



Giddings City Council -Regular Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dowell at 7:01 p.m. with the following present:

Members Present: Mayor John Dowell; Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez; Council Members, Alan Casey Frank Castro, and Linda Pruitt

Staff Present: City Manager Ricky Jorgensen, City Attorney Tad Cleaves, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Director of Public Works Spence Schneider, Sgt. Jimmy Webber, Rachel Grube.

Not Present: Police Chief Haril Walpole, Captain Farah Ramsey.

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

Pledges were said.

3. Invocation and Welcome

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen, 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— All of the following items are considered to be self-explanatory by the Council and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests.

a. Consider approval of Minutes for Meeting held on January 28, 2019.

A motion was made by Council Member Frank Castro and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez Approval of Minutes for Special Meeting held on January 28, 2019.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

8. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

9. RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Dowell closed the Regular Session at 7:15 p.m. to convene into Executive Session in compliance with the Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, the items listed below will be discussed in closed session and are subject to take action in the regular session. Sec. 551.071: Consultation with Attorney

Advice from attorney about pending or contemplated litigation and other matters on which the Attorney has a duty to advise the City Council, including agenda items.

a. Status update on Teague v. City of Giddings, Cause No. 1:18-CV-0198, in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division.

b. Status update on contemplated litigation with Stephen Kelley.

c. Status update on pending claims related to wastewater.

10. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Dowell adjourned the Executive Session at 7:38 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Session, stating that no final action on a. Teague v. City of Giddings, and on b. litigation with Stephen Kelley were had during the Executive Session.

Discuss and take possible action regarding pending claims related to wastewater.

A motion was made by Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by Council Member Alan Casey to approve expenditure of \$20,000.00 for the claims related to wastewater. TML will send a check of \$3000.00 to add to the expenditure for this project.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Lopez, Casey, Pruitt, Castro

Nays: None



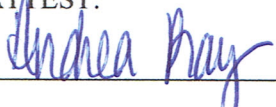
11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. City Permits \$16,000.00, tax roll increased.
2. Cemetery markers need a permit.
3. 31 gas test some customers turn gas off during summer months.
4. Starbucks opened today 1/28/19.
5. SOS Project waterline is complete, Leon Street and Houston Street replacing clay pipes Replacing to Knox Street, the water line for the widening of 290. Lift Station and the Business Park we have had two pay outs just waiting for materials.
6. All Supervisors are working on equipment to have ready for spring.
7. Replacing electric meters are 1/3 done. Units are 10 years old need updated.
8. Andrea is working side-by-side with Clara Arldt on the May 4, 2019 City Election.
9. Library News-they had a social night at Los Patrons, 2 night stays for visitors 450 Friday & 420 Saturday.
10. Library has 33 new computers.
11. \$20,000.00 grant from Bud Lehmann Foundation will be presented to the Library.
12. Library has a Jr. Library Board which had a garage sale and raised \$460.00.
13. Library Meeting room has been raised to \$75.00. The meeting room is used about 7-15 times a Month.
14. The Library is doing amnesty project on fines with a trade of unperishable food, any fines under \$3.00 are written off, so the books can be cleared, no cask given back to customers.
15. Adult Computer Basic class \$25.00 dollars for the class.
16. Halloween festival at Library.
17. Exercise class every Thursday 5:30-6:30 p.m.
18. Christmas open house.
19. Sale Taxes is up \$94,000.00
20. Meeting today with the Judges, Rachel, Ricky and Spencer. Safety meeting. All panic buttons Tested. Another meeting in March to finalize the safety produce.
21. Legislature reforming bills, will be discussed with City Manager.
22. Rural Community's health care update.
23. Dianne Schneider retiring party in her honor on January 31st at Golf Course.

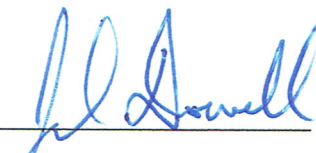
12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dowell adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary




John Dowell, Mayor