

**GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL-REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MAY 11, 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 7:00 p.m. with the following present:

Members Present: Mayor John Dowell, Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez, Council Members Frank Castro, Alan Casey, Linda Pruitt, Jake Horne-4 minutes late.

Staff Present: City Manager Ricky Jorgensen, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider, Police Chief Haril Walpole, Captain Farah Ramsey,

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

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

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS-**No Announcements.

**5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS-**No Presentations and Proclamations.

**6. CITIZENS' COMMENTS-**No Citizens' Comments.

**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 Regular Meeting held on, April 27, 2020.**

A motion was made by City Council Member Frank Castro and seconded by City Council Member Alan Casey for approval of Minutes for Meeting held on April 27, 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 a request from the parents of the Senior Graduating Class 2020 for a Parade to held in the City of Giddings.**

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this agenda item to City Council. There will be a discussion on the possibility of having a parade for 2020 graduating seniors. We will have mothers of seniors representing the senior class. An application has been filled out and filed with City Secretary and Chief Haril Walpole.

Tara Essman a teacher at the High School and a mother of a Senior spoke on behalf the Graduating Class of 2020 to have a parade. The parade will start on 400 S Leon with Senior parents monitors. When the parade starts at 6:00 the route will be taking a right on E Industry to Edgewood, turn left on Edgewood to Hempstead turn left on Hempstead travel to the Courthouse where parade will end.

The route was selected to give all onlookers enough room to have social distancing. The Giddings Police Department will assist with the parade for the Sunday, May 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Macy Alexander Senior Class President spoke to City Council and asked them to please consider a parade with route that was presented at this time. City Council expressed concern on parents helping and driving for the Seniors and keep the social distancing in mind.

A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by City Council Member Alan Casey to approve a request from the parents of the Senior Graduating Class 2020 for a Parade to held in the City of Giddings, if inclement weather does a cure Police Chief Haril Walpole will re-set a date.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members Casey, Castro, Horne, Pruitt, Lopez  
Nays: None

**b. Discussion and take possible action regarding the re-zoning of legal non-conforming structures located at the 1600 block of E. Hempstead Street, 200 block of Edgewood Ave, and the 200-300 block of Sunrise Ave, located in Giddings, Texas. Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider will present the re-zoning request from the Planning and Zoning Board.**

Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to City Council for the Planning and Zoning Board. The Planning and Zoning Commission met to discuss the re-zoning of three particular pieces of property to re-zone and approve legal non-conforming structures. This action was taken because these structures were built before the Zoning Ordinance was ever put into place in 1996 and recorded. They will move from R-1 to R-3 the Commission approved. The Giddings City Council set a condonation that states nothing can be built other than R1&R2&R3 on the said property.

A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez to approve the re-zoning of legal non-conforming structures located at the 1600 block of E. Hempstead Street, 200 block of Edgewood Ave, and the 200-300 block of Sunrise Ave, located in Giddings, Texas.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members Casey, Castro, Horne, Pruitt, Lopez  
Nays: None

**c. Discussion and take possible action on Resolution No. 455-2020 for the Amending "Appendix A: Fees, Rates and Charges" to the Ordinances, City of Giddings, Texas, To Section 1.08.007, Rates**

**for Lots and Crypts.**

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this agenda item to the City Council. This resolution is amending Appendix A pertaining to fees, rates and charges. It discusses the Memorial Park, Woodland Park and the Mausoleum sections of the cemetery. The lots have different dollar amounts for each section. The major reason for the amendment is to spell out the differential in monies paid between residents or tax payers and non-residents or non-taxpayers.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by City Council Member Jake Horne to approve the Resolution No. 455-2020 for the Amending "Appendix A: Fees, Rates and Charges" to the Ordinances, City of Giddings, Texas, To Section 1.08.007, Rates for Lots and Crypts.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

**d. Discussion and take possible action on Ordinance No. 845 Amending Chapter 1, Section 1.08.007 "Rates for Lots and Crypts" of the code of Ordinances.**

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this agenda item to the City Council. There has never been an ordinance for rates, lots and crypts for non-residential taxpayers or even in our Code of Ordinances. This will clear up the fees need to add to the Ordinances Appendix A.

A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve the Ordinance No. 845 Amending Chapter 1, Section 1.08.007 "Rates for Lots and Crypts" of the code of Ordinances.

Motion carried by the following vote:

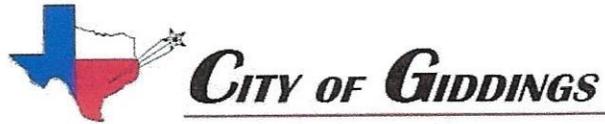
Ayes: City Council Members Casey, Castro, Horne, Pruitt, Lopez

Nays: None

**e. Discussion and take possible action on Resolution No. 456-2020 for the Giddings Economic Development Program Expenditure to 290 Travel Plaza, LLC.  
This is one of two readings.**

City Council member Alan Casey presented this agenda item. The Giddings Economic Development Program Expenditure approved award \$25,000.00 for the Phase II to the 290 Travel Plaza, LLC. Upon receiving receipts/invoices while Phase II in under development an another \$25,000.00 will awarded to Giddings 290 RV Park and Travel Center upon opening of Phase II of the park as indicated by Certificate of Occupancy, or other relevant development.

**NO ACTION TAKEN THIS IS ONE OF TWO READINGS**



## 9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

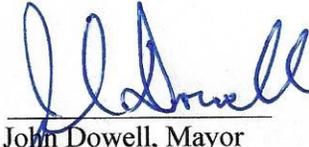
1. Sales tax is down.
2. TML will a refund to our dues.
3. Ladies up front is doing a great job.
4. 290 Business Park lift station is up and running and the old lift station is off-line.
5. Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider spoke the COVID-19 three active cases in Lee County.
6. Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider will be out due to knee surgery.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at Monday 11, 2020 at 7:56 p.m. by Mayor John Dowell

ATTEST:

  
Andrea Ray, City Secretary

  
John Dowell, Mayor

