

City Council

Regular Meeting

April 13, 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 Manager Ricky Jorgensen, and City Secretary Jessica Graefe. Not present: City Attorney Charles Crossfield

I. Call to Order

Mayor Dowell called to order the meeting of the City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2015, at the Giddings Municipal Building.

II. Pledges to the US and Texas Flags

Pledges were said.

III. Invocation & Welcome

Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones 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: five

NAY: none

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

b) Resolution 323-2015 to ~~deny~~ **suspend** Centerpoint Energy Gas "GRIP" rate increase in the South Texas Division.

VI. New Business

a) Rashay K. Chapa with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP Attorney at Law presented and answered questions regarding tax suit and tax sale process. Not an action item.

b) Ordinance 718 was tabled. Council would like to have additional wording to include privacy law for those purchasing or selling items electronically.

c) Council Member Alan Casey moved to approve Ordinance 719 to raise the water rates for commercial and residential. (\$0.30 per 1000/gal.)

Motion failed due to lack of a second.

d) Council Member Linda Pruitt moved to approve the Police Department to purchase 1 radar unit and the video server for the amount of \$4,460.40. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joel Lopez.

Ordinance 720 amending the 2014-2015 budget was not needed since the Police Department has recently completed its property room inventory/purge, resulting in \$4,460.40 of unexpected funds being deposited to the City's General Fund.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

e) Council will be reviewing city boards in May and taking action on any board appointments in June. No action was needed.

VII. City Manager's report, and announcements

a) May Election –Early Voting: Monday, April 27th & 28th from 7am to 7pm
Wednesday, 29 – Tuesday, May 5 from 8am to 4:45pm
Election Day: Saturday, May 9th from 7am to 7pm
Canvassing Period – May 12 through 20

b) Council Meeting schedules (dates may change) – Monday, April 27th at the Giddings Public Library for 7pm.
Monday, May 11th – cancelled
Canvassing meeting to be decided at a later time.

VIII. Adjournment

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

Minutes submitted by: Jessica Graefe, City Secretary