

City Council

Public Hearing & Regular Meeting

February 10, 2014

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, City Secretary Jessica Graefe, and City Manager Ricky Jorgensen.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Charlie Brown called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 10, 2014, 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. Citizen's Comments

No comments.

V. 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 January 27th and February 4th Workshop.

b) General Utility Easement and right of way for 0.22 acres, a part of the Sam H. Reed Survey, Abstract 267 and the WM. H. Moore Survey, Abstract 208 (30' wide) (*filed at county clerks vol.1129 pg. 001&005*)

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

VI. Public Hearing

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m., regarding the purchase of one ladder truck/Quint with specifications and proposal estimated at \$650,000.00 for the Giddings Volunteer Fire Department.

Fire Chief Jimmy Mitschke gave a presentation to the audience and council regarding the ISO process and this truck is needed to bring the city from a 5 to a 3.

The following spoke or provided a letter of support for the purchase of the ladder truck (36 in attendance):

Russell Jurk (2174 CR 130 Ledbetter) - spoke

Bob Nicks – spoke and provided a letter

Chirs Birnbaum – provided a letter

Pam Machac (Insurance Network of Texas) – provided a letter

Lou Allen Spurger (Lee County) - provided a letter

There being no further comments, Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m.

VII. New Business

a) Mayor Charlie Brown called the Council, City Manager, City Attorney, and EDC board members (John Simmang, James Parker, and Trae Urban) into Executive Session at 7:26 p.m., regarding Giddings Economic Development Corporation Negotiations (Project National Brown Company), in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Section 551.087.

Mayor Brown reconvened the open session at 7:52 p.m., and stated that no action was taken.

b) Council Member Gene Parker moved to approve GEDC proposal of \$275,000.00 The motion was seconded by Council Member Alan Casey.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

c) City Manager and Finance Director answered questions.

Council Member Alan Casey moved to approve the purchase of the ladder truck/Quint. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gene Parker.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: two (Alan Casey and Gene Parker)

NAY: three (Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones, Doug Gaeke, and Joel Lopez)

d) Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved to approve the election contract with the Elections Administrator of Lee County and authorize the City Manager to sign. The motion was seconded by Council Member Doug Gaeke.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

VIII. Unfinished Business

a) Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved to approve the Order of Election for May 10th General Election of City Officials and GISD trustees (Ordinance 693). The motion was seconded by Council Member Joel Lopez.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

b) Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved to approve Ordinance 694 amending article 13.06 entitled "Solid Waste" with correction. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gene Parker.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

CITY OF GIDDINGS ORDINANCE 694

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS, AMENDING ARTICLE 13.06 ENTITLED "SOLID WASTE", PROVIDING REGULATIONS FOR USE OF THE SANITARY TRANSFER STATION, PROVIDING STATION CHARGES WITH DIFFERENT RATES FOR RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION, PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, OPEN MEETINGS, SAVINGS, AND EFFECTIVE DATE CLAUSES; AND PROIBIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.

IX. Adjournment

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jessica Graefe, City Secretary

Minutes approved by: _____