

GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL-REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY DECEMBER 14, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 118 E RICHMOND, GIDDINGS, TEXAS

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Dowell at 7:02 p.m. with the following present:

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

Staff Present: City Manager Ricky Jorgensen, City Secretary Andrea Ray, 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 and Proclamations.

6. CITIZENS' COMMENTS-No Citizens' Comments.

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

a. Consider approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held on, November 16, 2020.

A motion was made by City Council Member Alan and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez for approval of the consent agenda for the Minutes for the Meeting held on November 16, 2020.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

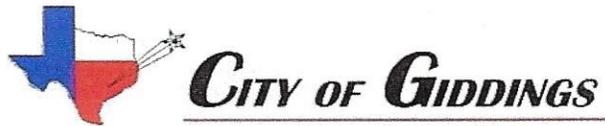
Nays: None

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discuss and receive presentations pertaining to Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report by City of Giddings Police Department.

Police Chief Haril Walpole presented this agenda item to City Council. The Attorney General Ken Paxton Requires all Police Departments to send this report in. The report covers all seized funds, forfeited funds and court awards and other property. The expenditure item is looked over for salaries, overtime and equipment that maybe purchased for the Police Department. The supplies are under expenditure as we as trave and training.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS AGNEDA ITEM.



b. Discuss and take possible action on a housing study the Giddings Economic Development Corporation is wanting to add to their overall project.

Mayor John Dowell and Alan Casey presented this agenda item to City Council. The Giddings Economic Development recommends a company Bowen National Research for a proposal for the firm to conduct a Housing Needs Assessment of The City of Giddings, Texas. The final scope of work and budget have yet to be determined, Bowen has provided us with a proposed scope of work for a Reduced Scope Housing Needs Assessment, then provide options of additional work elements the City may want to consider implementing.

After discussion with the Mayor and City Council number seven (7) will be consider to purchase from Bowen National Research for a fee of three-thousands (\$3000.00) to be performed in The City of Giddings.

Residential Blight- Through a combination of our own on-site inspection of are properties and information we may collect from local government sources. We will build an inventory of blighted residential units in the market. We will describe the level of blight and map the location of the blight to determine if there are areas of concentration. We will provide recommendations on areas to focus on and possible remedies to addressing residential blight.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jake Horne and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve on a housing study for a fee of three-thousands (\$3000.00) the Giddings Economic Development Corporation is wanting to add to their overall project.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: Castro

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Pursuant to section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code, Deliberation regarding Economic Development negotiation. Project Discount Retailer

Mayor Dowell closed the Regular Session at 7:56p.m. to convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code Section 551.087 – Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.

10. RECONVIENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Dowell adjourned the Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Session, stating that no final actions, decisions, or votes were had during the Executive Session.

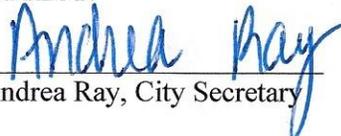
11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

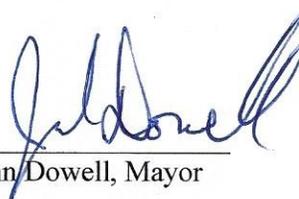
- 1.) Jackie Arteaga has moved from the library to City Municipal Clerk and up-front utility clerk from both positions to be part time, with full time hours.
- 2.) Charlie Burttschell moved to the South Sewer Plant.
- 3.) New three-part timers at the Library, Edith Leavengood, Debra Pahlow, Tessa Ramos.
- 4.) New Police Cadet Crenshaw.
- 5.) Kenny Ray received a grant from Wal-Mart for \$500.00 for the Parks.
- 6.) Chamber Parade was a hit.
- 7.) Christmas Wreaths Program City Cemetery 11 a.m. 12-19-2020
- 8.) P&Z Broad Meeting 12-29-2020 6 p.m. /Board of Adjustments 1-12-2020 12 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at Monday, December 14, 2020 at 8:21 p.m. by Mayor John Dowell.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary


John Dowell, Mayor

