



GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL-REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 18, 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, Police Chief Haril Walpole, Municipal Court Clerk Rachel Grube. Not Present: Captain Farah Ramsey, Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider

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

3. INVOCATION AND WELCOME- City Council Member Lind Pruitt gave the invocation and Mayor John Dowell welcomed all in attendance.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS- No Announcements.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS- -Proclamation for the 100th Birthday for Saturnino Lara

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 October 28, 2019.

A motion was made by City Council Member Frank Castro and seconded by City Council Member Alan Casey for approval of Minutes for Meeting held on October 28, 2019.

8. PUBIC HEARING

a. Conduct a public hearing on the closeout of Texas Community Development Block Program Contract #7216132.

Mayor John Dowell open the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.



City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this agenda item to City Council. This CDBG grant pertains to the CEFCO project that started October of 2016 and ended October of 2019. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to discuss the performance of the project and actual use of the grant money, plus closing out the grant. The City had to do a low to mod survey of the residents of Town and Country Trailer Park. We utilized the Spanish Baptist Church or (Primera Iglesia) to help us with the bilingual population. Thanks to Pastor Carlos Chavez. The total Texas CDBG budget was \$375,000 dollars. At this CEFCO did not meet the requirement for the grant for the amount of employees to work. Therefore CEFCO is required to pay back some of the funds. This does not reflect on the City of Giddings with the requirement not being met. No action was taken on this agenda item.

Mayor John Dowell closed the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discuss and take possible action to improve visibility at the two intersections, Chief of Giddings Police respectfully request the City to post no parking signs at Railroad and US Hwy 77, SB side of N. Grimes, and the need to clearly mark parking spaces in front of fire hydrant on N. Grimes, South of Railroad.

Police Chief Haril Walpole presented this agenda item to the City Council. The purpose is to improve the visibility at the intersections of Railroad and US Hwy 77 to 30 feet and South Bound side of N. Grimes to 100 feet and the need to mark parking spaces in front of the fire hydrant for no parking. The employees at The Nitsche Group have been using the spaces to park. Chief Haril Walpole spoke to the Manager of the business for the need to improve these intersections for visibility.

A motion was made by Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by Council Member Linda Pruitt for the approval to improve visibility at the two intersections, Chief of Giddings Police respectfully request the City Council to post no parking signs at Railroad and US Hwy 77 for 30 feet on US Hwy 77, South Bound side of N. Grimes for 100 feet and the need to clearly mark parking spaces in front of fire hydrant on N. Grimes, South of Railroad.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

10. RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor John Dowell opened the Executive Session at 7:24 p.m.

- a. Pursuant to Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, Personnel Matters, to wit: annual evaluation of City Manager- Ricky Jorgensen.

11. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

Mayor John Dowell closed the Executive Session at 7:50 p.m.

- a. Discussion and possible action on the City Manager's annual evaluation.

No Action was taken on this agenda item.

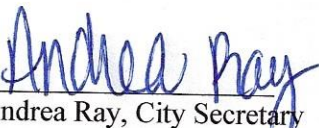
12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

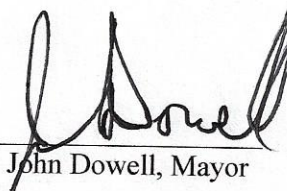
1. Parade in Smithville for the Jamboree April 2020.
2. Sales Tax up.
3. Rental increase of \$5.00 on Golf Carts has brought in \$10,000.00
4. April 3, 2020 LCRA Step Forward Program.
5. Census Packet for December 6, 2020.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at Monday, November 18, 2019 at 8:27 p.m. by Mayor John Dowell.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary


John Dowell, Mayor

