



## City of Onalaska

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### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010

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 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 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	]	
Roy Newport	]	Fire Chief/Bldg. Insp.
Ron Gilbert	]	Police Chief
Barbara Hupp	]	Court Clerk

**And the following visitors:**

Sgt. Lee Parrish	]	Cpl. John Maddox
Lynn Brown	]	Robert Appelbaum
Ruby Prudhomme	]	Gail Severin
Fay Walls	]	Linda Perkins
Kim Collins	]	Adam Williford
Dustin Lowery	]	Jacob Chapman

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, review and approve Dustin Lowery, Adam Williford and Jacob Chapman to serve as Reserve Officers, discuss and take action on Industrial Development request from Quality Marine regarding their expansion program 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 Brandon Smith and a second was made by Shirley Gilmore 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 8716.1 miles during December; responded to 756 non-dispatched calls; 182 dispatched calls; 46 officers assists, and assisted the fire department 15 times. Besides all of this, 118 citations, 37 warnings and 76 warrants were issued (cleared 50 warrants), 59 misdemeanor arrests and 3 felony arrests was made.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Roy Newport reported that the Fire Department responded to 55 calls for assistance during December 2009. 34 medical calls, 8 structure fires, 1 grass fires, 0 vehicle fires, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 0 lake rescues, 2 landing zones, 8 assists and 0 mutual aide, totaling 151 volunteer man hours.

### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Roy Newport reported that during December 2009, 4 permits were issued which increased the Value by \$455,000.00 for a YTD total of \$492,300.00.

### **LIBRARY BOARD**

Patsy Goins advised the City of Onalaska Library Board held their regularly scheduled meeting January 8, 2010, in the Council Chamber at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. with quorum present. The minutes from the November 2009 meeting were approved as presented with corrections. The Librarians October-December 2009 monthly reports were accepted as presented. Upon discussion regarding one of the computers having a bad mother board, Lew Vail said he would order a basic computer to replace it. Lisa Smith approved the purchase of 5 new Young Adult books for the library to be

purchased with Lone Star Grant monies. Board approved changing the April 2010 meeting to April 9<sup>th</sup> instead of April 2<sup>nd</sup> due to Good Friday. The board voted to open the library on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. with no other changes in operating hours. Gail is still doing research for grants and had several questions regarding grants.

Friends volunteered 115.5 hours in October - December.

## **Librarians Report**

October - December 2009

Current borrowers: 1818 *Added 45 borrowers*  
 Materials processed: 8629 *Removed 1058 books*

<b>Library Usage</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<i>Days open</i>	22	16	19	57
Book Circulation	968	639	542	2149
Book Circ. <i>Avg</i> per day		51	40	29
Patrons in the library	1227	556	696	2479
Computer Usage	355	221	262	838
<b>Monetary Collections</b>				
Copier and Faxes	\$56.20	\$34.90	\$73.70	\$164.80
Fines	\$2.70	\$12.50	\$3.10	\$18.30
CD's Sold	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Monthly Total	\$58.90	\$47.40	\$76.80	\$183.10
Donations	\$5.35	\$2.91	\$12.45	\$20.71

October-December 2009 narrative:

The library participated successfully in the Trails for Treats. More than 300 children came to the library. Our Staff dressed up in costume and handed out treats for the kids. We received a certificate of appreciation for participation in the event.

We have received a thank you note from the Author Sam Cannon expressing his appreciation for the Author's night and for placing his book "When Cotten was King" in our collection. (Cotten in this case is the name of the corrupt sheriff in his novel).

The inventory was done during the week of Thanksgiving. Since we did not do an inventory last year as the mayor had asked we wait until PD was closed and repaired. The Police Department used our department to store their furniture during their repairs so we were unable to get to our collection to do the inventory last year.

This year we found that out of our collection only 6.93 percent was missing. I was able to determine that the books that we had previously removed from the collection had not been removed correctly from the collection database. We have since found all but 111 books. This brings down the percentage to 4.52 percent missing from the collection.

December was a quiet month with less traffic than normal. One of our computers is slowly dying. I have determined that the motherboard is getting ready to fail. The chips on the board itself are failing one by one. This slows the computer down so that you must sit and wait almost two to three minutes for commands to process. The cost of replacing the motherboard and the Processor would be more than the computer is worth. I have put an out of order sign on it. This reduced the number of available computers from four to three. Needless to say the patrons are not happy, but there is nothing I can do about it since it is a hardware failure and not software failure.

**ROADS/STREETS**

Patsy advised repair to Hickory Valley West was complete.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE DUSTIN LOWERY, ADAM WILLIFORD AND JACOB CHAPMAN TO SERVE AS RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS**

It was moved by Shirley Gilmore and a second was made by Tom Edwards and Brandon Smith to approve Dustin Lowery, Adam Williford and Jacob Chapman to serve as Reserve Police Officers.

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

**DISCUSS AND ACTION ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT REQUEST FROM QUALITY MARINE REGARDING THEIR EXPANSION PROGRAM**

It was moved by Tom Edwards and a second was made by Shirley Gilmore and Patsy Goins to approve reducing the fee by 50% pursuant to Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code which allows the city to reduce the city services for the purpose of economic development.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Low Vail announced – Residential and Commercial Christmas decorating contest winners and presented certificates.

- Subdivision 1<sup>st</sup> Place      Impala Woods
- Business 1<sup>st</sup> Place      Lasting Impressions (not present)
- Residential 1<sup>st</sup> Place      Kip Robbins (not present)

Brandon Smith announced the Onalaska Youth Sports Association website [www.onalaskayouthsports.org](http://www.onalaskayouthsports.org) is up and running.

Shirley Gilmore announced a retirement party will be held on Sunday, for Bro. Don Wilson at the Assembly of God Church.

**ADJOURNMENT**


At approximately 7:52 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010

