

Regular Meeting

July 13, 2015

The following were present: Mayor John Dowell; Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones; Council Members Joel Lopez, Linda Pruitt, and Doug Gaeke; City Manager Ricky Jorgensen, and City Secretary Jessica Graefe. Absent: Council Member Alan Casey (excused).

I. Call to Order

Mayor Dowell called to the meeting to order of the City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 2015, at the Giddings Municipal Building.

II. Pledges to the US and Texas Flags

Pledges were said.

III. Invocation & Welcome

Council Member Linda Pruitt gave the invocation and Mayor Dowell welcomed the visitors.

IV. Citizens' Comments

Chief Police Walpole recognized Officer Howard on outstanding job.

Linda Beissert – More patrol officers at Simmang Park.

V. Public Hearing

Mayor Dowell opened the public hearing at 7:11 pm to allow public comments on a conditional use permit application filed by Joyce Escalante, requests that she be allowed to be a Registered Child Care Home Provider for not more than six (6) children in her residence located at 651 Sunrise Ave.

There being no comments, Mayor Dowell closed the public hearing at 7:14 pm.

Mayor Dowell opened the public hearing at 7:15 pm to allow public comments on a zoning change application filed by GEDC, requests that 47 acres currently zoned Agricultural/Residential be rezoned General Commercial/Light Manufacturing.

There being no comments, Mayor Dowell closed the public hearing at 7:16 pm.

VI. Consent Agenda

Council Member Linda Pruitt moved to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four

NAY: none

a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 8, 2015.

VII. Announcements

No announcements

VIII. Unfinished Business

- a) No action was taken regarding city boards and commissions.
- b) Tabled till August meeting – Resolution 325-2015 nominating candidate(s) for the Lee County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

IX. New Business

- a) Doug Gaeke excused himself from discussion. (filed “conflict of interest” affidavit with the City Secretary)

Council Member Linda Pruitt move to approve recommendation made by the Planning & Zoning, to accept the condition use permits request allowing Ms. Escalante to be a registered child care home provider for not more than six (6) children in her residence located at 651 Sunrise Ave. with the provision that no commercial signage in the yard accept what is required by the state.
Council Member Joel Lopez seconded the motion.

Motion amended to add the following: “would have to be reviewed by City Council annually.” Motion made by Council Member Joel Lopez. Council Member Linda Pruitt seconded the motion.

AYE: two
NAY: one (Fred Jones)
Mayor Dowell: motion carries

- b) Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved to approve the Planning & Zoning recommendation to accept the zoning change application filed by GEDC, request that 47 acres currently zoned Agricultural/Residential be rezoned General Commercial/Light Manufacturing (Ordinance 723). Council Member Joel Lopez seconded the motion.

AYE: four
NAY: none

- c) Council Member Linda Pruitt moved to award proposal for banking depository services to Citizens Bank. Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones seconded the motion.

AYE: two
NAY: two (Doug Gaeke & Joel Lopez)

There being a tie, Mayor Dowell voted against the motion to award proposal to Citizens Bank.

Council Member Doug Gaeke moved to award proposal for banking depository services to First National Bank. Council Member Joel Lopez seconded the motion.

AYE: two
NAY: two (Fred Jones & Linda Pruitt)

There being a tie, Mayor Dowell voted to award banking depository proposal to First National Bank.

d) Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved to approve resale bid of \$1,000 on trust property described as OT Giddings, Blk. 120 Lot 4. Council Member Doug Gaeke seconded the motion.

AYE: four

NAY: none

e) Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jon moved to approve resale bid of \$8,000 on trust property described as OT Giddings, Blk 142 Lot 9, 10 & N/2 of 8 UDI. Council Member Linda Pruitt seconded the motion.

AYE: four

NAY: none

X. Executive Session

Mayor Dowell called the Council, City Manager, City Attorney and Tonya Britton GEDC Executive Director into Executive Session at 7:58 p.m. as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Title 5 Open Government; Ethics, Subtitle A. Open Government; Chapter 551.087 – Deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiations regarding Project Roadtrip and Project Hotrod.

Mayor Dowell reconvened the open session at 8:27 p.m., and stated that no action was taken.

XI. Reconvene

No action was taken.

XII. City Manager's Report, and Announcements

XIII. Adjournment

Mayor Dowell adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jessica Graefe, TRMC
City Secretary