

City Council

Regular Meeting

July 8, 2013

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

I. Call to Order

Mayor Brown called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 7:06 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2013, at the Giddings Municipal Building.

II. Pledges to the US and Texas Flags

Mayor Brown led the pledges of allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags.

III. Invocation & Welcome

Mayor Brown gave the invocation and welcomed the visitors.

IV. Citizen's Comments

No comments.

V. Consent Agenda

Council member Joel Lopez moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gene Parker.

a) Minutes of the regular meeting held on June 3, 2013.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

VI. Unfinished Business

a) Appointment to the following City of Giddings Boards and Commission:

Board of Adjustment (1 vacancy) was tabled at Mayor Brown's request.

Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenue Advisory was tabled at Mayor Brown's request.

b) Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved to approve Ordinance 683 amending Chapter 1 of the Code of Ordinances, revising section 1.008.006 (f) titled "Woodland Park Section Regulations. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gene Parker.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

(Note: Ordinance filed in city records)

City of Giddings, Texas

ORDINANCE NO. 1083

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS, PROVIDING THAT SECTION 1.008.006(f) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS, BE AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 1.008.006(f) TITLED "WOODLAND PARK SECTION REGULATIONS" TO ALLOW PARK BENCHES, CHAIRS OR OTHER PERMANENT SEATING UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

WHEREAS, Chapter 1, Section 1.08.006(f) of the Code of Ordinances prohibits installation of benches, chairs, or other permanent seating at the Woodland Park Section of the City Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Giddings wishes to amend the ordinance to allow benches, chairs or other permanent structures under certain conditions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1.08.006(f) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Giddings, Texas, be amended, to read as follows:

Sec. 1.08.006 Woodland Park Section regulations

- (f) Installation of benches, chairs, or other permanent seating is allowed pursuant to the following guidelines:
- i. there shall be no more than one permanent seating structure per cemetery lot
 - ii. the permanent seating structure shall only be allowed on lots that have appropriate curbing and the area inside the curbing is completed with an appropriate concrete cap with gravel on top
 - iii. the permanent seating shall be located inside the curbing
 - iv. the permanent seating structure must be weather proof
 - v. the permanent seating structure must be at least 6" from the border of the cemetery lot

All provisions of this Ordinance that are not specifically modified remain the same.

READ AND APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this the 8th day of July, 2013.

VII. New Business

a) Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved to accept the Planning & Zoning Board recommendation to deny the zoning change request filed by Austin Home Builders. The motion was seconded by Council Member Doug Gaeke. (Council member Joel Lopez was excused from participation in the discussion and action on the airport item, due to a possible conflict of interest.)

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

b) Council Member Gene Parker moved to accept Ordinance 684 amending article 4.02 from “Peddlers, Solicitors, Multiple Vendors” to “Door-To-Door Selling”. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

c & d) Council Member Gene Parker moved to approve the reappointment of Robert Lee as Municipal Court Judge and James Tate as Associate Municipal Court Judge. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joel Lopez.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

VIII. Adjournment

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jessica Graefe, City Secretary

Minutes approved by: _____