

City Council

Regular Meeting

December 8, 2014

The following were present: Mayor John Dowell; Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones; Council Members Alan Casey, Linda Pruitt, and Doug Gaeke; City Attorney Charlie Crossfield, City Manager Ricky Jorgensen, and City Secretary Jessica Graefe. Absent: Council Member Joel Lopez (excused).

I. Call to Order

Mayor Dowell called to order the meeting of the City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 8, 2014, at the Giddings Municipal Building.

II. Pledges to the US and Texas Flags

Pledges were said.

III. Invocation & Welcome

Council member Alan Casey gave the invocation and Mayor Dowell welcomed the visitors.

IV. Citizen's Comments

No comments.

V. Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Linda Pruitt.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four

NAY: none

a) Minutes of Regular Meeting held November 10, 2014.

VI. New Business

- a) Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved to approve the 2015 Holiday schedule as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Alan Casey.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four

NAY: none

New Year's Day	Thursday, January 1
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday, January 19
President's Day	Monday, February 16
Good Friday	Friday, April 3
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25
Independence Day	Friday, July 3
Labor Day	Monday, September 7
Veteran's Day	Wednesday, November 11
Thanksgiving 2-days	Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27
Christmas 2-days	Thursday, December 24 & Friday, December 25

- b) Denice Harlan, Chamber of Commerce Director presented the quarterly report regarding use of Hotel/Motel Tax Revenue funds. (No action needed)
- c) Council Member Alan Casey moved to approve the current city attorney law firm (Sheets & Crossfield, PC) to also represent GEDC effective January 1, 2015. The motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four

NAY: none

- d) Council Member Alan Casey moved to accept James Parkers resignation from the GEDC board. The motion seconded by Council Member Doug Gaeke.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four

NAY: none

- e) Mayor Dowell opened the discussion for nominations to the GEDC board vacancy.

Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones expressed his interest. The motion was seconded by Council Member Alan Casey.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four

NAY: none

- f) The need for a lift station with 2 or 3 pumps was discussed along with the cost for the GEDC project. (no action was taken)

- g & h) Mayor John Dowell called Council, City Manager, EDC Board President John Simmang, EDC Director Tonya Britton, and City Attorney into Executive Session at 7:39 p.m., regarding GEDC request to purchase real property, in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Section 551.072 and Economic Development negotiations, in accordance with the Texas Government

Mayor Dowell reconvened the open session at 8:45 p.m., and stated that no action was taken.

- i & j) No action is taken.

VII. Adjournment

Mayor Dowell adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jessica Graefe, City Secretary