



Giddings City Council – Regular Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2019, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dowell at 7:00 p.m. with the following present:

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

Staff Present: City Manager Ricky Jorgensen, City Secretary Andrea Ray,
Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider, Finance Director Clifton Wachsmann
Municipal Court Clerk Rachel Grube, Chief Haril Walpole, Captain Farah Ramsey.

2. PLEDGES TO THE US AND TEXAS FLAGS

Pledges were said.

3. INVOCATION AND WELCOME

Council Member Alan Casey gave the invocation and Mayor John Dowell welcomed all in attendance.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Early Voting has started April 22-30, 2019.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation for the Economic Development Week May 6-11, 2019.

6. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No citizen's comments.

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 so requests.

a. Consider approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held on April 8, 2019.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by Council Member Frank Castro approval of Minutes for Meeting held on April 8, 2019.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Lopez, Pruitt, Castro, Casey

Nays: None



8. PUBLIC HEARING

Final and second Public Hearing

Mayor Dowell opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.

- a. The City of Giddings, Texas proposes to institute annexation proceedings to enlarge and extend the boundary limits of said city to include the following described territory, to-wit:

0.495-acre tract lying outside the city limits of the City of Giddings, being that portion of said 11.031 tract of the W.H Moore Survey, abstract 208 Lee County, Texas.
(Middle School Road) (CR114)

A public hearing will be held by and before the City Council of the City of Giddings, Texas on the 22th day of April, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. o'clock at the City of Giddings Public Library Meeting Room Giddings, Texas, for all persons interested in the above proposed annexation. At said time and place all such persons shall have the right to appear and be heard. Of all said matters and things, all persons interested in the things and matters herein mentioned, will take notice.

By order of the City Council of the City of Giddings, Texas this on the 22th day of April 2019.

Mayor Dowell closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Final and second Action.

- a. Discussion and take possible action regarding the voluntary annexation of a 0.495-acre tract lying outside the City limits of the City of Giddings, being that portion of said 11.031 tract of the W.H. Moore Survey, abstract 208, Lee County, Texas (Middle School Road) (CR 114).

Public Works Director Spencer Schneider stated all voluntary annexation producers are going well at this time. Jennifer Dunkin would not be here at the meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by Council Member Alan Casey approval of voluntary annexation of a 0.495-acre tract lying outside the City limits of the City of Giddings, being that portion of said 11.031 tract of the W.H. Moore Survey, abstract 208, Lee County, Texas. (Middle School Road) (CR 114).

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Lopez, Pruitt, Castro, Casey

Nays: None



- b. Discussion and take possible action on regarding for Ordinance No. 840 by the Giddings City Council approving an voluntary Annexing Territory 0.495-acre tract lying outside the City limits of the City of Giddings, being that portion of said 11.031 tract of the W.H. Moore Survey, abstract 208, Lee County, Texas. (Middle School Road) (CR 114).

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by Council Member Alan Casey approval Ordinance No. 840 by the Giddings City Council approving a voluntary Annexing Territory 0.495-acre tract lying outside the City limits of the City of Giddings, being that portion of said 11.031 tract of the W.H. Moore Survey, abstract 208, Lee County, Texas (Middle School Road) (CR 114).

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Lopez, Pruitt, Castro, Casey

Nays: None

- c. Discussion and take possible action regarding the City of Giddings 2017-2018 Audit, presentation by Jon Watson, CPA Brooks Watson & Co., PLLC.

Jon Watson presented the City of Giddings 2017-2018 Audit performed by Brooks Watson & Co., PLLC. Jon stated the overview of the audit process. The City of Giddings received and unmodified opinion which is the highest level of assurance. The City of Giddings had an overall increase in net position for the year. The City of Giddings Revenues are highest from property taxes. The City of Giddings expenditures was public safety was the highest.

A motion was made by Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by Council Member Linda Pruitt approval of the City of Giddings 2017-2018 Audit, Presentation by Jon Watson, CPA Brooks Watson & Co., PLLC.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Lopez, Pruitt, Castro, Casey

Nays: None

- d. Discussion and take possible action regarding the presentation from Chief Haril Walpole to the City of Giddings Council regarding recruiting for a cadet to send to the next academy class.

Chief Haril Walpole presented a request regarding recruitment for a cadet to send to the next academy class. The Chief has two officers that maybe leaving soon. Sending a cadet takes one year of training. The Chief would like to send a cadet to the academy with approval of. The City of Giddings Council. Academy starts August 5th. The cadet will have four months of class training. Four months of training with The City of Giddings Police Department, will follow after graduation. The Chief is looking for a local person. The academy at this time, will be half price a cadets' tuition.

A motion was made by Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by Council Member Frank Castro Approval of the presentation from Chief Haril Walpole to the City of Giddings Council regarding recruiting a cadet to send to the next academy class.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Lopez, Pruitt, Castro, Casey

Nays: None



- e. Discussion and take possible action replacing the administrative assistant at the Giddings Police Department position with an administrative sergeant. This position often requires someone who has supervisor authority. Not having that has caused numerous problems. In addition, having another sergeant will also serve as a relief position. Currently, if a sergeant wants to take off, we have to pay overtime to cover the shift. Having a relief sergeant will save in overtime and prevent the Captain Ramsey from covering patrol shifts. The cost of the realignment is minimal, due to the chain of events.

That will occur.

- a. Replace administrative assist with a current sergeant.
- b. Promoting a current officer to a sergeant to replace the d repositioned sergeant.
- c. Hire a new officer to replace the promoted officer.

As a result, we are hiring one officer and replacing the administrative assistant. The difference in starting officer pay and the current administrative pay is minimal.

Chief Haril Walpole presented replacing Melissa Ray Administrative Assistants' position with an administrative sergeant. This position often requires someone who will have supervisor authority. A current sergeant will be promoted to administrative sergeant which Chief would like to open up all to employees. This sergeant could fill shifts for other employees who may be out. The hiring of a new patrol officer will replace the promoted officer to sergeant.

A motion was made by Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by Council Member Alan Casey approval replacing the administrative assistant position with an administrative sergeant. This position often requires someone who has supervisor authority.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Council Members Lopez, Pruitt, Castro, Casey
Nays: None

- f. Discussion and take possible action on approval for Resolution No. 433-2019 by the Giddings City Council approving an Economic Development Program Expenditure to Lopez Auto Clinic, LLC for a \$15,000.00 grant for renovations and restructuring at 176 S Navarro St., Giddings, Texas 78942. At this time Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez will recuse himself at the time of voting.

First Reading on Resolution No. 433-2019.

No action First Reading on Resolution No. 433-2019.

- g. Discussion and take possible action on approval for Resolution No. 434-2019 by the Giddings City Council approving an Economic Development Program Expenditure to Milligan Plumbing LLC for a \$15,000.00 grant for relocation and building renovations at 488 S. Waco St., Giddings, Texas 78942.

First Reading on Resolution No. 434-2019.

No action First Reading on Resolution No. 434-2019.



- h. Discussion and take possible action on approval for Resolution No. 435-2019 by the Giddings City Council approving supporting the City of Giddings submission of an EDA-Hurricane Harvey disaster recovery grant application authorizing the City Mayor to execute all necessary documentation and establishing an effective date.

Ricky Jorgensen presented the Resolution No. 435-2019. This grant is pertaining to the loop water system for Highway 290 and a Broadband Expansion down hwy. 290. The available grant monies is \$ 2 million dollars per project. Both of our projects serve as one. The City is utilizing grant writer Rachel Steel from CAPCOG. There will be a 20 percent match which the EDC and the City of Giddings will share reasonability. This project has already been engineered with an approximate cost of \$1,418,823. This does not include the fiber optic portion of the project which is approximately \$30,000. The total project will cost \$1,448,823.

A motion was made by Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by Council Member Frank Castro approval for Resolution No. 435-2019 the Giddings City Council approving supporting the City of Giddings submission of and EDA-Hurricane Harvey disaster recovery grant application authorizing the City Mayor to execute all necessary documentation and establishing an effective date for the projects.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Lopez, Pruitt, Castro, Casey

Nays: None

- i. Discussion and take possible action regarding the request to purchase a City owned Public Street (Never been opened for public use) known as 900 Block N. Travis Street, off of FM 2440. 900 block N Travis Street is 80 ft. wide x 250 ft. long. The requester wishes to purchase west half of Travis Street 40 ft. wide by 250 ft. long.

Ricky Jorgensen presented the a nonrefundable fee of \$200 has been paid and application presented. This request is made by Serapio Garza and he wants to purchase half of 900 block of N. Travis Street, 40 ft. wide by 250 ft. long, or the west half of N. Travis Street. 900 block N. Travis Street has never been opened to the public.

A motion was made by Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by Council Member Frank Castro approval of request to purchase City owned Public Street (Never been opened for public use) known as 900 block of N. Travis Street, off of FM 2440. 900 block of N Travis Street is 80 ft. wide x 250 ft. long. The requester wishes to purchase west half of N.Travis Street. 40ft. wide by 250 ft. long

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Lopez, Pruitt, Castro, Casey

Nays: None



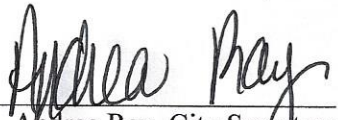
10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

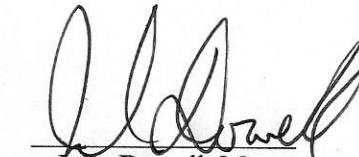
- 1) All City departments are working together and staying steady with work.
- 2) April 27, 2019 City Wide Spring Clean-up.
- 3) Pictures of the Golf Club House painted by LCRA granted funds.
- 4) Sales tax is up 12% this month.
- 5) Leroy Wachsmann and Byler Lehmann blood drive.
- 6) Thank-You from Robert William Clark for the Proclamation for his 90th Birthday.
- 7) Rachel Steel from CAPCOG helping with the EDA Grant.
- 8) Andrea Ray City Secretary made a 94 on course one module two.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at Monday, April 8, 2019 at 7:55 p.m. by Mayor Dowell.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary


John Dowell, Mayor

