



GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL-REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 12, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 118 E RICHMOND ST, GIDDINGS, TEXAS

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dowell at 7:08 p.m. with the following present:

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

Staff Present: City Manager Ricky Jorgensen, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Police Chief Haril Walpole, Captain Farah Ramsey, Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider, Municipal Court Clerk Rachel Grube, Director of Finance Clifton Wachsmann, Executive Director GEDC Tonya Britton.

2. PLEDGES TO THE US AND TEXAS FLAGS

Pledges were said.

3. INVOCATION AND WELCOME

Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez gave the invocation and Mayor John Dowell welcomed all in attendance.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

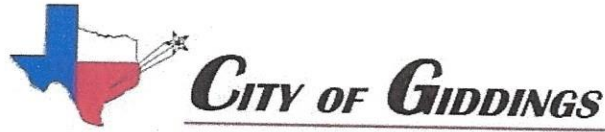
a. Consider approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held on July 22, 2019.

A motion was made by City Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt for approval of Minutes for Meeting held on July 22, 2019.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: Non



8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Receive first draft of the City of Giddings 2019-2020 Proposed Budget Presented by City Manager Ricky Jorgensen.

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this item to City Council. This is the first draft of the 2019-2020 City of Giddings proposed Budget. The City Council received the Budget Workbook for 2019-2020. Ricky discussed some the major areas of the Budget but, did not go in to detail. The highlights were 5% cost of living raise, he will explain more later and this will be broken down at a later date. All Department Supervisors have met with Clifton, Ricky and Spencer to explain the needs for the Departments for the Budget 2019-2020. Charts with expenditures fund help to guide the monies spent on what department, and where the money comes from. Ricky stated also what is in the red and black.

b. Discussion and possible action on appointments and/or reappointments to various City of Giddings 2019 Board Appointments.

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this item to the City Council. The HOT Board needs one more to be complete. The City received two candidate applications Evan Gonzales and Missy Morse which expressed interest in serving on the HOT Board. The Board of Adjustments is complete well as the Planning and Zoning Board. The Parks needs members to fill three vacancies.

HOT Board- Dustin Gersch resigned of his duty on the HOT Board for 2019-2020. City of Giddings received two applications to replace HOT Board Dustin Gersch.

There was no action on the Parks Board at this time.

A motion was made by Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by City Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez on the approval of applicant Evan Gonzales nominated and voted in to the HOT Board due to a vacancy.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Lopez, Pruitt, Castro, Casey

Nays: Horne

A motion was made by Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro for the approval appointments and reappointments to various board

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



c. Discuss and take possible action on Resolution 438-2019 updating a records management policy for the City of Giddings Records Management Policy attached hereto as "Exhibit A".

City Secretary Andrea Ray presented this item to the City Council. The only change to the Records Management Policy was to condense the paperwork for the Records Management Policy. The Policy in the past was 17-21 pages long at this time it was condensed to 5 pages stating all important steps for the policy.

A motion was made by Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by City Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez approval Resolution 438-2019 updating a records management policy for the City of Giddings Records Management Policy attached hereto as "Exhibit A".

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

e. Discussion and take possible action regarding the request to purchase City owned Public Street (Never been opened for public use) known as 900 block of N. Travis Street, off of FM 2440. 900 block N Travis Street is 80 ft. wide x 250 ft. long. The requester wishes to purchase East half of Travis Street. 40ft. wide by 275ft. long. The City of Giddings has received the current certified survey and certified appraisal of the said property from Efrain and Maria Lara.

Efrain and Maria Lara wish to purchase this property. They have filed their application and paid the \$200 fee. They also had an appraisal performed by Dennis Hengst which turned out to be \$1,000. The certified appraisal of the said property was completed. Both Efrain and Maria Lara and Serapio Garza are purchasing half of this City owned Public Street (never been opened for public use).

A motion was made by City Council Member Jake Horne and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt approval the request to purchase City owned Public Street (Never been opened for public use) known as 900 block of N. Travis Street, off of FM 2440. 900 block N Travis Street is 80 ft. wide x 250 ft. long. The requester wishes to purchase East half of Travis Street. 40ft. wide by 275ft. long. The City of Giddings has received the current certified survey and certified appraisal of the said property from Efrain and Maria Lara.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



f. Discussion and take possible action regarding the request to purchase City owned Public Street (Never been opened for public use) known as 900 block of N. Travis Street, off of FM 2440. 900 N Travis Street is 80 ft. wide x 250 ft. long. The requester wishes to purchase West half of Travis Street. 40ft. wide by 250 ft. long. The City of Giddings has received the current certified survey and certified appraisal of the said property from Serapio Garza.

Serapio Garza wishes to purchase this property. Serapio has filed the application and paid the \$200 fee. The certified appraisal of the said property was completed. Serapio has also used Dennis Hengst to appraise the property for \$1,000. Both Efrain/Maria Lara and Serapio Garza are purchasing half of this City owned Public Street (never been opened for public use).

g. Discussion and take possible action on accepting a TDA Economic Development Strategic Planning Grant authorizing the City of Giddings Mayor John Dowell to sign and develop an inter-local agreement for EDC to facilitate the administration of this grant.

Tonya Britton from EDC presented this agenda item to City Council. EDC has received a TDA Economic Development Strategic Planning Grant. The City Council has to authorize City of Giddings Mayor John Dowell to sign and develop an inter-local agreement to facilitate the administration of this grant for the City of Giddings.

A motion was made by City Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by City Council Member Alan Casey approval on accepting a TDA Economic Development Strategic Planning Grant authorizing the City of Giddings Mayor John Dowell to sign and develop an inter-local agreement for EDC to facilitate the administration of this grant.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

9. RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

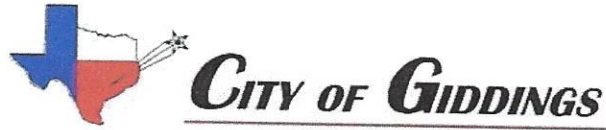
Mayor John Dowell opened Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

a. Recess into Executive Session as authorized by Section 551.072 Real Property/ 551.087 Economic Development Negotiations regarding Project Nevis for Giddings Economic Development Corporation for incentives and real property negotiations.

b. Recess into Executive Session as authorized by Section 551.072 Real Property/ 551.087 Economic Development Negotiations regarding Project Heritage for Giddings Economic Development Corporation for incentives and real property negotiations.

Mayor John Dowell closed Executive Session at 9:23 p.m.

Mayor John Dowell stated no action taken during Executive Session



10. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

a. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action authorizing Section 551.072 Real Property/ 551.087 Economic Development Negotiations regarding Project Nevis for Giddings Economic Development Corporation for incentives and real property negotiations.

A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt for approval authorizing Section 551.072 Real Property/551.087 Economic Development Negotiations regarding Project Nevis for Giddings Economic Development Corporation for incentives and real property negotiations.

- 1). Approval Pre approved loan to GEDC from friends at The Depot for \$40,000.00 to be used by GEDC for building for the Brewery Pub of ZochNet.
- 2). Approval of \$60,000.00 to authorizing GEDC toward the Brewery Project.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members Lopez, Casey, Horne, Pruitt, Castro
Nays: None

b. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action authorizing Section 551.072 Real Property/551.087 Economic Development Negotiations regarding Project Heritage for Giddings Economic Development Corporation for incentives and real property negotiations.

A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt for approval authorizing Section 551.072 Real Property/ 551.087 Economic Development Negotiations regarding Project Nevis for Giddings Economic Development Corporation for incentives and real property negotiations.

- 1). Approval \$35,000.00 to GEDC for Fright Station Building Number Two to repair.
- 2). Approval \$25,000.00 to GEDC for repairs, water and to finish this project.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members Lopez, Casey, Horne, Pruitt, Castro
Nays: None



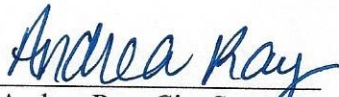
11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS


- 1). Jace Jones new recruit for the Giddings Police Department
- 2). Next two weeks New Officers, One Officer will be leaving next Six weeks
- 3). Chief Walpole learned a lot at his training
- 4). GPD met with Michael Mcphaul
- 5). Safety Meetings once a month
- 6). All boras are on the Lift Station
- 7). Donated land at 909 S. Grimes will ben demoed
- 8). Doug and Angie eclectic migration 5% complete
- 9). Sales up 3.3 increase from last month
- 10). Air projects lights 2020-2021
- 11). Fueling System 2023-2024
- 12). Hwy 290 will closed down August 19, 2019 10pm-10am for RR crossings

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at Monday, August 12, 2019 at 9:37 p.m. by Mayor John Dowel.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary


John Dowell, Mayor

