

City Council

Canvassing & Regular Meeting

May 19, 2014

The following were present: Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones; Council Members Alan Casey, Doug Gaeke, Gene Parker, and Joel Lopez; City Attorney Michelle Weiser, City Manager Ricky Jorgensen, and City Secretary Jessica Graefe. Also present newly elected Mayor John Dowell and Council Member Linda Pruitt. Absent: Mayor Charlie Brown.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones called to order the canvassing meeting of the City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 19, 2014, at the Giddings Municipal Building.

II. Pledges to the US and Texas Flags

III. Invocation & Welcome

Council Member Gene Parker gave the invocation and Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones welcomed the visitors.

IV. Citizen's Comments

Martin Placke – 123 Monroe – would like council to reconsider the decision to approve the zone change application filed by Mike Jatzlau on May 12, 2014

Richard Wahrmund – 772 E. Hempstead – would like council to reconsider the decision to approve the zone change application filed by Mike Jatzlau on May 12, 2014.

Police Chief Walpole commended the police department (most were off duty), that attended the funeral and participated in the County's procession. For someone from a large city, others were very impressed with their professionalism.

V. New Business

a) Council Member Doug Gaeke moved to approve Ordinance 696 canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the General Election held on May 10, 2014. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gene Parker.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

Ordinance No.696

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS, CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE CITY GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON MAY 10, 2014.

Mayor	Voting Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day	Total/ %
John Dowell	6	134	98	238 51.07%
Charlie Brown	5	41	41	87 18.67%
Fay Iselt	2	71	68	141 30.26%

Council Member				
Gene O. Parker, Jr.	6	81	68	155 21.20%
Joel Lopez	8	171	130	309 42.27%
Linda Pruitt	12	143	112	267 36.53%

SECTION 2. That said election was duly called, that notice of said election was given in accordance with law, and that said election was held in accordance with the law, and that John Dowell was duly elected Mayor, to a two year term; Joel Lopez and Linda Pruitt was duly elected Council Members, to a two year term. That the above named parties are hereby declared duly elected to those respective offices, subject to the taking of their oaths as provided by the laws of the State of Texas.

NOTE: Ordinance filed in full in Ordinance file.

b) Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones recognized and presented a plaque to outgoing Council Member Gene Parker for his outstanding service and commitment. Mr. Parker took a sit in the audience.

c) The City Secretary administered the Oath of Office to and the Certificate of Election to newly elected Mayor John Dowell and Council Members Joel Lopez and Linda Pruitt.

At this time Mayor Dowell is presiding over the meeting.

d) Council Member Doug Gaeke moved to approve Fred Jones as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by Council Member Alan Casey.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

e) City Secretary Jessica Graefe updated council regarding city board reappointment and vacancies.

f) Amendment to park rules section 1.10.065 “Private Revenue Raising Activities” was tabled – to be discussed by the Parks Board and brought back to council with board recommendation.

VI. City Manager’s Report, and Announcements

a) Personnel Manual – updates will be discussed at the June 23rd council meeting.

b) Lion’s Club Cemetery Project – the club is sponsoring a pavilion at the city cemetery.

VII. Adjournment

Mayor Dowell adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jessica Graefe, City Secretary