



GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL-REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 10, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 118 E RICHMOND, GIDDINGS, TEXAS

1. CALL TO ORDER

City Council 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 Members Frank Castro, Linda Pruitt, Alan Casey and Jake Horne

Staff Present: City Manager Ricky Jorgensen, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Police Chief Haril Walpole, Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider, Human Resources Angie Stanfield, Director of Finance Clifton Wachsmann, Municipal Clerk Rachel Grube. Sargent Stephen Stem, Sargent James Catchings
Not Present: 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- Police Chief Haril Walpole

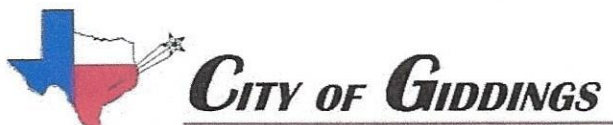
Police Chief Haril Walpole presented to City Council the promotions of Officers Stephen Stem and James Catchings to Sargent. Sargent Shane Ray will become Detective. Sargent Billy Stephens has accepted the administration position and fill in when needed. Currently Cadet Jace Jones has been selected for the Police Academy set for August 2019.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

No presentations or proclamations.

6. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Giddings Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Tonya Britton introduce Waylon Roosma, He is a 3rd year Texas A & M Economics Major, minors in Business English and a member of Corps of Cadets. He will receive six credit hour summer internship with GEDC.



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 requests.

- a. Consider approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held on May 13, 2019

A motion was made by Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by Council Member Frank Castro approval of Minutes for Meeting held on April 22, 2019.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Administer Oath of Office and Issue Certificate of Election Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez.

City Secretary Andrea Ray administered the Oath of Office and Statement of Officer, issued Certificate of Election to Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez.

- b. Discuss and take action regarding amending Sick Leave Pool Policy Section 8.4.13 in the City of Giddings personnel handbook.

City of Giddings Mayor John Dowell asked to table this agenda item, The City Council will need further information on the amending the Sick Leave Pool policy. The item will appear on next City Council agenda.

- c. Conduct a public hearing regarding a zoning change application filed by the GIDABODE PROPERTIES LLC, requesting that block 207, lots 3-5 located at the 600 block of S Polk Street from to be rezoned Residential (R-1) to General Commercial (G-C). The owner is seeking to build two (R-2) multi-family Structures on this property.

Mayor John Dowell opened the public hearing at 7:21 p.m.

Mayor John Dowell closed the public hearing at 7:22 p.m.

- d. Discuss and take possible action regarding a zoning change application filed by the GIDABODE PROPERTIES LLC, request that block 207, lots 3-5 located at the 600 block of S Polk Street from Residential (R-1) to General Commercial (G-C). The owner is seeking to build two (R-2) multi-family Structures on this property.

Joe Franks presented to the City Council with the plan for the GIDABODE PROPERTIES LLC, Mr. Franks is seeking to build two R-2 multi-family structures after rezoning the residential (R-1) to General Commercial (G-C). The application has been submitted and fee paid. The Planning and Zoning Commission had a meeting approving the GIDABODE PROPERTIES LLC, request for the zoning change from Residential (R-1) to General Commercial (G-C).

A motion was made by Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by Council Member Frank Castro to approve the regarding a zoning change application filed by the GIDABODE PROPERTIES LLC, request that block 207, lots 3-5 located at the 600 block of S Polk Street from Residential (R-1) to General Commercial (G-C). The owner is requesting to build two (R-2) multi-family Structures on this property.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- e. Discuss and take possible action regarding Preliminary Subdivision Plan (Buffalo Ridge) located on CR 114 (Middle School Road) in accordance to Chapter 10 of the City of Giddings Code of Ordinance. Director of Public Works Spence Schneider will present this item.

Director of Public Works Spence Schneider presented this item to the City Council the Preliminary Subdivision Plan (Buffalo Ridge) on CR 114 (Middle School Road). Spencer presented a map of the Subdivision plan to City Council to show all 44 homes to be built in this location. The houses will be speck housing and they are working with builders or bids at this time. There will be three phases to building the subdivision. All infrastructure will be in place for construction. The Planning and Zoning Commission had a meeting and approved the Preliminary Subdivision Plan (Buffalo Ridge) on CR 114 (Middle School Road). The Planning and Zoning Commission made a suggestion for a wider road Buffalo Ridge, as it stands the City Ordinance are standard for the size of the Road 31 ft. The Preliminary Subdivision Plan will be received at Strand for William Huebner to review for the City.

A motion was made by the Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve Preliminary Subdivision Plan (Buffalo Ridge) located on CR 114 (Middle School Road) in accordance to Chapter 10 of the City of Giddings Code of Ordinance.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- f. Discuss and take possible action regarding City of Giddings Permit Fees Section B3.01.005.

Director of Public Works Spence Schneider presented this item to the City Council HB 852 has passed and signed by the Governor. The bill provides in determining the amount of a building permit or inspection fee required in or connection with the construction or improvement of a residential dwelling. The option include square footage-based fees, a flat fee schedule.

New Commercial Construction Permit Per Square Foot Process

\$0.60 for the first 3,000 square feet and \$0.30 per each addition square foot

New Residential Building Permit Per Square Foot Process

\$0.60 per square feet

A motion was made by the Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve City of Giddings Permit Fees Section B3.01.005.

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE SIDEWALK GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE HIGHWAY 290 GIDDINGS PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the City of Giddings is applying for a Transportation Alternative sidewalk grant under the 2019 Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Transportation Alternative set-aside grant program; and

WHEREAS, Highway 290 is a major thoroughfare through Giddings and part of the TxDOT highway system; and

WHEREAS, due to the location of Giddings's central business district and greater need to access the area by car and pedestrian patrons the need for a sidewalk system in central and eastern Giddings is warranted; and

WHEREAS, the sidewalk will interface with the existing sidewalk network beginning at Navarro Street- along the southern Highway 290 right of way- and extend east through Hempstead Street; and

WHEREAS, the ___ Lee County Transportation Plan conducted by TxDOT recommended the development of pedestrian facilities in downtown Giddings; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Giddings believes the best interests of the public would be served by making an application; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS , TEXAS, as follows:

SECTION 1: The City of Giddings, shall apply for a grant under the terms and conditions of the 2019 Texas Department of Transportation Alternatives sidewalk grant program; and

SECTION 2: The Mayor is hereby authorized on behalf of the City of Giddings, to execute such documents and all other documents necessary for the carrying out of said application and;

SECTION 3: The Mayor is hereby authorized to provide such additional information as may be required to accomplish the obtaining of such grant.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its adoption and approval and shall remain in effect until amended or repealed by the City Council.

ADOPTED this _____ day of June, 2019.

ATTEST:

_____, CITY CLERK

_____, MAYOR



Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

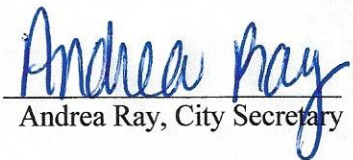
10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

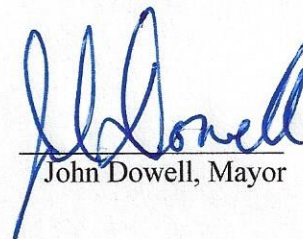
- 1.) Lee County Fair Gala June 23, 2019 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 2.) Lee Juneteenth Parade June 22, 2019.
- 3.) City of Giddings is fully staffed.
- 4.) Spencer checking on all staff for safety concerns, with hot weather
- 5.) CCR report went out to all customers.
- 6.) Ricky and Spencer working with Palsoto to start project for Business Park.
- 7.) Clifton is working on the budget for 2019-2020 year.
- 8.) Budget –TMRS is going down/ TML Health Insurance is going down.
- 9.) The city pool has some challenges, been down to 3 lifeguards some days
- 10.) Ricky looking into finances for the City Splash pad, in the near future

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at Monday, June 10, 2019 at 8:06 p.m. by Mayor John Dowell.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary


John Dowell, Mayor

