph Arisco, City of Groves.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lew Vail announced - National Night Out will be Tuesday, October 6th, 2009 at the Fire Department from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. All Onalaska area residents are invited to come out and meet your neighbors, police officers, volunteer firemen, city council members and other city personnel. There will be a demonstration by our fire department and a traditional American treat Free Hot Dogs and Apple Pie.

Lew Vail announced - Heavy clean up day on October 17th, 2009. Once again working with Pct. 2 Commissioner Ronnie Vincent the City of Onalaska is offering residents a chance to get rid of heavy trash, junk, almost anything from 8:00 a.m. – Noon on Saturday, October 17th, 2009 at the Sub-Courthouse – Hwy 190 across from 1st National Bank.

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 7:27 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: October 13th, 2009