

**Giddings City Council – Regular Meeting Minutes**  
January 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Dowell at 7:02 p.m. with the following present:

Members Present: Mayor John Dowell, Council Members Frank Castro,  
Joel Lopez, Alan Casey.

Staff Present: Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider, City Secretary Andrea Ray  
Police Chief Haril Walpole, Captain Farah Ramsey and  
Municipal Court Clerk Rachel Grube

Staff Not Present: City Manager Ricky Jorgensen, Finance Director Clifton Wachsmann  
Council Member Linda Pruitt

**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**

There were no Presentations and Proclamations.

**6. Citizens' Comments**

There were no Citizens' Comments.

**7. Consent Agenda**

**a. Consider approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held on December 10, 2018.**

A motion was made by Frank Castro and seconded by Council Member Alan Casey to approve the Consent Agenda approval of minutes regular held December 10, 2018.

Motion carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Castro, Casey, Lopez  
Nays: None

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and possible action on appointing a Mayor Pro-Tem to fill the vacancy for the current term remaining for 2017-2018.

Mayor Dowell at this time asked Council Member Joel Lopez to fill the vacancy for the Mayor Pro-Tem current term remaining for 2017-2018.  
Council Member Joel Lopez accepted to fill the vacancy for Mayor Pro-Tem at this time.

A motion was made by Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by Council Member Frank Castro to take action for approval of Joel Lopez to fill the vacancy of Mayor Pro-Tem for the current term remaining for 2017-2018.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Dowell, Castro, Casey

Nays: None

- b. Discussion and take possible action on approving the Resolution No. 428-2019, for the City of Giddings to express its opposition to legislative interference with local services, local revenue, and local control.

Mayor Dowell stated that this Resolution is being passed by many Cities in the State of Texas local pertaining to local control rather than State control by the Legislature. We are opposed to any Legislation that erodes the abilities of Cities to have a voice in developing local solutions that affect our neighborhoods and our communities.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by Council Member Frank Castro to take action for approval Resolution No. 428-2019, for the City of Giddings to express its opposition to legislative interference with local services, local revenue, and local control.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Castro, Casey, Lopez

Nays: None

- c. Consider approval of Resolution No. 429-2019 adopting the City's 2019 Investment Policy.

Mayor Dowell stated the Public Funds Investment Act requires Cities to review and adopt Investments Policy. Some of the areas discussed in the policy are internal control, reporting Authorized and suitable investments, maximum maturities, diversification and delegation of authority. Finance Director Clifton Wachsmann is our investment officer.

A motion was made by Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez to take action for approval Resolution No. 429-2019 adopting the City's 2019 Investment Policy.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Castro, Casey, Lopez

Nays: None

- d. Consider Ordinance No. 838 ordering the May 4, 2019 General Election for City Officials and Giddings Independent School District Trustees.

Mayor and Council order the election to be held on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 the election of three Councilmen to full year terms. The Giddings Independent Scholl District will the same.

A motion was made by Council Member Mayor pro Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by Council Member Alan Casey to take action for Ordinance No. 838 ordering the May 4, 2019 General Election for City Officials and Giddings Independent School District Trustees.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Castro, Casey, Lopez

Nays: None

- e. Discuss and take possible action Amendment Ordinance No. 671 to increase the Subdivision Application from \$200.00 to \$250.00. **\$275.00**

Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider presented an Amendment to Ordinance No. 671 to increase the amount of the Subdivision Application from \$200.00 to \$275.00. Spencer Schneider stated the customers are not filing the Subdivision Application at the Lee County Clerk's office. Spencer researched the amount at the Lee County Clerk's Office which is \$71.00 small plat and \$96.00 for large plat. Spencer stated the City of Giddings could file for the customers. The amount was first suggested to be \$250.00, after researching it was changed to \$275.00

The personal filing would be Spencer Schneider or Andrea Ray for the City.

A motion was made by Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by Council Member Frank Castro to take action for approval action Amendment Ordinance No. 671 to increase the Subdivision Application from \$200.00 to \$250.00. **\$275.00**

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Castro, Casey, Lopez

Nays: None



- f. Discuss and take possible action to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Lee County Elections Administrator for services related to the upcoming May 4, 2019 election.

Lee County Election Administrator (Carla Arldt) that basically takes care of our election. Carla will order ballots, order computer programming for voting machines, count and give results of the election and take care of all the election clerks.

A motion was made by Council Member Frank Castro and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez to take action for approval action to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Lee County Elections Administrator for services related to the upcoming May 4, 2019 election.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Castro, Casey, Lopez

Nays: None

- g. Discuss and take possible action on allowing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Giddings ISD for the purpose of conducting joint elections.

The Texas Election Code allows the City and School District to have joint elections which saves both entities money. Items discussed are election Judges, officers and Clerks plus early voting, election equipment and keeper of the records. Roger Dees and Ricky Jorgenson sign the agreement.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Castro, Casey, Lopez

Nays: None

- h. Present the 2019 Candidate Packet City Council General Election.

Andrea presented the 2019 Candidate Packet City Council General Election to City Council. She explained all the forms in the packet. The 2019 Candidate Packet is short form. She also stated about reports that and the deadlines to turn in to Secretary of State. No action on this item needed.

John Dowell, Mayor  
Frank Castro  
Alan Casey



Joel Lopez, Mayor Pro Tem  
Linda Pruitt  
Ricky Jorgensen, City Manager

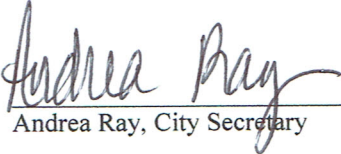
**9. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

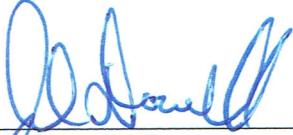
No reports or announcements

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Dowell

ATTEST:

  
Andrea Ray, City Secretary

  
John Dowell, Mayor

