



# City of Onalaska

P.O. Box 880 • Onalaska, Texas 77360

## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

### MINUTES

February 12, 2019

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 February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called and the following were present:

Chip Choate	]	Mayor
Shirley Gilmore	]	Mayor Pro Tem
James Arnett		
Carl Cruse	]	
Paul Laverty	]	Councilmembers
Patsy Goins	]	
Angela Stutts	]	City Administrator/City Secretary
John Maddox	]	Police Chief
Jay Stutts	]	Fire Chief
Lee Parrish	]	Police Captain/Code Enforcement
Sherry Brecheen	]	Librarian

**And the following visitors:**

Sign in sheet attached.

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, announce Winners of the Christmas Decorating Contest, Presentation by Telesfaro Vazquez (deceased), Property Owner or representative regarding section 2 block 17, lots 22, 23, 24 & 49 located in Impala Woods to show cause why such building should not be declared unsafe and/or dangerous, action to declare building dangerous or unsafe as determined by City Council regarding section 2 block 17, lots 22, 23, 24 & 49 located in Impala Woods, and order to vacate, remove or demolish said structure, presentation by Wayne Skinner (deceased), Property Owner or representative regarding section 3 block 8, lots 7 & 8 located in Impala Woods to show cause why such building should not be declared unsafe and/or

dangerous, action to declare building dangerous or unsafe as determined by City Council regarding section 3 block 8, lots 7 & 8 located in Impala Woods, and order to vacate, remove or demolish said structure, presentation by Beverly Finsher Hendrick, Property Owner or representative regarding section 1 block 15, lots 9 & 10 located in Impala Woods to show cause why such building should not be declared unsafe and/or dangerous, action to declare building dangerous or unsafe as determined by City Council regarding section 1 block 15, lots 9 & 10 located in Impala Woods, and order to vacate, remove or demolish said structure, accept the 2018 Racial Profile report as presented, review and approve amendment 15.12 to the Police Department Policy addressing discharge of Duty Weapon on Dangerous and Aggressive Dogs, review and approve Ordinance 384 amending ordinance 293 replacing section V dog and cat licenses, review and approve calendar setting dates for 2019 Market Days and announce any other upcoming events.

**PLEDGE & PRAYER**

Chip Choate opened the meeting with a prayer and Shirley Gilmore led the pledge to the American and Texas Flags.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Rosemary Covalt discussed complaints regarding road conditions in Twin Harbor Subdivision.

Johnny Wotipka requested information regarding dog restraint devices.

Joseph Walker, Representing Pro Star Waste just wanted to introduce himself and gave a brief history of Pro Star advising hopes to provide future service to the City of Onalaska residents.

**ANNOUNCE WINNERS OF THE CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST**

Residential:           1<sup>st</sup> Place - Ron Gilbert, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Susan Mitchell and  
                                  3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Steve & Linda Eckert  
Business:             Jerry's Restaurant  
Subdivision:         Twin Harbors

**CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Patsy Goins 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**

Police Department reported that the department traveled 5440 miles during January 2019; responded to 601 non-dispatched calls; 166 dispatched calls; 17 officer assists, and assisted the fire department 2 times. Besides all of this, 171

citations, 16 warnings. Worked 47 cases, 18 misdemeanor arrests and 5 felony arrest were made.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Department reported that the Fire Department responded to 24 calls for assistance during January 2019. 12 medical calls, 1 structure fire, 1 grass fire, 0 vehicle fires, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 0 lake rescues, 3 landing zones, 0 hazmat call, 5 assist calls and 0 mutual-aid calls, totaling 49.0 volunteer man hours.

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT/PERMITTING**

**Building Inspector**- During the month of January 2019, 6 permits were issued. Total permit fees collected were **\$375.00**. The total added value to the city was **\$84,450**.

**Code Enforcement** – During the month of January 5 warnings were issued, 2 properties with Ordinance violations that came into compliance voluntarily and started 2 new code violation cases.

**Fire Investigations** – There was 0 fire investigation for the month of January.

### **LIBRARY BOARD REPORT**

Librarian Reported the Library Board met on January 22, 2019. A recommendation was made for Ashely Maichetti, longtime resident of Onalaska, as our New Library Board Member.

The 2019 Summer Committee has selected "*A Universe of Stories*" as this year's theme. You can get your T-Shirt by stopping by the library and ordering it today! Funds raised go towards the purchase of materials needed for quality programming this year.

We welcome our newest partners, the Ladies of the Lake (from the Livingston Red Hat Society,) to help raise awareness and funds for upcoming children's events over the next three years. They will work closely with our Auxiliary group to plan and coordinate events.

### **LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

Librarian reported for the month of December: Current borrowers 1524. Books checked out: 1045; Patrons: 1984; Computer Usage: 209; Copies/Faxes \$379.45; Fines: \$44.80; Membership Fee: \$13.00; Postage: \$0.00; Book Replacement: \$0.00; Proctoring \$0.00; Restricted Donations: \$40.00 and Regular Donations: \$148.10 and 25.5 Volunteer Hours were documented.

### **PRESENTATION BY TELESFARO VAZQUEZ (DECEASED), PROPERTY OWNER OR REPRESENTATIVE REGARDING SECTION 2 BLOCK 17, LOTS 22, 23, 24 & 49 LOCATED IN IMPALA WOODS TO SHOW CAUSE WHY SUCH BUILDING SHOULD NOT BE DECLARED UNSAFE AND/OR DANGEROUS**

Not Present

**ACTION TO DECLARE BUILDING DANGEROUS OR UNSAFE AS DETERMINED BY CITY COUNCIL REGARDING SECTION 2 BLOCK 17, LOTS 22, 23, 24 & 49 LOCATED IN IMPALA WOODS, AND ORDER TO VACATE, REMOVE OR DEMOLISH SAID STRUCTURE**

It was moved by Carl Cruse and a second was made by Patsy Goins to declare building dangerous or unsafe as determined by City Council regarding section 2 block 17, lots 22, 23, 24 & 49 located in Impala Woods, and order to vacate, remove or demolish said structure.

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

**PRESENTATION BY WAYNE SKINNER (DECEASED), PROPERTY OWNER OR REPRESENTATIVE REGARDING SECTION 3 BLOCK 8, LOTS 7 & 8 LOCATED IN IMPALA WOODS TO SHOW CAUSE WHY SUCH BUILDING SHOULD NOT BE DECLARED UNSAFE AND/OR DANGEROUS**

Not Present

**ACTION TO DECLARE BUILDING DANGEROUS OR UNSAFE AS DETERMINED BY CITY COUNCIL REGARDING SECTION 3 BLOCK 8, LOTS 7 & 8 LOCATED IN IMPALA WOODS, AND ORDER TO VACATE, REMOVE OR DEMOLISH SAID STRUCTURE**

It was moved by Shirley Gilmore and a second was made by Paul Lavery to declare building dangerous or unsafe as determined by City Council regarding section 3 block 8, lots 7 & 8 located in Impala Woods, and order to vacate, remove or demolish said structure.

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

**PRESENTATION BY BEVERLY FINSHER HENDRICK, PROPERTY OWNER OR REPRESENTATIVE REGARDING SECTION 1 BLOCK 15, LOTS 9 & 10 LOCATED IN IMPALA WOODS TO SHOW CAUSE WHY SUCH BUILDING SHOULD NOT BE DECLARED UNSAFE AND/OR DANGEROUS**

Not Present

**ACTION TO DECLARE BUILDING DANGEROUS OR UNSAFE AS DETERMINED BY CITY COUNCIL REGARDING SECTION 1 BLOCK 15, LOTS 9 & 10 LOCATED IN IMPALA WOODS, AND ORDER TO VACATE, REMOVE OR DEMOLISH SAID STRUCTURE**

It was moved by Shirley Gilmore and a second was made by Patsy Goins to declare building dangerous or unsafe as determined by City Council regarding section 1 block 15, lots 9 & 10 located in Impala Woods, and order to vacate, remove or demolish said structure.

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

**ACCEPT THE 2018 RACIAL PROFILE REPORT AS PRESENTED**

It was moved by Shirley Gilmore and a second was made by Patsy Goins to accept the 2018 Racial Profile report as presented.

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

**REVIEW AND APPROVE AMENDMENT 15.12 TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY ADDRESSING DISCHARGE OF DUTY WEAPON ON DANGEROUS AND AGGRESSIVE DOGS**

It was moved by Shirley Gilmore and a second was made by Carl Cruse to approve amendment 15.12 to the Police Department Policy addressing discharge of Duty Weapon on Dangerous and Aggressive Dogs.

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

**REVIEW AND APPROVE ORDINANCE 384 AMENDING ORDINANCE 293 REPLACING SECTION V DOG AND CAT LICENSES**

It was moved by Paul Laverty and a second was made by Shirley Gilmore and James Arnett to approve Ordinance 384 amending ordinance 293 replacing section V dog and cat licenses increasing fee to \$10 if spayed or neutered and \$20 if not.

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

**REVIEW AND APPROVE CALENDAR SETTING DATES FOR 2019 MARKET DAYS**

It was moved by James Arnett and a second was made by Paul Laverty to approve calendar setting dates for 2019 Market Days.

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

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

At approximately 7:45 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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Chip Choate, Mayor

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ANGELA STUTTS,  
City Administrator/City Secretary  
DATE: March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019