

**Giddings City Council – Regular Meeting Minutes**  
April 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dowell at 7:00 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 Alan Casey gave the invocation and Mayor Dowell welcomed all in attendance.

**4. Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**5. Presentations and Proclamations**

**a. Recognition of the You Got Our Attention recipients for the months of February and March.**

Chief Haril Walpole recognized Janet Lara as the You Got Our Attention Recipient for the month of February. The March recipient was unable to attend and will be recognized at the next meeting.

**6. Citizens' Comments**

a. Marti McBride commented on Ordinance No. 819 which imposes limitations on the number of fowl and rabbits allowed on residential lots. Ms. McBride has both chickens and rabbits at her residence and wanted to make sure Council considered how the ordinance will affect residents.

**7. Consent Agenda**

**a. Consider approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held on March 27, 2017**

**b. Ordinance No. 818 adopting changes, previously approved by City Council, to the Giddings Animal Control animal quarantine procedure by amending the City of Giddings Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article 2.01, Sections 2.01.002 and 2.01.017; providing definitions; increasing quarantine fee; adding procedures for the quarantine of animals exposed to rabies.**

**c. Ordinance No. 817, on the second of three readings, renewing a franchise agreement with Texas Disposal Systems for a period of five (5) years for residential and commercial solid waste collection and recycling services for the City of Giddings.**

**d. Resolution No. 417-2017 to suspend the effective date of a proposal by CenterPoint Gas South Texas Division to implement interim rate adjustments (“GRIP Rate Increases”).**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones and seconded by Council Member Doug Gaeke to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

## **8. New Business**

### **a. Discussion and possible action to approve the reappointment of Judge Robert Lee as Municipal Court Judge for a two-year term.**

A motion was made by Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by Council Member Joel Lopez to approve the reappointment of Judge Robert Lee as Municipal Court Judge for a two-year term.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

### **b. Consider approval of Ordinance No. 819, amending the City of Giddings Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 2, Article 2.01 by imposing limitations on the number of fowl and rabbits allowed on residential lots.**

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen gave an overview of this item. Jorgensen explained the purpose of this ordinance is to limit fowl and rabbits on residential lots to a total of ten. Jorgensen further explained an exception was added so FFA/4-H projects would not be affected by this new limitation.

City Council discussed the proposed changes at length to include:

- Number of residents affected
- Number of complaints and origin of complaints pertaining to number of fowl and rabbits
- FFA/4-H exemptions

It was the consensus of Council to do more research and speak to other citizens who may be affected by the changes to the ordinance. No action was taken at this time.

## **9. City Manager's Report, And Announcements**

1. Junk vehicle ordinance changes
2. Early voting is April 24<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup>
3. Spring Clean Up is April 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
4. Riding mower ordinance workshop will be on May 15<sup>th</sup>
5. Rotary club – flowerbed improvement at police department
6. Two new officers in police academy graduate June 2<sup>nd</sup>
7. Police department purchased four more body cameras

## **10. Adjournment**

Mayor Dowell adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Lola Hazel, City Secretary

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John Dowell, Mayor