

Regular Meeting – Giddings City Council

November 9th, 2015

Present: Mayor John Dowell; Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones; Council Members Alan Casey, Doug Gaeke, Joel Lopez, and Linda Pruitt; and City Manager Ricky Jorgensen.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Dowell called the meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00pm on Monday, November 9th, 2015, at the Giddings Municipal Building.

II. Pledges to the U.S. and Texas Flags

Pledges were said.

III. Invocation and Welcome

Council Member Alan Casey gave the invocation and Mayor Dowell welcomed all in attendance.

IV. Announcements

Denice Harlan announced that the Chamber of Commerce has partnered with American Express to promote local businesses with the “Shop Small” movement.

V. Citizens’ Comments

Kristen Starnes requested that the ordinance regarding curbing, shrubs, and other living plants be amended to allow the same in the Woodland Parks section.

VI. Consent Agenda

a) Minutes of Regular Meeting held October 26th, 2015.

Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 26th, 2015. Council Member Joel Lopez seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

VII. New Business

a) Discuss the City of Giddings 2014 – 2015 budget amendments to adjust the original 2014 – 2015 budget to actual expenses and take action on same.

Council Member Alan Casey motioned to approve budget amendments to the 2014 – 2015 budget. Council Member Doug Gaeke seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

b) Discuss amending the contract between B&M Ambulance, Inc., and the City to change the location of base of operation of B&M Ambulance, Inc. A change in location from 1081 North Orange to 1212 North Orange and take action on same.

Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones motioned to approve the amendment to the contract changing the location of the base of operation of B&M Ambulance from 1081 North Orange to 1212 North Orange. Council Member Joel Lopez seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

c) Discuss Section 6.03 of the Tax Code pertaining to nomination of member or members to the Lee County Appraisal District. This will be performed by resolution, take action on same.

Council Member Joel Lopez motioned to approve the school's nomination form, which assigns 294 votes to Jason Locke. Council Member Linda Pruitt seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

d) Discuss the transparency and reporting method of the recipients of the Hotel Occupancy Tax money (HOT) and take action on same.

Council Member Linda Pruitt motioned to approve the City Manager to research quarterly reporting practices and return a draft to Council for approval. Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

VIII. Executive Session

Council recessed into executive session at 7:27pm as authorized by Section 551.074, Government Code, regarding personnel matters, to-wit: annual evaluation of City Manager.

IX. Reconvene

Council reconvened at 8:31pm. No action was taken in executive session.

X. City Manager's Report and Announcements

- 1) Auditors are scheduled to be on-site on November 23rd & 24th.
- 2) Approximately 45 applications have been received for the position of City Secretary. An interview board is being assembled.

XI. Adjournment

Mayor John Dowell adjourned the meeting at 8:35pm.

Minutes submitted by: Megan Siegmund, Director of HR