

GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL-REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 13, 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 7:02 p.m. with the following present:

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

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 Mayor Pro Tem Joel Lopez 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 Comment.

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 8, 2020.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Joel Lopez seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro for approval of Minutes for Regular Meetings held on June 8,2020.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

8. RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION **Time @ 7:09 p.m.**

In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Giddings Texas Codes, Annotated, the items listed below will be discussed in closed session and are subject to action in the regular session.

Sec. 551.071: Consultation with Attorney

Advice from attorney about pending or contemplated litigation and other matters on which the attorney has a duty to advise the City Council, including agenda items

Code Enforcement: 111 Center Cove, Giddings, Texas

9. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION Time @ 8:16

Sec. 551.071: Consultation with Attorney
Consider action, if any, on item(s) discussed in executive session

Action: A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve the advice the City Lawyer gave to Giddings City Council for a license agreement for the front carport and to move the back carport from under electric wires. This item will be presented back to Giddings City Council meeting as an Agenda item next City Council Meeting June 27, 2020.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Ayes: City Council Members: Lopez, Casey, Pruitt
Nays: City Council Members Castro, Horne

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and take possible action on Ordinance No. 846 zoning for traffic and rate speed, on US 290 in the City Limits of Giddings.

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this agenda item to City Council This request was made by TxDOT to the City. The purpose is to slow traffic down and the rate of speed on US 290 inside the City limits. The best way to understand it is to look at the traffic schematic in your packet. You will see the speed coming into town is 75mph then drops to 70mph, 60mph, 50mph, then finally 45mph.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro for approval Ordinance No. 846 zoning for traffic and rate speed, on US 290 in the City Limits of Giddings.

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

b. Discussion and take possible action authorizing to Clifton Washmann to enter for the Airport Project Participation Agreement Tx Dot CSJ No: 2014GIDNG.

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this agenda item to City Council. Mayor and Council have approved this agreement once. Because of supplement funding provided by the Feds, the City match will now be \$165,175. The Airport has already paid \$249,315 toward the first contract match, so bottom line the Airport is saving \$84,140 on this new and second contract. The total project will stay at \$2,401,750.

A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt for approval of authorizing to Clifton Washmann to enter for the Airport Project Participation Agreement Tx Dot CSJ No: 2014GIDNG.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

c. Discussion on updating the schedule of rates with City of Giddings from CenterPoint Energy.

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this agenda item to City Council. This is simply an update of rates pertaining to residential and commercial rates. In reviewing the document, you will find the GRIP rate schedules attached provides for a slightly lower 2020 GRIP rate. These rates must be observed by CenterPoint until changed as provided by the Gas Utility. CenterPoint has the right to go before the Gas Utility and ask for an increase at any time

NO ACTION TAKEN ON AGENDA ITEM

d. Discussion and take possible action on a request from Chief Walpole for the restructuring of the Giddings Police Department.

Chief Walpole asked City Council to postpone this agenda item Chief Walpole needs more time to research all that is needed.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON AGENDA ITEM

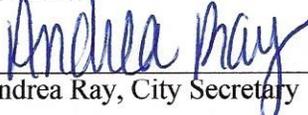
11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Farah resigned as of July 7, 2020 -Looking for options to fill her position, and currently have three employees on quarantine, one that tested positive and two had direct contact. Have 2 vacancies, one will be filled August, 2020 by Shannon Greer. Need one more.
2. Palasota has completed the lift station and all is paid and clear.
3. Voting July 14, 2020, please go vote.
4. Andrea and myself are working on Board Appointments and Reappointments, Andrea is calling all board members, and asking will they serve again.
5. HOT Board will meet August 6, 2020, deadline for applications July 31, 2020.
6. Budget with all department heads, asked not to use capital funds.
7. City is taking extra measure for the all employees working outside in HOT Temperatures

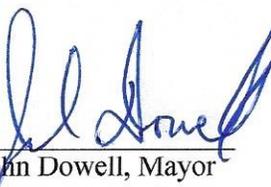
12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at Monday, July 13, 2020 at 8:50 p.m. by Mayor John Dowell

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary




John Dowell, Mayor