

City Council

Regular Meeting

March 23, 2015

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

I. Call to Order

Mayor Dowell called to order the meeting of the City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2015, at the Giddings Municipal Building.

II. Pledges to the US and Texas Flags

Pledges were said.

III. Invocation & Welcome

Mayor Dowell gave the invocation and welcomed the visitors.

IV. Citizen's Comments

No comments.

V. Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved to approve the consent agenda with the correction (adjourn at 7:26p.m., not 8:26p.m.). The motion was seconded by Council Member Joel Lopez.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

a) Minutes of Regular Meeting held February 23, 2015.

VI. New Business

a) Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved to approve the Ordinance #717 authorizing the issuance of City of Giddings, Texas general obligation refunding bonds; levying an Ad Valorem tax in support of the bonds; establishing procedures for selling and delivery of one or more series of the bonds; and authorizing other matter relating to the bonds. The motion was seconded by Council Member Alan Casey.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

b) Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved approve the annual audit for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 from Brooks Cardial PLLC. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joel Lopez.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

Mayor Dowell moved up agenda item (i) to Discuss Ordinance 695 “Seismic or Geophysical Exploration”. Robbie Hamilton and Johnie May with SEITEL DATA LTD., (office location: 721 E. Austin St., Giddings, TX. Business phone: 542-2120) attended the meeting to present the following information to council:

1. Location to Take Place: inside city limits
2. List Method(s): vibroesis a receiver method using mini vibes only (size of truck to be used 13,000 lb. (mini vibe.)

i) Council Member Alan Casey moved to approve SEITEL DATA LTD for a seismic permit waiving the following requirements as set out in Ordinance 695:

1. Page 2 of Ordinance 695 – to notify owner, resident and/or business located within two hundred fifty (250) feet. **must place notice/AD in paper to notify citizens**
2. Page 4 – TESTING – pre & post- test inspections
3. Page 4 – TESTING - notify citizens or pre & post-testing
4. Page 5 – BOND, INSURANCE, AND INDEMNITY – provide ONLY insurance naming the city as an “Additional Insure”.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Linda Pruitt.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

(Original permit #15-1000 and application filed with City Secretary)

Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones exited the meeting at this time being 8:09 p.m.

c) Council Member Joel Lopez moved to approve the Certification from the City Secretary certifying candidates in the General Election of May 9, 2015 are unopposed. The motion was seconded by Linda Pruitt.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four

NAY: none

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Office Sought</u>
Fred Jones	Council Member
Alan Casey	Council Member
Doug Gaeke	Council Member

d) Council Member Linda Pruitt moved to approve Ordinance 714 canceling the General Election of May 9, 2015 and declaring the unopposed candidates as elected. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joel Lopez.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four

NAY: none

ORDINANCE NO. 714

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS, DECLARING THE UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICES OF THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS AS ELECTED; PROVIDING THAT THE MAY 9, 2015, GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION SHALL NOT BE HELD; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; FUNDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THE ORDINANCE WAS PASSED WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

e) Council Member Joel Lopez moved to approve Ordinance 715 amending Chapter 8 making it unlawful for certain sex offenders to reside within 1,000 feet of places where children gather. The motion was seconded by Council Member Linda Pruitt.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four

NAY: none

f) Council Member Alan Casey moved to approve Ordinance 716 amending section 14.02.177 "Noise" to include definitions. The motion was seconded by Council Member Linda Pruitt.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four

NAY: none

g) Council Member Linda Pruitt moved to accept GEDC budget amendment for FY 2014-2015. The motion was seconded by Council Member Alan Casey.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four

NAY: none

h) Council Member Joel Lopez moved to accept the amendments to GEDC By-Laws (removing Michelle Weiser as attorney and replacing with Charlie Crossfield at Sheets and Crossfield, P.C. 309 E. Main Street, Round Rock, TX 78664). The motion was seconded by Council Member Linda Pruitt.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four

NAY: none

j) Council Member Joel Lopez moved to adopt Ordinance 718 for annexation of county land located in property owned by GEDC and located in the Giddings 290 Business park, approximately 105 acres of land. The motion was seconded by Council Member Alan Casey.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four

NAY: none

k) GEDC Director Tonya Britton gave an update on Giddings 290 Business Park. No action was taken.

1) No action was taken regarding an Interlocal Agreement between Lee County and the City.

VII. Adjournment

Mayor Dowell adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jessica Graefe, City Secretary