

GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL-REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 28, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 118 E RICHMOND, GIDDINGS, TEXAS

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dowell at 7:00 p.m. with the following present:

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

Staff Present: City Manager Ricky Jorgensen, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Captain Farah Ramsey
Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider, Municipal Court
Clerk Rachel Grube. Not Present: Police Chief Haril Walpole,

2. PLEDGES TO THE US AND TEXAS FLAGS- Pledges were said.

3. INVOCATION AND WELCOME- City Manager Ricky Jorgensen gave the invocation and
Mayor John Dowell welcomed all in attendance.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS- No Announcements.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS- No presentations or proclamations.

6. CITIZENS' COMMENTS No citizens' comments.

7. CONSENT AGENDA – All of the following items are considered to be self-explanatory by the City Council and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no discussion of these items unless a Council Member requests.

a. Consider approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held on September 23, 2019.

A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro for approval of Minutes for Meeting held on September 23, 2019.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and take possible action on the Resolution No. 443-2019 HVM BP Giddings, LLC this regards to the rental property of 28 units located at 550 North Montgomery (Windmill Apartments) in the City of Giddings.

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen stated these 28 units are deemed affordable housing under USDA's Section 515 program. The renovations will impact the quality of life for the residents. Some of the improvements will include new flooring, electrical, water heaters, light fixtures, upgraded HVAC systems, and smoke detectors, landscaping, roof repairs and sidewalk repairs. They are asking for this resolution to be added to the packet they are presenting to the USDA's section 515 committee. Public hearings were held and the maximum principal amount is \$1,425,000.

Mrs. Judy Tally and Ms. Carmen Markert from HVM BP were present at the meeting. Mrs. Tally stated the project will start April or March of 2020 to start renovations for the Windmill Apartments. The renovation will take place at the apartments on site. The last time there was a renovation was five years ago.

A motion was made by Pro-Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by Council Member Alan Casey for approval of the Resolution No. 443-2019 HVM BP Giddings, LLC regarding the rental property of 28 units located at 550 North Montgomery (Windmill Apartments) in the City of Giddings.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members Lopez, Casey, Horne, Pruitt, Castro

Nays: None

b. Discussion and take possible action on the recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the final Subdivision Application for the Buffalo Ridge Subdivision located on Middle School Road. (CR 114) Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider will present for the P&Z Commission.

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen stated the Planning and Zoning committee has approved this request. The project will be in three phases and in the end produce 43 housing units. Jennifer Duncan will be the builder. All of the requirements were met pertaining to our Subdivision Ordinance. These housing units are needed for the housing situation in Giddings.

Director Public Works Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to the Giddings City Council. Request from Jennifer Dunkin to approve the final Subdivision Application for the Buffalo Ridge Subdivision. All the items were addressed from the City of Giddings and the City Engineer has approved all items and would like to move forward with this Subdivision.

Jennifer Dunkin presented the information on the Buffalo Ridge Subdivision 40 ft. wide streets, 4ft. sidewalk, worked with CenterPoint on gas, Frontier for phone service. Jennifer stated the City of Giddings will provide utilities for the Subdivision with underground electric. Jennifer stated there will be a HOA for the homeowners. The mailboxes will be in the front where they drive in.

Director Public Works Spencer Schneider stated this is the first Subdivision since 1984. This project has been a learning experience for both parties involved. The City of Giddings is very excited to have a new Subdivision in the City for the growth. Deed restricts stay with HOA. Homes will start out \$200,000-\$300,000.00. 1800 ft. the minimum for the size.

A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt for approval of the recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the final Subdivision Application for the Buffalo Ridge Subdivision located on Middle School Road. (CR 114) Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider will present for the P&Z Commission.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members Lopez, Casey, Horne, Pruitt, Castro

Nays: None

c. Discussion and take possible action on the recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the Conditional Use Application for Nelson Parks. Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider will present for the P&Z Commission.

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen stated the Planning and Zoning Committee approved a Special use permit to Nelson Parks. The permit allows one new manufactured home on his homestead which is a five acre tract. Only one Mobile Home.

Director Public Works Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to the City Council.

Nelson Parks is requesting to put a mobile home on the five acres his has purchased. Mr. Parks was of the part of the LaGrange floods and purchased this five acres of land at 2000 Blk. Of N. Main St. The will be verbiage in the final plat for access to his property. Spencer stated there is a motion In the packet to be stated for the minutes.

A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by City Council Member Jake Horne of the approval to allow Nelson Parks to place a new manufactured home as his Homestead on a five acre tract he purchased with the condition which only allows there to be One manufactured home placed on that five acre tract.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members Lopez, Casey, Horne, Pruitt, Castro

Nays: None

d. Discussion and take possible action on the Lease Agreement between the City of Giddings, Texas and The Lee County Youth Center.

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen stated after negotiations with the City and Lee County Youth Center, a Ninety-Nine Lease was signed. Discussion only no action was taken with this agenda item.

e. Discussion and take possible action on the annual review for the Chapter 59 Audit from Attorney General for the City of Giddings Police Department.

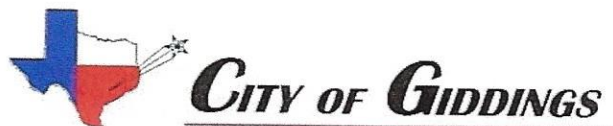
Captain Farah Ramsey presented this agenda item to City Council the Police Department has to perform this Chapter 59 Audit every year. Some of the categories include seized funds, forfeited funds, expenditures, travel, training, amount seized and transferred to the District Attorney and amount returned to the defendant. Some interesting items include amount seized and transferred to the District Attorney \$51,876, Amount forfeited to our Police Department \$34,199.75, and 30 vehicles seized. Some vehicle's we sale at auction, some we return to the defendant and some we hold until after the case is finished. Captain Farah Ramsey stated we use the money for purchases as long as the items were not in budget.

A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez to approve on the annual review for the Chapter 59 Audit from Attorney General for the City of Giddings Police Department.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members Lopez, Casey, Horne, Pruitt, Castro

Nays: None



- f. Discussion and take possible action regarding the request from Douglas Gene Wolf and Fred W. "Jim" Wolf to purchase City owned alleyway that adjoins 507 South Main St. and 124 West Bellville St., 152 West Bellville St. Giddings, Texas property referral as Block 179, Lot 1 thru 3 and Block 179, Lot 4,5,10 N30' of 9 and Part of 6 thru 9, OT Giddings. The written request to purchase the alleyway from the City of Giddings for One Thousand Dollars. (\$1000.00) The City of Giddings has received the survey plat and land appraisal report for the alleyway purchase. Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider will present this agenda item.**

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen stated the application and money has been paid for Douglas Wolf and Gene Wolf to acquire the alleyway at Block 179, Lot 1 thru 3 Again, we have received the Survey Plat and the appraisal for this property. This alley will be purchased for \$1000.00.

A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Jake Horne to approve the request from Douglas Gene Wolf and Fred W. "Jim" Wolf to purchase City owned alleyway that adjoins 507 South Main St. and 124 West Bellville St., 152 West Bellville St. Giddings, Texas property referral as Block 179, Lot 1 thru 3 and Block 179, Lot 4,5,10 N30' of 9 and Part of 6 thru 9, OT Giddings. The written request to purchase the alleyway from the City of Giddings for One Thousand Dollars. (\$1000.00) The City of Giddings has received the survey plat and land appraisal report for the alleyway purchase

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members Lopez, Casey, Horne, Pruitt, Castro

Nays: None

- g. Discussion and take possible action regarding the Paid-Up Oil and Gas Lease Agreement between the City of Giddings and Lessor A.C. Partners. 11.669 acres of land more or less of the City Giddings Golf Course. Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider will present this agenda item.**

Director Public Works Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to the City Council. Spencer received an email from lessor A.C. Partners on a lease for Oil and Gas for 11.669 acres at the City Golf Course. Spencer done his research on the lease, he called Randy Stewart the Lawyer here town that deals with oil and gas leases. Randy viewed the lease and made changes for the City of Giddings. The changes include we will still have our surface rights so no drilling can be done our equipment stored on our 11.669 acres. The Gerdes' keep all the oil royalties to the 68 acres out in the area. City of Giddings never has collected oil royalties from the 68 acres because the City never obtained the oil royalties. The company of Lessor A.C. Partners did all the leg work and came to the Spencer with an offer of to pay \$3500.70 (\$300.00 per net mineral acre) said Paid-Up Oil and Gas Lease dated October 10, 2019 for a term of THREE (3) YEAR (S), however, if an additional payment is rendered on or before October 10, 2022, this Lease may be extended for an additional term of TWO (2) YEAR(S).

A motion was made by Pro-Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by Council Member Alan Casey on approval the Paid-Up Oil and Gas Lease Agreement between the City of Giddings and Lessor A.C. Partners. 11.669 acres of land more or less of the City Giddings Golf Course.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members Lopez, Casey, Horne, Pruitt, Castro

Nays: None

h. Discussion and take possible action on approving the City of Giddings 2019 Holiday Schedule.

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen stated this the same Holiday Schedule as before no changes.

A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro on approving the City of Giddings 2019 Holiday Schedule.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members Lopez, Casey, Horne, Pruitt, Castro

Nays: None

i. Discussion and take possible action on approving the Resolution No. 444-2019 for individuals nominated to the Lee County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen stated we have six candidates on the ballot to serve on the Lee Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. The City of Giddings has 290 votes and the Council last meeting decided to split all votes between the six candidates. That would come out to 48.33 for each one. Mayor and Council can certainly change their mind if they so please.

A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by City Council Member Jake Horne to approve the Resolution No. 444-2019 for individuals nominated to the Lee County Appraisal District Board of Directors. All votes will be split between the six candidates of 48.33 for each one.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members Lopez, Casey, Horne, Pruitt, Castro

Nays: None

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

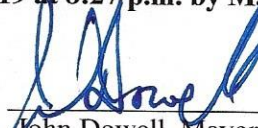
1. Giddings Police Department now has two new bullet-proof vests with a \$1000.00 Grant.
2. Extension on the Palsotoa contract.
3. Ricky and Spencer are working on the Villa Apartments Project for water.
4. Thursday is Halloween.
5. Chief and Ricky have discussed a purchase for Police Department on a console for dispatchers.
6. Ricky is working on the Step Forward grant with LCRA.
7. Veterans Park monument has been purchased.
8. All City departments are getting ready for winter.
9. City Secretary is working hard on her classes to be certified.
10. Wal-Mart gave \$500.00 for movie in the Park.

10. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at Monday, October 28, 2019 at 8:27 p.m. by Mayor John Dowell.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary




John Dowell, Mayor