

GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL-EMEGRENCY MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY MARCH 27, 2020 AT 4:00 P.M
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 118 E RICHMOND, GIDDINGS, TEXAS

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Dowell at 4:04p.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, Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider.

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

3. INVOCATION AND WELCOME- City Council Member Alan Casey gave the invocation and Mayor John Dowell welcomed all in attendance.

4. 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, March 23, 2020.

Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez asked there be a correction on page two second paragraph should be at the end of Linda Pruitt's name to the Regular Meeting Minutes March 23, 2020.

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

Motion carried by the following vote:

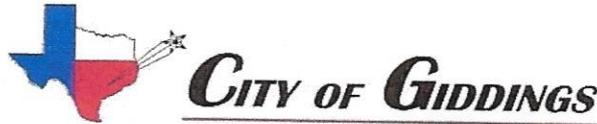
Ayes: City Council Members Casey, Castro, Horne, Pruitt, Lopez

Nays: None

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and take possible action on Ordinance No. 844 Ordering the General Election Scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2020, for Mayor and two City Council Members, to be postponed and rescheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2020 Providing for the conduct of the election; and to providing for related matters.

Mayor John Dowell stated if everything was to stay to like it is now but, if the Lee County was to get Case of COVID 19, then maybe will go under a Shelter in Place. We would have problems with General Election, if we did not postpone the General Election to November 3, 2020. The Giddings City Council needs to make a decision today March 27, 2020.



A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez to approve Ordinance No. 844 Ordering the General Election Scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2020, for Mayor and two City Council Members, to be postponed and rescheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2020 Providing for the conduct of the election; and to providing for related matters.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

b. Discussion and take possible action on Resolution No. 452-2020 approving a Giddings Economic Development Program Expenditure to ZochNet for a grant of \$50,000.00 expansion of broadband internet services. This is the final reading of two readings.

City Council Member Alan Casey spoke to City Council on this agenda item. The GEDC expenditure for ZochNet will help to put fiber optics in place for the City of Giddings citizens as whole to use the services. This will expand to the City Parks for the use of WIFI. This money will help to buy products and help with staff costs.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS AGENDA ITEM

c. Discussion and take possible action on Resolution No. 453-2020 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Giddings, Texas, requesting Governor Greg Abbott to temporarily waive and/or suspend certain rules that limit Economic Development Corporations ("EDC"), created under the authority of Chapter 501 of the Local Government Code ("Code"), from utilizing EDC tax revenue for financial disaster relief to support local businesses impacted by the novel coronavirus, and to include retention grants direct to businesses as an approved use of funds.

Mayor John Dowell stated we received legal counsel we can us Giddings Economic Development extra funds to help our local business's. This Resolution is to waive or suspend certain rules that Economic Development Corporations around Texas may help their City's in need at this time of COVID-19. Letters with Resolution to the Governor Greg Abbott to help with this matter.

A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by Jake Horne to approve the Resolution No. 453-2020 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Giddings, Texas, requesting Governor Greg Abbott to temporarily waive and/or suspend certain rules that limit Economic Development Corporations ("EDC"), created under the authority of Chapter 501 of the Local Government Code ("Code"), from utilizing EDC tax revenue for financial disaster relief to support local businesses impacted by the novel coronavirus, and to include retention grants direct to businesses as an approved use of funds.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. City of Giddings is running smoothly and being proactive.

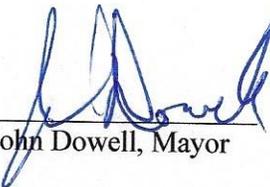
Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider spoke to City Council that William Huebner sent a letter to Palsoto for lift station project. They will not get paid until the county road 226 is fixed and paid by Palsoto For amount of \$4600.00 this is a bill the City of Giddings has sent them on the repairs on county road 226 at this time. Bluebonnet Electric and Palsoto have been working with the electric and trying to get the project done.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at Friday, March 27, 2020 at 4:50 p.m. by Mayor John Dowell

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary


John Dowell, Mayor



<http://www.co.lee.tx.us/upload/page/5434/CISAGuidanceontheEssentialCriticalInfrastructureWorkforce.pdf>