

Giddings City Council – Regular Meeting Minutes

August 14, 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 Frank Castro, Joel Lopez, Alan Casey, and Linda Pruitt.

Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones joined the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Staff Present: City Manager Ricky Jorgensen, City Secretary Lola Hazel, Police Chief Haril Walpole, Captain Farah Ramsey, Public Works Director Spencer Schneider, and Officer Dustin Kieschnick.

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

Pledges were said.

3. Invocation and Welcome

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

4. Announcements

There were no announcements.

5. Presentations and Proclamations

a. Presentation of Life Saving Award to Officer Dustin Kieschnick

Chief Haril Walpole presented a Life Saving Award to Officer Dustin Kieschnick for life saving events that took place on August 2, 2017. Officer Kieschnick was presented with a plaque and uniform pin.

6. Citizens' Comments

Tony Francis thanked the city and community for supporting the LC Express Track Club which earned 38 medals at a recent track tournament.

7. Consent Agenda

a. Consider approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held on July 24, 2017.

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

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

8. Public Hearing

- a. **Conduct a public hearing to allow public comment on the addition of recreational vehicle parks (RV parks) as an allowed use in certain zoning districts of the Zoning Land Use Matrix.**

Mayor Dowell opened the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

Public Works Director Spencer Schneider presented this item. Schneider explained the City has received numerous inquiries regarding recreational vehicle parks (RV parks), but current ordinances do not allow them in the city limits. Schneider further explained it was decided to bring the topic before the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council to give direction to staff on whether or not to allow RV parks in Giddings. Schneider explained the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z Commission) made a motion to incorporate recreational vehicle (RV) parks in General Commercial (GC) and Agricultural Residential (AR) zoning districts as an allowed use, and each application requesting an RV park is required to come before the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council for approval. Schneider explained the next step, if City Council agrees with the P&Z Commission, would be for staff to draft an ordinance to incorporate language and conditions requested in the motion.

9. New Business

- a. **Discussion and possible action on recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and public comments regarding the addition of recreational vehicle parks (RV parks) as an allowed use in certain zoning districts of the Zoning Land Use Matrix.**

Mayor Dowell closed the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation to incorporate recreational vehicle (RV) parks in General Commercial (GC) and Agricultural Residential (AR) zoning districts as an allowed use, and each application requesting an RV park is required to come before the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council for approval.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- b. **Consider approval of Resolution No. 420-2017 authorizing Hotel Occupancy Tax disbursements for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.**

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this item. Jorgensen explained there were three applicants requesting hotel occupancy tax (HOT) disbursements from the remaining fund amount of \$120,000. Jorgensen further explained the Giddings Economic Development Corporation received \$30,000 at a previous Council meeting, making the beginning total of available funds to be \$150,000.

Jorgensen explained the following totals were recommended by the HOT Advisory Board:

- \$65,000 to the Chamber of Commerce
- \$47,500 to the Lee County Sheriff's Posse
- \$7,500 to the Texas Wendish Society

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones and seconded by Council Member Joel Lopez to approve Resolution No. 420-2017 authorizing Hotel Occupancy Tax disbursements for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 in the following amounts:

- \$65,000 to the Chamber of Commerce
- \$47,500 to the Lee County Sheriff's Posse
- \$30,000 to the Giddings Economic Development Corporation
- \$7,500 to the Texas Wendish Society

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

10. City Manager's Report, And Announcements

1. Distributed budget calendar
2. New police cadets
3. Police department overtime budget
4. Police department body armour grant
5. Seal coat bid opening
6. Audit process started
7. Sign variance for 290 Travel Plaza
8. Library internet contract
9. New code enforcement officer
10. Records storage at old police department
11. Lift station grant
12. DPS crime labs

11. Adjournment

Mayor Dowell adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.