

GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL-EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 27, 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 7:02 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, Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider, Director of Finance Clifton Wachsmann.

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. ANNOUNCEMENT-No Announcements

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS-No Presentations and Proclamations

6. CITIZENS' COMMENTS- Pratik Bhakta commented to City of Giddings City Council, Pratik asked that the first quarter of the HOT TAX be deferred to all Giddings hotels and motels. Due do the impact of COVID-19 of 2020.

7. 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 Emergency Meeting held on April 1, 2020.

b. Consider approval of Minutes for Emergency Meeting held on April 4, 2020.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez seconded by City Council Member Alan Casey for approval of Minutes for Emergency Meetings held on April 1, and April 4, 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 request from Donald Blasig to purchase the Alley located at 315 N Madison St. Donald Blasig has paid the application fee.

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this agenda item to City Council. The application fee of \$200.00 has been completed for this sale. Once City Council has approved the application, letters will be sent out to the adjacent land owners to see if they are interested in a portion of the alley.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez seconded by City Council Member Jake Horne for approval of the request from Donald Blasig to purchase the Alley located at 315 N Madison St.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

b. Discussion and take possible action on request from Donald Blasig to purchase the Alley located at 534 E. Hempstead St. Donald Blasig has paid the application fee.

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this agenda item to City Council. The application fee of \$200.00 has been completed for this sale. Once City Council has approved the application, letters will be sent out to the adjacent land owners to see if they are interested in a portion of the alley.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jake Horne seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt for approval of the request from Donald Blasig to purchase the Alley located at 534 E. Hempstead St.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

c. Discussion and take possible action on acceptance of the 2019-year end audit Presentation by Jon Watson, CPA Brooks Watson & Co., PLLC.

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this agenda item to City Council. The City of Giddings has an Annual Financial Report for the year ended September 30, 2019. The City received an unmodified opinion which is the highest level of assurance. The process was a risk – based approach in which they focused the procedures on those areas most susceptible to risk of error or fraud.

Jon Watson presented our audit over the phone on a power point handout.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez seconded by City Council Member Alan Casey for approval on acceptance of the 2019-year end audit Presentation by Jon Watson, CPA Brooks

Watson & Co., PLLC.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

d. Discussion and take possible action on Resolution No. 454-2020 Authorizing Hotel Occupancy Tax Payments for the first quarter January, February, March due April 30, 2020 to be deferred until next quarter.

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this agenda item to City Council. This resolution will allow Council to defer the HOT tax payments either for one quarter or two quarters. We run a year behind, so, we will be using monies collected last year for this year. Next year we will see the impact of the COVID 19 on our collection of HOT TAX monies. Our HOT TAX monies will be applied to this next budget is \$219,303.

A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt for approval on Resolution No. 454-2020 Authorizing Hotel Occupancy Tax Payments for the first quarter January, February, March due April 30, 2020 to be deferred until next quarter.

Giddings City Council asked that hotels and motels to turn their reports, no money will be collected at this time.

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. City Hall has new carpet.
2. Census for 2020.
3. Palasoto is up and running
4. Giddings Library has e-books available online with a library card.
5. Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider spoke of the testing for COVID-19 at the City Library will set up in the parking lot.

John Dowell, Mayor
Frank Castro
Alan Casey



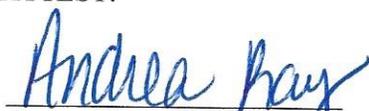
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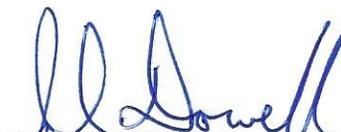
Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez
Linda Pruitt
Jake Horne
Ricky Jorgensen, City Manager

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at Monday April 27, 2020 at 8:18 p.m. by Mayor John Dowell

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary


John Dowell, Mayor

