



Giddings City Council – Regular Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John 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, and Linda Pruitt, Not Present: Alan Casey

Staff Present: City Manager Ricky Jorgensen, City Secretary Andrea Ray,
Finance Director Clifton Wachsmann, Captain Farah Ramsey
Not Present: Police Chief Haril Walpole, Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider

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

- a. Proclamation by Mayor Dowell acknowledging October 2018 Breast Cancer Awareness month.
- b. Proclamation by Mayor Dowell hereby designates the Giddings Chamber of Commerce as the Official Visitor's Center Of Giddings in Celebration of Chamber of Commerce Week.

Council Member Linda Pruitt stated Denice and Kelita are doing an amazing job with the Chamber of Commerce for Giddings and receive a lot good feedback and Thank You.

6. Citizens' Comments

There were no Citizens' Comments.

7. Consent Agenda

- a. **Consider approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held on September 24, 2018.**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones and seconded by Council Member Joel Lopez approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



8. New Business

- a. **Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance No. 372 and Ordinance No. 545 to amend setting, regulations and prescribing the deposits, fees, collection fees, special service charge and transfers fees for the City of Giddings Utilities Department for utilities service furnished to its customers**

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this item to Council, stating the fee changes were discussed during budget: All fees listed will be amended.

A. Permanent Service - All classes or groups of customers will be required to pay a deposit equal to one sixth (1/6) the estimated annual billing REMOVE of one hundred twenty-five (\$125.00) REMOVE CHANGE TO two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) for residential and not less than two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) REMOVE CHANGE TO five hundred (\$500.00) or commercial.

B. Temporary Service - The deposit for services rendered on a temporary basis for all classes of rate users shall be in the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) REMOVE CHANGE TO fifty dollars (\$50.00) which is designed to reasonably protect the City of Giddings against the assumed risk of providing such temporary services. Temporary services shall be for a period not excess of five (5) days.

D. Connection Fee - A fee for utility service connection shall be twenty-five (\$25.00) CHANGE TO fifty dollars (\$50.00). This includes the initial connection, and any reconnection of service done by the City at the request of the consumer.

B. N.S. F Checks – Checks which are given as payments for utility bills duly rendered by the City of Giddings Utilities Department and which are returned for insufficient funds shall be assessed a fee not excess \$25.00 REMOVE per check. (CHANGE TO \$30.00) If three (3) days after notice of the N.S.F check to the customer by the City of Giddings Utilities Department the customer has not made remittance, the collection procedures as set out in Section 2A. Will be initiated by the City of Giddings Utilities Department and appropriate charges will be assessed.

Fees for special services by the City of Giddings Utilities personnel on consumer's property or on consumer's equipment either during regular working hours or after regular working hours or in case of emergency shall not exceed twenty-five (\$25.00) CHANGE TO fifty dollars (\$50.00) per service call plus materials used.

There shall be a charge of twenty-five (\$25.00) CHANGE TO fifty dollars (\$50.00) transfer fee for each electric and water transfer between individuals, partnership and corporations with the city limits of the City of Giddings.

A motion was made by Council Member Joel Lopez and seconded by Frank Castro to approve Ordinance No. 372 and Ordinance No. 545 to amend setting, regulations and prescribing the deposits, fees, collection fees, special service charge and transfers fees for the City of Giddings Utilities Department for utilities service furnished to its customers

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



b. Discussion and possible action to approve the Giddings-Lee County Airport Budget for FY 2018-2019.

Finance Director Clifton Wachsmann presented the Giddings-Lee County Airport Budget for FY 2018-2019 to Council, the airport budget shows \$133,900.00 in revenue and \$84,900.00 in expenses providing a surplus of \$49,000.00. There are 26 hangers one or two may not be filled. Clifton spoke on the Capital projects taking place:

1. The runway lights will be replace.
2. The runway will be re-surfaced.
3. There will be a taxi-runway made parallel for take-off.

Finance Director Clifton Wachsmann Thanked the City of Giddings Council from the Airport Board for that has been done.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones and seconded by Linda Pruitt to approve the Giddings-Lee County Airport Budget FY 2018-2019.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

c. Discuss and take possible action on approving the City of Giddings 2019 Holiday Schedule.

A motion was made by Frank Castro and seconded by Joel Lopez to approve City of Giddings 2019 Holiday Schedule.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. LCRA has program Step Forward Day April 5, 2019.
2. BGA has a grant for bullet-proof vests program for Giddings Police Dept.
3. Sales Tax is up.
4. City Manager Ricky, Mayor John Dowell, Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider met with Rachel Steel with CAPCOG for a EAD Grant to go towards Loop System for the Business Park.
5. ICO rating for Giddings is a 4.
6. Sealing the streets, had more streets done for trade with rock.
7. New Budget FY 2018-2019 Books for the Council.
8. Lift Station Business Park Pre-Construction Meeting Thursday.

John Dowell, Mayor
Frank Castro
Alan Casey



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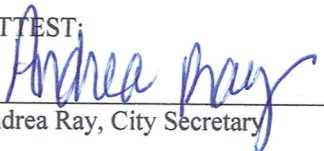
Fred Jones, Mayor Pro Tem
Linda Pruitt
Joel Lopez
Ricky Jorgensen, City Manager


Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones Thanked the Mayor John Dowell for Sponsoring the City of Giddings at La Grange Baptist District Association- Baptist Missionary & Education State Convention. Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones Thanked Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider and Parks and Cemetery Supt. Kenny Ray for the cleanup in the downtown parking area. Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones stated the Parks and Cemetery employees did an outstanding job.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dowell adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary


John Dowell, Mayor

