



CITY OF GIDDINGS

118 E. RICHMOND STREET, GIDDINGS, TX 78942

Regular Meeting – Giddings City Council

February 22, 2016

Present: Mayor John Dowell; Council Members Alan Casey, Doug Gaeke, Joel Lopez, and Linda Pruitt; City Manager Ricky Jorgensen, and City Attorney Charlie Crossfield.

Absent: Council Member Fred Jones.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Dowell called the meeting of the City Council to order at 7:02 pm on Monday, February 22nd, 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

Denice Harlan, Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce made an announcement about an upcoming event - An Evening with Chad Prather on April 22, 2016 at Landmark Event Center.

V. Commendations

a) Police Department staff commendations.

Chief Walpole recognized four Giddings police officers in two letters of commendation he read to City Council.

VI. Citizens' Comments

a) Melvin Patridge, 1224 N. Navarro St. & Bennett Washington, 1155 N. Navarro St.

Mr. Patridge and Mr. Washington addressed City Council about road conditions on North Navarro Street.

b) Tonya Britton, Executive Director, EDC

Ms. Britton thanked City Council for approving an item at the January 25, 2016 meeting – business assistance for GTX Doe Boyz, Inc.

VII. Consent Agenda

- a) **Minutes of Regular Meeting held January 25th, 2016.**
- b) **Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Report on Use of Hotel/Motel Tax Revenue Funds.**

Council Member Linda Pruitt moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 25th, 2016 and the Chamber's Quarterly Report on Use of Hotel/Motel Tax Revenue Funds. Council Member Joel Lopez seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four

NAY: none

VIII. Unfinished Business

- a) **Consider and take appropriate action on an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Giddings, Texas, Chapter 1, General Provisions, by amending Article 1.08, Cemeteries, Sections 1.08.003, 1.08.005 and 1.08.006, changing regulations for plants and shrubs, prohibiting alcohol on gravesites and requiring a license agreement.**

Council Member Joel Lopez moved to approve Ordinance 802 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Giddings, Texas, Chapter 1, General Provisions, by amending Article 1.08, Cemeteries, Sections 1.08.003, 1.08.005 and 1.08.006, changing regulations for plants and shrubs, prohibiting alcohol on gravesites and requiring a license agreement.

Council Member Linda Pruitt seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four

NAY: none

IX. New Business

- a) **Discussion and possible action pertaining to the progress being made on the Veteran's Memorial site.**

Sara Berryhill with Glasco Landscaping gave a presentation on the proposed project and plan.

Council Member Alan Casey moved to approve the proposed plan presented by Ms. Berryhill with Glasco Landscaping. Council Member Linda Pruitt seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four

NAY: none

- b) Authorize the approval of a final plat for the Giddings 290 Business Park and accept any and all right-of-way dedications related to said plat.**

Council Member Joel Lopez moved to approve the final plat for the Giddings 290 Business Park and accept any and all right-of-way dedications related to said plat. Council Member Doug Gaeke seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four

NAY: none

- c) Discuss and take appropriate action on adopting the upgraded version of the Lee County Emergency Management Plan.**

Council Member Linda Pruitt moved to approve the upgraded version of the Lee County Emergency Management Plan. Council Member Alan Casey seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four

NAY: none

- d) Consider and take appropriate action on an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Giddings, Texas, Chapter 3, Building Regulations, by amending Article 3.12, Unsafe or Substandard Buildings or Structures, Section 3.12.003 and Section 3.12.008.**

Council Member Alan Casey moved to approve Ordinance 802 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Giddings, Texas, Chapter 3, Building Regulations, by amending Article 3.12, Unsafe or Substandard Buildings or Structures, Section 3.12.003 and Section 3.12.008.

Council Member Linda Pruitt seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four

NAY: none

- e) Consider and take appropriate action on a Resolution designating signatories for transactions with the City's banking depository.**

Council Member Joel Lopez moved to approve Resolution 401-2016 designating signatories for transactions with the City's banking depository. Council Member Linda Pruitt seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four

NAY: none

f) Discuss and take appropriate action on a \$1,000.00 bid on trust property described as OT Giddings, Blk. 94, Lot 1 & S/2 of 2.

City Council discussed the bid on the trust property and felt it was too low. Council Member Alan Casey moved to reject the \$1,000.00 bid on trust property described as OT Giddings, Blk. 94, Lot 1 & S/2 of 2. Council Member Linda Pruitt seconded the motion.

Motion carried to reject the bid by the following vote:

AYE: four

NAY: none

X. Executive Session

No executive session.

XI. Reconvene into Regular Session

No executive session.

XII. City Manager's Report, And Announcements

1. Discussion about beaver nuisance at Simmang Park; four more beaver captured.
2. Candidate hired to fill electric supervisor position.
3. Golf cart path bridge near Hole No. 4 falling apart. Bridge will eventually be taken down bridge for liability reasons.

XIII. Adjournment

Mayor Dowell adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Lola Hazel, City Secretary