

Giddings City Council – Regular Meeting Minutes
January 23 2017 at 5:45 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dowell at 5:45 p.m. with the following present:

Members Present: Mayor John Dowell; Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones; Council Members Doug Gaeke, Joel Lopez, Alan Casey and Linda Pruitt.

Staff Present: City Manager Ricky Jorgensen, City Secretary Lola Hazel, Police Chief Haril Walpole and Captain Farah Ramsey.

2. Pledges to the U.S. and Texas Flags

Pledges were said.

3. Invocation and Welcome

Council Member Joel Lopez gave the invocation and Mayor Dowell welcomed all in attendance.

4. Announcements

There were no announcements.

5. Presentations and Proclamations

There were no presentations and proclamations.

6. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizen comments.

7. Consent Agenda

- a. Consider approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held on January 9, 2017.**
- b. Resolution No. 411-2017, on its second and final reading, authorizing allocation of \$55,000 from the 2015-2016 hotel occupancy tax funds and \$25,000 from the 2016-2017 hotel occupancy tax funds in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00, for the purpose of historical restoration and preservation projects or activities.**
- c. Resolution No. 412-2017, on its second and final reading, allocating funding from the City's 2017-2018 hotel occupancy tax funds an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00, and from the City's 2018-2019 hotel occupancy tax funds an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 (for a total of \$80,000.00), to purchase property contiguous to Orsag's for use as a parking lot for the Rural Texas Tourism Center.**
- d. Resolution No. 413-2017, on its second and final reading, to authorize the GEDC's decision to enter into an Economic Development Program Agreement with Outlaw Steakhouse, LLC, in the amount of \$25,000, regarding Santa Fe Steakhouse.**

A motion was made by Council Member Joel Lopez and seconded by Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve Consent Agenda Items a. – e. with the following change in the January 9, 2017 minutes (Item a.):

3. Invocation and Welcome

~~Council Member Alan Casey Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones~~ gave the invocation and Mayor Dowell welcomed all in attendance.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Jones, Gaeke, Lopez, Casey and Pruitt
Nays: None

8. New Business

- a. Consider Resolution No. 415-2017, on its first reading, ratifying City Council's decision to authorize the City Manager to execute a Construction Management and Reimbursement Agreement with the GEDC, in an amount not to exceed \$280,000.00, regarding construction of deceleration lane and traffic signal previously authorized by City under Texas Capital Fund Contract # 7216132 (CEFCO Project).**

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen gave an overview of this item. Jorgensen explained direction is changing on the CEFCO Project in order to avoid additional studies and requirements from TxDOT. Jorgensen explained the reimbursement agreement being presented will prevent the City from having to comply with those additional requirements and thus speed up the completion date for this project.

Discussion ensued regarding changing the signatory for the agreement. The motion changes the signatory from City Manager to City of Giddings.

A motion was made by Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones to approve Resolution No. 415-2017, on its first reading, ratifying City Council's decision to authorize the City of Giddings to execute a Construction Management and Reimbursement Agreement with the GEDC, in an amount not to exceed \$280,000.00, regarding construction of deceleration lane and traffic signal previously authorized by City under Texas Capital Fund Contract # 7216132 (CEFCO Project).

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Jones, Gaeke, Lopez, Casey and Pruitt
Nays: None

- b. Discuss and take possible action on authorizing the GEDC to donate buildings to the Giddings Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) for placement in Fireman's Park and for use by the Sheriff's Posse Arena, contingent upon approval by GVFD.**

Giddings Economic Development Corporation (GEDC) Director Tonya Britton explained the Giddings Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) did approve the placement of the buildings in Fireman's Park. Britton further explained the GVFD wants the buildings to be donated directly to the Sheriff's Posse and not to them, and the change in donee was approved by the GEDC. Britton explained the GEDC went out for bids in the past for the buildings but did not receive acceptable offers.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones and seconded by Council Member Linda Pruitt to authorize the GEDC to donate buildings to the Sheriff's Posse for placement in Fireman's Park.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Jones, Gaeke, Lopez, Casey and Pruitt

Nays: None

- c. **Consider Resolution No. 414-2017 authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Community Development Fund; and authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's executive officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program.**

Mayor Dowell explained this is the action item related to the public hearing City Council held at 5:15 p.m. prior to this meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by Council Member Doug Gaeke to approve Resolution No. 414-2017 authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Community Development Fund; and authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's executive officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Jones, Gaeke, Lopez, Casey and Pruitt

Nays: None

- d. **Discuss and take possible action to authorize a sale in the amount of \$1,000.00 for an alleyway abutting the property located at 191 W. Houston Street.**

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen gave an overview of this item. Jorgensen explained Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones is the requestor for this alleyway purchase and City Council previously approved moving forward with process to allow Mr. Jones to purchase this alleyway. Jorgensen further explained a precedent has been set to sell alleyways for \$1,000.00 since local appraisers indicate alleyways cannot be appraised.

A motion was made by Council Member Doug Gaeke and seconded by Council Member Joel Lopez to authorize a sale in the amount of \$1,000.00 for an alleyway abutting the property located at 191 W. Houston Street.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Gaeke, Lopez, Casey and Pruitt

Nays: None

Abstained: Fred Jones

9. Recess Into Executive Session

Mayor Dowell closed the Regular Session at 6:11 p.m. to convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code Section 551.087 – Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.

- a. **Pursuant to Section 551.087, Texas Government Code, Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations, to wit: business prospect for Giddings 290 Business Park.**

10. Reconvene Into Regular Session

Mayor Dowell adjourned the Executive Session at 6:39 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Session, stating that no final actions, decisions, or votes were had during the Executive Session.

a. Discuss and take possible action on a business prospect for Giddings 290 Business Park.

No action was taken.

11. City Manager's Report, and Announcements

1. CEFCO Meeting at City Hall with 12 attendees
2. Police Department updated their Animal Control Policy
3. Lee County Transportation Meeting regarding roadway repair
4. 290 downtown construction – mast arm installation

12. Adjournment

Mayor Dowell adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lola Hazel, City Secretary

John Dowell, Mayor