

GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL-REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 27, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 118 E RICHMOND, GIDDINGS, TEXAS

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem at 7:06 p.m. with the following present:

Members Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez, City Council Members Frank Castro, Alan Casey; Jake Horne, Linda Pruitt, Not Present Mayor John Dowell.

Staff Present: City Manager Ricky Jorgensen, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Police Chief Haril Walpole, Municipal Court Clerk Rachel Grube, Captain Farah Ramsey, Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider, Superintendent of Parks, Cemetery and Golf Course Kenny Ray, GEDC Director Tonya Britton.

2. PLEDGES TO THE US AND TEXAS FLAGS- Pledges were said.

3. INVOCATION AND WELCOME- Council Member Frank Castro gave the invocation and Pro-Tem Joel Lopez welcomed all in attendance.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS- No announcements.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS-No Presentations and Proclamations.

6. CITIZENS' COMMENTS-No citizens' comments.

7. CONSENT AGENDA –All of the following items are considered to be self-explanatory by the City Council and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no discussion of these items unless a Council Member requests.

a. Consider approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held on January 13, 2020.

A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded City Council Member Alan Casey for approval of Minutes for Meeting held on January 13, 2020.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members Casey, Castro, Lopez, Horne, Pruitt

Nays: None

b. Consider approval of 2020 Racial Profiling Report from Giddings Police Department.

A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded City Council Member Alan Casey for approval of 2020 Racial Profiling Report from Giddings Police Department.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members Casey, Castro, Lopez, Horne, Pruitt

Nays: None

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and considering approval of a Resolution No.446-2020, authorizing the Giddings Economic Development Corporation for an expenditure of \$25000.00 for the installation of the overhead electric and to meet obligations for operating and maintenance relating to the Giddings 290 Business Park Project. This will be the first reading.**

NO ACTION TAKEN PER MAYOR PRO-TEM JOEL LOPEZ

- b. Discussion and take possible action on considering approval for Chief Haril Walpole to remove the no Parking signs on E. Brenham, just East of N. Joekel.**

Police Chief Haril Walpole presented this agenda item to City Council stated the no parking signs are located on the E. Brenham and 448 N. Joekel South Side of the P&E Park Side Apartments Complex. The Police chief Haril Walpole would like to have the No-Parking signs removed from this area. The attendants that live in the apartments on the South Side park their vehicles off the road where the no parking signs are located.

A motion was made by City Council Member Frank Castro and seconded City Council Member Frank Castro for approval for Chief Haril Walpole to remove the no Parking signs on E. Brenham, just East of N. Joekel.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members Casey, Castro, Lopez, Horne, Pruitt

Nays: None

- c. Discussion and take possible action on considering approval on restoring and updating the restroom's at City of Giddings Veteran's Park.**

Superintendent of Parks, Cemetery and Golf Course Kenny Ray presented this agenda item to City Council. Kenny Ray stated this project is done every year before Little League starts up in the Spring. Kenny Ray stated inside of restrooms are powered washed with half bleach and half water. The inside then is painted with a new coat of paint. There are one set of women's bathrooms and one set of men's bathrooms. There is a single restroom updated for handicap and used for unisex. Kenny Ray stated if the restrooms where updated and remodeled the cost is too much. As the City of Giddings is Grandfather-In for this restroom. Kenny Ray presented the City Council with pictures of before and after of results of the work was done.

NO ACTION TAKEN PER MAYOR PRO-TEM JOEL LOPEZ

- d. Discussion and take possible action on considering approval of amending the Engagement Agreement (10-28-2014) with Sheets and Crossfield, P.C. with the City of Giddings to adjust the hourly rates.**

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this agenda item to City Council. This contract is between City of Giddings and Sheets & Crossfield, P.C. Charlie Crossfield a partner of the Law Firm would like to increase the Partner and Senior Attorneys up to \$215.00 an hour from \$185.00 an hour. Legal Assistants / Paralegal will increase to \$80.00 an hour. This change will start as of May 1st, 2020. The City of Giddings has been this contract since October 28th, 2014 and no changes have been made since this time.

A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded City Council Member Jake Horne for approval of amending the Engagement Agreement (10-28-2014) with Sheets and Crossfield, P.C. with the City of Giddings to adjust the hourly rates.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members Casey, Castro, Lopez, Horne, Pruitt

Nays: None

e. Discussion on the 290 Business Park Lift Station Project.

William Huebner of Strand Associates Inc., Engineer for the City of Giddings presented this agenda item to the City of Giddings Council. The 290 Business Park Lift Station Project we are not as far as long as we want to be with project. Palasoto is moving slow for the amount of work to be done. This is a federal grant and the State of Texas will be looking very hard at the progress of the project since it is Federally Funded. The project was awarded a little a year ago. In the contract is given Palasoto 360 days. Lift station waiting a period for equipment to arrive. The contracted figured 59 weather days, they have not been here when the weather was dry. The actual should in late January 1st, 2020. There is delays William had a meeting Palasoto they are pushing their suppliers provide what is needed for the project. March 31st, 2020 will be the new deadline for this project. William asked for an extinction for the project this to include the final paperwork final payments. William told Palasoto that if the City of Giddings gets penalizes has to pay fines. The William will go after the bonds that Palasoto has for working the project. The Palasoto has to the end of February to finish the project no more. There is a four-hundred dollar a day charge for going over the dates and the City of Giddings can file on this. The job is 70% done. All underground utilizes are done also the concrete, pumps controls. William feels that the all will be done by March 31, 2020. William also spoke of the repair of the road done by the City of Giddings, that will be an invoice for Palasoto to pay. If they do not then William will check into this matter.

William Huebner of Strand Associates Inc., Engineer for the City of Giddings presented this agenda item to the City of Giddings Council. William updated the City Council on the SOS Project Water line and the relocate of the original water scope is done. The project had money left over so the City of Giddings will have 12 manholes repaired. Supak relocated the water lines for the TxDot Hwy 290 project.

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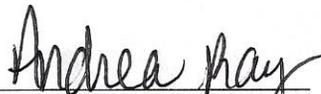
9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

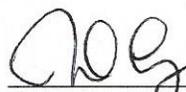
1. 1-19/12-19 385 Permits for 2019 year.
2. 2020 census Ricky is working on a local broad for the census.
3. Report on the damaged from 1-1-2020 bad weather storm to golf course/street department.
4. G.V.F.D report on calls.
5. Police Chief Haril Walpole had a meeting on Schools Security.
6. Sidewalk grant project will know in two or three weeks.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at Monday, January 27, 2020 at 7:24 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary


Joel Lopez, Mayor Pro-Tem

