

Public Hearing & Regular Meeting

September 14, 2015

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

I. Call to Order

Mayor Dowell called to the meeting to order of the City Council at 7:06 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2015, at the Giddings Municipal Building.

II. Pledges to the US and Texas Flags

Pledges were said.

III. Invocation & Welcome

Council Member Alan Casey gave the invocation and Mayor Dowell welcomed the visitors.

IV. Citizens' Comments

Denice Harlan – Update on Word Wrangler

V. Public Hearings

Mayor Dowell opened the Public Hearing on the proposed City Budget for FY 2015-2016 at 7:10 p.m.

No comments, Mayor Dowell closed the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

Mayor Dowell opened the Public Hearing on the proposed City's tax rate (\$0.5068 per \$100 valuation) for FY 2015-2016 at 7:12 p.m.

No comments, Mayor Dowell closed the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

VI. Consent Agenda

Council Member Alan Casey moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Doug Gaeke seconded the motion.

a) Minutes of Regular Meeting held August 24, 2015.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

VII. Unfinished Business

a) Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved to approve the recommendations for disbursements of Hotel Tax Fund, presented by the Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenue Advisory Board. Council Member Linda Pruitt seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

Lee County Sheriff's Posse	\$47,500.00
Texas Wendish Heritage Society	\$10,000.00
Friends of the Depot	\$35,000.00
Giddings Area Chamber of Commerce	\$157,500.00
TOTAL	\$250,000.00

VIII. New Business

a) Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones abstained from discussion due to conflict of interest (form filed with City Secretary)

Council Member Alan Casey moved to proceed with the sale of city owned alleyway at 191 W. Houston. Council Member Joel Lopez seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

b) Council Member Alan Casey moved to approve both recruiting methods for hiring and retention of Police Department officers. Council Member Linda Pruitt seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

c) The proposed FY 2015-2016 Budget was discussed.

IX. Executive Session

No item.

X. Reconvene

None.

XI. City Manager's Report, and Announcements

XII. Adjournment

Mayor John Dowell adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jessica Graefe, TRMC
City Secretary