

**Giddings City Council – Regular Meeting Minutes**  
July 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones at 7:00 p.m. with the following present:

Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones; Council Members Frank Castro, Joel Lopez, Alan Casey, and Linda Pruitt.

Members Absent: Mayor John Dowell

Staff Present: City Manager Ricky Jorgensen, City Secretary Lola Hazel, Finance Director Clifton Wachsmann, and Police Chief Haril Walpole.

**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 Pro Tem Fred Jones welcomed all in attendance.

**4. Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**5. Presentations and Proclamations**

**a. Police Department Employee Commendation**

Chief Haril Walpole presented a commendation to Administrative Assistant Melissa Ray.

**6. Citizens' Comments**

There were no citizen comments.

**7. Consent Agenda**

**a. Consider approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held on July 10, 2017.**

A motion was made by Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by Council Member Joel Lopez to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Lopez, Casey, Pruitt, and Castro  
Nays: None

**8. New Business**

**a. Consider approval of Ordinance No. 827 authorizing the issuance of City of Giddings, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017; authorizing the levy of an ad valorem tax in support of the**

**Bonds; approving an Official Statement, a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement, Purchase Agreement and an Escrow Agreement; awarding the sale of the Bonds; calling certain obligations for redemption; and authorizing other matters relating to the issuance of the Bonds.**

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen explained the purpose of this item is to refinance existing bonds. Jorgensen then introduced Dusty Traylor, managing director with RBC Capital Markets, who serves as the City's financial advisor for the bond process; and Bart Fowler with McCall, Parkhurst & Horton, who serves as the City's bond counsel. Traylor and Fowler gave City Council an overview of their roles in the bond process. Traylor explained with the refinancing of these bonds, the City will save a little over \$301,000.

A motion was made by Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by Council Member Frank Castro to approve Ordinance No. 827 authorizing the issuance of City of Giddings, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017; authorizing the levy of an ad valorem tax in support of the Bonds; approving an Official Statement, a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement, Purchase Agreement and an Escrow Agreement; awarding the sale of the Bonds; calling certain obligations for redemption; and authorizing other matters relating to the issuance of the Bonds.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Lopez, Casey, Pruitt, and Castro

Nays: None

- b. Consider approval of Ordinance No. 828 authorizing the issuance of the City of Giddings, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2017; levying an ad valorem tax and pledging certain surplus revenues in support of the Certificates; approving an Official Statement, a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement and other agreements relating to the sale and issuance of the Certificates; and ordaining other matters relating to the issuance of the Certificates.**

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen explained the purpose of this item is to issue new bonds for new projects.

A motion was made by Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve Ordinance No. 828 authorizing the issuance of the City of Giddings, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2017; levying an ad valorem tax and pledging certain surplus revenues in support of the Certificates; approving an Official Statement, a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement and other agreements relating to the sale and issuance of the Certificates; and ordaining other matters relating to the issuance of the Certificates.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Lopez, Casey, Pruitt, and Castro

Nays: None

- c. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Mayor to execute an amended agreement with Texas Disposal Systems for residential and commercial solid waste collection and recycling services for the City of Giddings.**

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen explained this amendment makes a minor change to the new contract to be in effect August 1, 2017. Jorgensen explained that under the current contract, the City directly bills residents for any additional carts. Jorgensen further explained the contract amendment would allow this process to continue as is.

A motion was made by Council Member Joel Lopez and seconded by Linda Pruitt to authorize the Mayor to execute an amended agreement with Texas Disposal Systems for residential and commercial solid waste collection and recycling services for the City of Giddings.

Motion carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Council Members Lopez, Casey, Pruitt, and Castro  
Nays: None

**d. Receive first draft of City of Giddings 2017-2018 Proposed Budget**

The first draft of the City of Giddings 2017-2018 Proposed Budget was received.

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

1. Board of Adjustment meeting this Thursday, July 27, 2017
2. Planning and Zoning meeting Thursday, August 10, 2017
3. Hotel occupancy tax (HOT) applications due Friday
4. HOT board meeting is Tuesday, August 15, 2017
5. Chamber banquet is August 15, 2017
6. Uniform contract renewal
7. Animal shelter spay/neuter program

**10. Adjournment**

Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.