



# CITY OF GIDDINGS

118 E. RICHMOND STREET, GIDDINGS, TX 78942

## *Regular Meeting – Giddings City Council* May 23, 2016

Present: Mayor John Dowell; Council Members Alan Casey, Doug Gaeke, Joel Lopez, and Linda Pruitt, City Manager Ricky Jorgensen and City Attorney Charlie Crossfield.

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones.

### **I. Call to Order**

Mayor Dowell called the meeting of the City Council to order at 7:06 pm on Monday, May 23, 2016, at the Giddings Municipal Building.

### **II. Pledges to the U.S. and Texas Flags**

Pledges were said.

### **III. Invocation and Welcome**

Council Member Linda Pruitt gave the invocation and Mayor Dowell welcomed all in attendance.

### **IV. Announcements**

There were no announcements.

### **V. Citizens' Comments**

GEDC Director Tonya Britton gave a status update on renovations taking place at Tex Villas (formerly Westwood Villas). The location now has a water line installed and is receiving city water. Management is moving along with renovations and attracting new tenants in the process.

### **VI. Consent Agenda**

- a. Consider approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held on May 9, 2016.
- b. Consider approval of Minutes for Council Workshop held on May 16, 2016.

Council Member Joel Lopez moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 9, 2016, and to approve the minutes of the Council Workshop held on May 16, 2016 with the following corrections: replace the word “forty” with “sixty” as shown below.

- a. Road Project Update

“...make the ~~forty~~ sixty foot easement requirement required by ordinance.”

Council Member Doug Gaeke seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four                      NAY: none

## **VII. Unfinished Business**

- a. Administer Oath of Office and Issue Certificate of Election to Council Member Linda Pruitt.

Oath of Office administered and Certificate of Election issued to Council Member Linda Pruitt.

## **VIII. New Business**

- a. Discuss and possibly act upon recommendation for road repair including but not limited to Navarro Street, ~~Lewis~~ **Louis** Lane and Turner ~~Street~~ **Lane**.

Note: Street names were incorrect on agenda and have been corrected in minutes.

Background on this Item: Residents residing on Navarro Street attended the February 22, 2016 Council Meeting and spoke during Citizen Comments about the condition of their roads. Following this meeting, city staff temporarily repaired Navarro Street until further discussion could take place to determine the best repair option. City Council then held a workshop on May 16, 2016 to discuss road conditions on Navarro Street, Louis Lane and Turner Lane in order to find the best solution for repair. City Council asked for a recommendation for repair to be placed on the May 23, 2016 agenda in the event council action would be necessary.

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen informed City Council the best option for repair would be to blade these streets and place millings on the roads and continue to do so on an as-needed basis. City Council agreed to this repair option. Since the cost for such repair is already included in the City's current budget, no official council action was necessary.

- b. Discuss and possibly act upon Ordinance No. 807 authorizing the installation and erection of four-way stop signs at the following five locations: E. Industry at S. Williams, W. ~~Bellview~~ **Bellville** at S. Navarro, W. Galveston at S. Caldwell, S. Dallas at W. Hempstead, and S. Navarro at W. Hempstead.

Note: W. Bellville was incorrect on agenda and has been corrected in minutes.

Council Member Alan Casey moved to approve Ordinance No. 807 authorizing the installation and erection of four-way stop signs at the following five locations: E. Industry at S. Williams, W. Bellville at S. Navarro, W. Galveston at S. Caldwell, S. Dallas at W. Hempstead, and S. Navarro at W. Hempstead.

Council Member Linda Pruitt seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four                      NAY: none

- c. Discuss and possibly act upon appointments to various City Boards.

Council Member Joel Lopez moved to approve board appointments to the following boards:

1. Board of Adjustment: Reappoint Doug Thielemann and Gary Spivey for two-year terms.
2. Historic Preservation Board: Reappoint Fay Iselt, Charles Etta Francis, Denice Harlan, Chuck Crane, Delores Jones and David True for two-year terms.
3. Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenue Advisory Board: Reappoint Chuck Crane and Faye Terry for three-year terms.
4. Public Parks & Playgrounds Advisory Board: Reappoint Mark Muniz for a two-year term.

Council Member Linda Pruitt seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four

NAY: none

**IX. Executive Session**

- a. Recess into Executive Session as authorized by Section 551.072, Government Code, regarding real property, to-wit: city sewer plant property.

City Council recessed into Executive Session at 7:34 pm.

**X. Reconvene Into Regular Session**

- a. Consider discussion and/or action regarding real property, to-wit: city sewer plant property.

City Council reconvened into Regular Session at 8:00 pm.

No action was taken in Executive Session or upon reconvening into Regular Session.

**XI. City Manager's Report, And Announcements**

1. Fair - Pursuant to an Interlocal Agreement the City has with the Lee County Fair Association, the City assisted in preparations for the recently held Lee County Fair.
2. City Pool Swimming Lessons - Lessons are given by City life guards and are limited to the first 45 applicants. The City has almost reached the 45 applicant limit.
3. Police Department Youth Program – The Police Department has implemented a program, “You Got Our Attention”, to recognize positive characteristics in high school teens. Aside from verbal recognition from an officer, a monthly drawing results in a plaque being given and public recognition at a council meeting. At the end of each 12 month period, a drawing from the monthly winners results in a \$1,000 scholarship being awarded. First National Bank has offered to fund the entire program.
4. 100 Club – Lee County is the only county in Central Texas who is not a member of the 100 Club. Becoming a member comes from collecting letters from all police and fire departments within the county and submitting these to the 100 Club. Membership is free. Chief Walpole is in the process of collecting letters for submittal to become a member.

**XII. Adjournment**

Mayor Dowell adjourned the meeting at 8:13 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Lola Hazel, City Secretary

These minutes were approved by the City Council on Monday, June 13, 2016.

ATTEST:

Lola Hazel, City Secretary

John Dowell, Mayor

