

GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL-REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 8, 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 7:01 p.m. with the following present:

Members Present: Mayor John Dowell, Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez, Council Members Frank Castro, Alan Casey, Jake Horne, Not present- Linda Pruitt.

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

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

3. INVOCATION AND WELCOME- City Council Member Alan Casey 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- 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 Special Meeting held on June 1, 2020.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jake Horne seconded by City Council Member Alan Casey for approval of Minutes for Emergency Meetings held on June 1, 2020.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Discussion and take possible action on approval of request for the Grimes Street Music Festival Block Party from the Giddings Area Chamber of Commerce July 3, 2020 12:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m. Denice Harlan will present this agenda item to Giddings City Council.**

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen stated as Mayor and Council know, we have had a couple of these events. They have been very successful and have grown each year. The Chamber has submitted a request for a Block Party including food booths, games, music and dancing. Unfortunately, with the Governors orders in place we need to be diligent for the safety of our citizens.

John Dowell, Mayor
Frank Castro
Alan Casey



CITY OF GIDDINGS

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

At this time Denice Harlan presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council about the Grimes Street Festival. Stated which streets will be closed. There will be two bands to perform Lost Cause Band and TUB at different times. The Chamber is prepared to have extra hand washing stations and all rules for Social Distancing will be let know to all who come to the Grimes Street Festival. Actives are to start at Noon till 10:00 p.m. July 3, 2020. The Giddings Area Chamber of Commerce have sponsors that will help with expense such as for the bathrooms and trash dumpsters. Denice will provide the Giddings Police Department and City of Giddings with maps for street closures.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro for approval of the request for the Grimes Street Music Festival Block Party from the Giddings Area Chamber of Commerce July 3, 2020 12:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

b. Discussion and take possible action on Resolution No. 456-2020 for the Giddings Economic Development Program Expenditure to Giddings 290 RV Park. This is the final of two readings

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this agenda item to City Council. This agenda item was on the last meeting. This is an expenditure of up to \$25,000 for the expansion of the RV Park and improvement of buildings. Upon receiving receipts an additional \$25,000 will be awarded upon the opening of the expanded addition. This is the final reading.

City Council member Alan Casey spoke on 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 and another \$25,000.00 Will be 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.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jake Horne seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro for approval of the Resolution No. 456-2020 for the Giddings Economic Development Program Expenditure to Giddings 290 RV Park. This is the final of two readings

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

c. Discussion and take possible action on Resolution No. 458-2020 of Giddings City Council directing the Giddings Economic Development Corporation to extend up to \$40,000.00 for professional services to procure U.S. EDA CARES ACT ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT funding for the purpose of infrastructure and development relating to the Giddings 290 Business Park and properties owned by the Corporation. This is the final reading of two readings.

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this agenda item to City Council. This agenda item was also on the last agenda. The City is directing the expenditure of up to \$40,000 for professional services relating to the development and management of the U.S. EDA CARES ACT ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT. This will be for the application and award.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro for approval on Resolution No. 458-2020 of Giddings City Council directing the Giddings Economic Development Corporation to extend up to \$40,000.00 for professional services to procure U.S. EDA CARES ACT ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT funding for the purpose of infrastructure and development relating to the Giddings 290 Business Park and properties owned by the Corporation. This is the first reading of two readings.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Ayes: City Council Members Casey, Castro, Horne, Lopez
Nays: None

d. Discussion and possible action on approving the 2021 Lee County Appraisal District proposed budget.

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this agenda item to City Council. Their total operating budget is 1,011,081. This includes Personnel Services (\$607,989), Supplies and Administrative expenses (\$100,786), Contractual expenses (\$308,297) and Capital expenses (\$12,500). Also included are the Employees' Wages and Benefits. Based on a tax levy of \$1,741,493 our payment would be \$57,182.

A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey seconded by City Council Member Jake Horne for approval on the 2021 Lee County Appraisal District proposed budget.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Ayes: City Council Members Casey, Castro, Horne, Lopez
Nays: None

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. City Manager presented pictures to the Giddings City Council and Mayor, from the Parks, Cemetery and Golf Course from Supernatant Kenny Ray, to show the new walking trail and golf cart path which has been Fogged Seal. The tennis courts are cleaned.
2. Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider presented to City Council and Mayor the Unpaid Utility Payments for March, April May 2020. Due to the 2020 COVID-19 situation, the City of Giddings has not turned off any non-paid utility counts. If you owe any past due utility bill, the City of Giddings will be requiring payment of these bills. Below is the process the city is following to receive and clear up any past due bills.

There will be no reconnection fee (\$30.00) added to any utility bill for the above-mentioned months.



The process for late utility payments will be as followed:

- You will be required to pay a least two (2) bills (March, April) in June with late charges added.
- You will be required to pay a least two (2) bills (May, June) in July with late charges added.
- You will be required to pay at least two (2) BILLS, (July, August) in August with late chargers added.

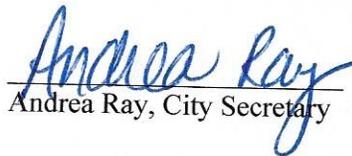
As, long as at least TWO BILLS are paid each billing cycle, there will be no disconnect of utility service.

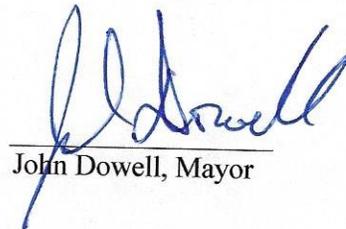
By following the above payment schedule, you will be paid up to date by the September billing cycle.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at Monday, June 8, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor John Dowell

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary


John Dowell, Mayor

