



GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL-REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 23, 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 7:00 p.m. with the following present:

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

Staff Present: City Manager Ricky Jorgensen, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Police Chief Haril Walpole, Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider.

2. PLEDGES TO THE US AND TEXAS FLAGS- Pledges were said.

3. INVOCATION AND WELCOME- Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez 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- Mrs. Bobby K. Knight spoke to City Council on concerns with traffic and animal problems within her neighborhood.

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

a. Consider approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held on March 09, 2020.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez and seconded City Council Member Jake Horne for approval of Minutes for Meeting held on March 09, 2020.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and take possible action on renewing the City of Giddings Local Disaster Declaration Proclamation posed by the imminent threat of COVID-19.

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen stated the local disaster declaration expires seven days after its issuance, unless the City Council consents to renew or continue. There are four orders inside the Declaration. A violation of the order may be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, whichever is greater.



The City of Giddings Local Disaster Declaration Proclamation posed by the imminent threat of COVID-19. Was signed and dated the March 20, 2020 by the Mayor of John Dowell to be put into place from The Governor Greg Abbott of the State of Texas.

A motion was made by Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Lind Pruitt on renewing the City of Giddings Local Disaster Declaration Proclamation posed by the imminent threat of COVID-19 signed and dated March 20, 2020.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

b. Discussion and take possible action on the COVID-19 Emergency effect on City Employees and City Operations.

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen stated the COVID 19- Response Implementation Plan and the action The City of Giddings has ordered the following City Facility Closures.

1. Giddings City Parks: Are closed for any social gatherings until further notice.
2. Giddings Golf Course: will remain open no sale of alcohol or snacks. Scrambles are cancelled. The hall rental will be closed until further notice.
3. Giddings City Hall: Front doors will be locked until further notice. A sign will be posted and public will be admitted by appointment only. Staff will monitor telephones during business hours and take payments at the drive-thru window as well by phone.
4. Giddings City Library: Will be closed until further notice. A sign will be posted on the front door. Staff will monitor telephones.
5. Giddings Police Department: Front door locked until further notice. A sign will be posted and staff will monitor telephones.

Mayor John Dowell stated under this agenda item, is there anything Giddings City Council would like to ask the Giddings Economic Development Corporation to support our community and local business's in this time of need.

City Council Member Alan Casey stated that he spoke with Giddings Economic Development Director Tonya Britton and the GEDC has set-back funds of \$200,000.00 not tied to debt.

The GEDC have been asked to assist in need of funds with purchases. Small business will need help as well. Alan stated Tonya Britton had spoken to the City Attorney and since we are a small community the requests for this program do qualify, as our town is 5000 in population. The Giddings City Council may develop a resolution in order to provide additional legal coverage.

A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by Linda Pruitt to approve an order of Directive to the Giddings Economic Development Corporation for a plan of process and bring a resolution back to City Council next meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

c. Discussion and take possible action on the City Wide Clean Up April 25, 2020.

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen stated the staff would like Mayor and City Council thoughts on this event for the City Wide Clean Up for April 25, 2020.

Mayor John Dowell discussed this issue and stated that it would best to postponed for the health concerns for employees and the public.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by City Council Member Jake Horne for approval to postpone the City Wide Clean Up April 25, 2020.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

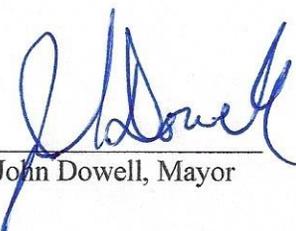
- 1. New Library Director Jessi Akins**
- 2. Sales Tax Down 7.42%**
- 3. Swear in officer Thursday Monte Kocurek**
- 4. Nellie Police Dog passed away. 10 years of service with the City of Giddings.**

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at Monday, March 23 2020 at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor John Dowell.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary


John Dowell, Mayor

