

City Council

Regular Meeting

October 28, 2013

The following were present: Mayor Charlie Brown; Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones; Council Members Doug Gaeke, Alan Casey, Gene Parker, and Joel Lopez; City Attorney Michelle Weiser, and City Manager Ricky Jorgensen. Absent: City Secretary Jessica Graefe.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Brown called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 28, 2013, at the Giddings Municipal Building.

II. Pledges to the US and Texas Flags

III. Invocation & Welcome

Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones gave the invocation and Mayor Brown welcomed the visitors.

IV. Announcements

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen introduced Interim Police Chief Charles Wedemeyer.

Interim Chief Wedemeyer introduced new officer Pitts.

V. Citizen's Comments

Wesley Shepard (801 W. Boundary St.) – would like to discuss issues regarding property around his home.

Thomas Robinson (789 W Crockett) – to pave the street.

June Peterson (115 W. Austin St.) – owner of the downtown business “A Blast from the Past”- “To dispose of the depot complex, would be a threat to our business and a damper on future growth of the downtown area.”

Charles Crane “Chuck” (5411 E. Hwy 159, Fayetteville) – update on Sterling Theatre restoration and comments about entire depot complex.

Kelita Alberts (289 W. Railroad) President of Friends of the Depot – current status of the depot museum.

VI. Consent Agenda

Council Member Gene Parker moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones.

a) Minutes of the regular meeting held on September 23, 2013.

b) Forfeiture report from the Police Department, perform annual audit required by State Law.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

VII. New Business

a) Discussion with EDC President John Simmang regarding EDC's real property.

AYE: five

NAY: none

b) Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved to schedule the next council meeting for Monday, November 18th. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joel Lopez. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

c) Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved to approve Ordinance 689 amending the energy charge to add ½ cent per KWH. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gene Parker. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

City of Giddings, Texas

ORDINANCE NO.689

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS, PROVIDING THAT SECTION 13.02.032 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS, BE AMENDED, SETTING CHARGES IN ELECTRIC RATES OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS WHICH AMENDS THE LANGUAGE USED THEREIN CONCERNING THE ENGERY CHARGE.

d) Council Member Joel Lopez moved to approve the Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Divisions Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) grant agreement for 2013, and authorizing the City Manager to sign on behalf of the City, and designating Clifton Wachsmann as the City's authorized representative. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

e) Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones at the advice of city staff denied the sale of the alley located at LT 9 & 8 Blk 4 of the Sunrise Addition. The motion was seconded by Alan Casey. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four

NAY: one (Joel Lopez)

f) Council Member Alan Casey moved to approve Spencer Schneider as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the City. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

g) Council Member Gene Parker moved to approve Ordinance 688 repealing and replacing the sign ordinance with the proposed changed by the City Attorney Michelle Weiser. The motion was seconded by Council Member Alan Casey. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

City of Giddings, Texas
ORDINANCE NO. 688
Repealing and Replacement of
“Sign Ordinance”

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS, REPEALING CHAPTER 14 DIVISION 10 (14.02.491-14.02.497) OF THE GIDDINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING SIGNS; REPLACING WITH SECTIONS 14.02.491 THROUGH 14.02.497; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE, AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

h) Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved to approve Resolution 311-2013 authorizing the Mayor or designee to implement a Section 3 program for the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TXCDBG), which will provide job training, employment and contracting opportunities for Section 3 businesses of the area. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gene Parker. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

Resolution No. 311-2013

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE TO IMPLEMENT A SECTION 3 PROGRAM, WHICH TO THE GREATEST EXTENT FEASIBLE, WILL PROVIDE JOB TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT, AND CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SECTION 3 BUSINESSES OF THE AREA IN WHICH THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (TXCDBG) PROGRAM/PROJECT IS BEING CARRIED OUT.

i) Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved to award the Administration and/or Management Services of the infrastructure grant project provided by the Texas Department of Agriculture in support of Hickory Creek Sewer Lift Station to Traylor & Associate, Inc. and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joel Lopez. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

j) Council Member Joel Lopez moved to award the Engineering Services of the infrastructure grant project provided by the Texas Department of Agriculture in support of Hickory Creek Sewer Lift Station to O'Malley Engineering, L.L.P. and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gene Parker. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

k) Council Member Alan Casey moved to approve the City Manager to put together an interlocal agreement with GISD regarding the use of city utility poles to provide fiber optics from the elementary school to the high school campus. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joel Lopez. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

VIII. Adjournment

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jessica Graefe, City Secretary

Minutes approved