John Dowell, Mayor

Frank Castro

Alan Casev



Fred Jones, Mayor Pro Tem

Linda Pruitt

Joel Lopez

Ricky Jorgensen, City Manager

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dowell at 7:03 p.m. with the following present:

Members Present:

Mayor John Dowell; Council Members, Joel Lopez, Alan Casey and Linda

Pruitt, Frank Castro.

Member Not Present:

Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones.

Staff Present:

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Captain Farah

Ramsey, Sgt. Billy Stephens, Director of Finance Clifton Wachsmann Code

Compliance-Fire Marshall David Burttschell

Staff Not Present:

City Attorney Charlie Crossfield, Police Chief Haril Walpole, and Director

of Public Works Spencer Schneider.

2. Pledges to the U.S. and Texas Flags

Pledges were said.

3. Invocation and Welcome

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen gave the invocation and Mayor Dowell welcomed all in attendance.

4. Announcements

There were no announcements.

5. Presentations and Proclamations

6. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizen comments.

7. Consent Agenda

a. Consider approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held on April 09, 2018.

A motion was made by Joel Lopez and seconded by Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve the Consent Agenda.

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Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Casey, Castro, Pruitt, Lopez

Navs: None

8. New Business

a. Discussion and take possible action for the approval of the Ordinance No. 835 Settlement Agreement for the Provision of Natural Gas Service.

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen gave an overview of this item. Jorgensen explained regarding the gas companies' statement of intent to increase rates within in its South Texas Division. Many cities are having to do the same thing. CenterPoint's Company request is the first time to ask for a rate increase in six years. With South Texas Coalition of Cities, action was taken to suspend the effective date of January 20th and preceded as Coalition to make the effective date April 20th, 2018. The Texas Rail Commission has approved this request.

A motion was made by Council Member Joel Lopez and seconded by Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve Ordinance No. 835, Settlement Agreement for the Provision of Natural Gas Service.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Casey, Castro, Pruitt, Lopez

Nays: None

b. Discussion and take possible action for approval of the Annual Financial Report (Audit) for the year ended on September 30, 2017. Presented By Mike Brooks From Brooks & Watson Company.

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen explained this is our Audit for the prior year September 30, 2017 and also introduced Mike Brooks. At this time Mike Brooks will explain and answer any questions the Mayor or Council may have. Clifton Wachsmann Director of Finance will be available for any questions.

Mike Brooks explained the methodology of conducting an audit. Watson explained the City received an unmodified opinion which is the highest level of assurance an auditor can provide. Watson explained an unmodified opinion means there are no material errors in the City's financial statements. Watson then went over a few highlights of the audit then fielded questions from Council. Mike Brooks explained the general fund is operating at a deficit but appears to be planned for, with transfers coming from the electric fund to cover the deficit.

At this time City Manager Ricky said there will be a need for a Budget Workshop for the 2018 Budget year for the City of Giddings. Council Member Joel Lopez thanked Ricky and Clifton for a job well done on the audit.

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Council Member Linda Pruitt asked about the EDC backdating checks written and timing of check deposits. Mike Brooks explained that there were some checks that had been dated wrong. Alan Casey spoke that all was taken care of, it will not happen in the future.

A motion was made by Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by Council Member Frank Castro to approve Ordinance No. 835, Settlement Agreement for the Provision of Natural Gas Service.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Casey, Castro, Pruitt, Lopez

Nays: None

c. Discussion and possible action on resolutions #422-2018, whereas the City of Giddings, and or Lee County intends to make certain improvements to the Giddings/Lee County Airport. With the general description described as run way and lighting improvements.

Director of Finance Clifton Wachsmann spoke on resolutions #422-2018, he stated that he City of Giddings and Lee County will make certain improvements to Giddings/ Lee County Airport the runway will be repaved which is 4000ft. The lights on the runway will be updated to LED's.

The Airport hangers are all full, and the contract for Joe Sills has been renewed for another four years. A Federal Grant from TX DOT-Aviation will help in the costs of these certain improvements for the Airport. These projects will start as of 2019-2020. The resolution directs Director of Finance Clifton Wachsmann Airport Secretary/Treasurer to execute on behalf the City of Giddings and /or Lee County for all contracts and agreements with the State of Texas, represented by the Texas Department of Transportation.

A motion was made by Council Member Joel Lopez and seconded by Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve resolutions #422-2018, whereas the City of Giddings, and or Lee County intends to make certain improvements to the Giddings/Lee County Airport. With the general description described as run way and lighting improvements

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Casey, Castro, Pruitt, Lopez

Nays: None

9. City Manager's Report, And Announcements

- 1. Parade for the Lee County Fair May 17-19,2018 (Mayor out of town)
- 2. City Clean up April 28, 2018
- To date 76 letters for yard cleanup-35 Junk vehicles tagged or made contact with the owner

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- City cannot touch the junked vehicles on city roads has to be done through City Police Department
- 5. Rotary Club planted 3 three trees at the Simmang Park
- 6. Railroad arms on Hwy 290 is a project for 2019 to be fixed
- 7. Denise Harlan brought attention to a house with several City violations, which is corrected
- 8. Police Department impound yard is full, there are cars being stored at the Electric Department Just waiting on the District Attorney at this time.

At this time Captain Farah Ramsey presented that the City of Giddings Police Officers Stem/Turner made a traffic stop with the help of the License Plate Reader (LPR) which read a stolen license plate on a vehicle which contained \$22,000.00 in cash which resulted in a Felony Stop.

Captain Farah Ramsey presented the State School escape, the Giddings Police Department and the Lee County Sheriff Department along with help from Department of Public Safety with a helicopter searched for the escapees, at the time a call came in for a stolen vehicle and it was suspected the escapees took it and left Giddings. All agencies stayed on patrol until they were caught in Montgomery County at 7:00 p.m.

All City Council Members gave the Giddings Police Department Thank-You for a job well done.

10. Adjournment

Mayor Dowell adjourned the meeting at 8.05 p.m.

ATTEST:

Andrea Ray, City Secretary

John Dowell, Mayor