

**Regular Meeting – Giddings City Council**  
September 26, 2016 at 7:00 pm

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

Staff Present: City Manager Ricky Jorgensen, City Secretary Lola Hazel, Finance Director Clifton Wachsmann, Police Chief Haril Walpole, Captain Farah Ramsey, Fire Chief Jimmy Mitschke and Economic Development Corporation Director Tonya Britton.

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor John Dowell called the meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 pm on Monday, September 26, 2016, at the Giddings Municipal Building.

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

Pledges were said.

**III. Invocation and Welcome**

Mayor John Dowell gave the invocation and welcomed all in attendance.

**IV. Announcements**

1. Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones thanked the Giddings Fire Department for their effort regarding the house fire at 414 S. Wilson Street.

**V. Presentations and Proclamations**

There were no presentations or proclamations.

**VI. Citizens Comments**

There were no citizen comments.

**VII. Consent Agenda**

**a. Consider approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held on September 12, 2016.**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones and seconded by Council Member Joel Lopez to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 12, 2016.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

**VIII. Old Business**

**a. Discuss and take possible action on the Giddings Economic Development Corporation 2016-2017 Plan of Work.**

The Giddings Economic Development Corporation 2016-2017 Plan of Work was not discussed at this time. It will be on a future agenda for discussion.

**b. Resolution No. 407-2016 on its second reading ratifying Giddings Economic Development Corporation's decision to approve an expenditure of \$25,000 to reimburse Ben's Body and Paint for improvements to that location and a 50% tax rebate for three (3) years.**

Chapter 505 of the Local Government Code requires a resolution have at least two separate readings for projects requiring an expenditure of more than \$10,000.

A motion was made by Council Member Joel Lopez and seconded by Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve Resolution No. 407-2016 on its second reading ratifying Giddings Economic Development Corporation's decision to approve an expenditure of \$25,000 to reimburse Ben's Body and Paint for improvements to that location and a 50% tax rebate for three (3) years.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

**IX. New Business**

**a. Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance No. 808 adopting the City Budget for FY 2016-2017.**

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this item. Jorgensen explained that Council is receiving the final version of the proposed 2016-2017 budget for approval.

He went over highlights of the budget which were:

- Capital Investment Fund has \$230,000 to spend on Capital
- Total Capital requests from all departments was reduced from \$409,153 to 225,243
- Includes no increase in taxes
- Includes a deduction of \$40,000 from next year's street chip seal program
- Includes a 3% raise for employees
- Includes a 7% increase in Health Insurance

Jorgensen then fielded questions from Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones expressed concern regarding the Police Department's request for two (2) police vehicles. Jones expressed concern that the money could be better used to retain police officers. Police Chief Haril Walpole explained two (2) cars are being requested to replace existing vehicles that are costing a significant amount of money to maintain. Council Member Alan Casey expressed concern on falling behind on vehicle needs if the Police Department were to only receive one vehicle this year. Jones requested Staff to put together a report, to present to Council at a later date, showing the Police Department's employee turnover rate for the past five (5) years, and a report on vehicle expenses for the past five (5) years.

Council Member Doug Gaeke asked about when the Police Department would need to replace the current drug dog. Walpole explained he is already looking into a replacement, as a new dog was included in Capital budget requests, and is looking at grants to cover costs.

Jorgensen, along with Mayor Dowell, pointed out the budget does include ten (10) air packs for the Fire Department.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones and seconded by Council Member Alan Casey to approve Ordinance No. 808 adopting the City Budget for FY 2016-2017 as presented.

Section 102.007 of the Local Government Code requires a record vote from City Council for adoption of the budget. Record vote is as follows:

Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones:	Aye
Council Member Alan Casey:	Aye
Council Member Doug Gaeke:	Aye
Council Member Linda Pruitt:	Aye
Council Member Joel Lopez:	Aye

The motion carried.

**b. Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance No. 809 adopting the 2016-2017 tax rate of 0.5068 per \$100 valuation.**

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented the item. Jorgensen explained the 2016-2017 tax rate will remain the same as last year. The Maintenance and Operation (M&O) for the General Fund tax rate is 0.3200 on each \$100 valuation of property with the Debt Service for the General Fund at 0.1868. The total proposed tax rate is 0.5068.

A motion was made by Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by Council Member Joel Lopez to approve Ordinance No. 809 adopting the 2016-2017 tax rate of 0.5068 per \$100 valuation.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

**c. Discuss and take possible action on approving Ordinance No. 810 amending Chapter 8 of the Code of Ordinances; Regulation of Sex Offenders Residency; making it unlawful for certain sexual offenders to reside within 1,000 feet of places where children gather.**

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen, along with Police Chief Haril Walpole, presented this item. They explained the proposed changes to the ordinance were previously approved by Council, but changes need to be made so the ordinance fully reflects the changes Council intended regarding the 1,000 foot distance requirement.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones and seconded by Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve Ordinance No. 810 amending Chapter 8 of the Code of Ordinances; Regulation of Sex Offenders Residency; making it unlawful for certain sexual offenders to reside within 1,000 feet of places where children gather.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

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

1. TxDOT installing mast arms to locations at: 290 @ US 77, Leon Street @ US 290, Orange @ US 290 and possibly the CEFCO entrance
2. Seal coat project is complete
3. FEMA process still ongoing
4. Possible upgrade on lift station at 290 Business Park
5. Sales tax update
6. Police Department selected two (2) candidates to send to police academy
7. Police Department – car seat checkup event, sponsored by Kidsafe.
8. National Night Out – October 4<sup>th</sup> on Courthouse lawn
9. CAPCOG disaster drill in Giddings on November 2<sup>nd</sup>

**XI. Adjournment**

Mayor Dowell adjourned the meeting at 7:44 pm.

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Lola Hazel, City Secretary

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John Dowell, Mayor