



GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL-REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 26, 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 7:02 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. Superintendent of Parks, Cemetery, and Golf Course Kenny Ray, Supervisor Doug Balzer for Electric Department.

2. PLEDGES TO THE US AND TEXAS FLAGS

Pledges were said.

3. INVOCATION AND WELCOME

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen 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 August 26, 2019.

A motion was made by City Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro for approval of Minutes for Meeting held on August 26, 2019.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discuss and receive presentations pertaining to the City of Giddings FY 2019-2020 Budget.

The following capital expenditures were presented to City Council by the following employees.

- Electric Department Superintendent Doug Balzer presented the following capital expenditures for the Electric Department.

Electric Department

1. New Bucket Truck-\$145,000.00

- Parks, Cemetery and Golf Course Superintendent Kenny Ray presented the following capital expenditures for the Parks, Cemetery and Golf Course Departments.

Parks and Pool Department

1. Fog Seal-walking trail at Simmang Park-\$13,000.00
2. Pickup-Extended Cab-\$28,000.00
3. Splash pad-\$171,000.00

Cemetery Department

1. Pickup-Extended Cab which will be passed from Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider.

Golf Course

1. Fog Seal-1/2 cart trail-\$18,000.00
2. Greens Mower-\$29,600.00

- Public Works Director Spencer Schneider presented the following capital expenditures for the Water Department.

Water Department

1. Pickup-Extended Cab \$30,000.00

- Public Works Director Spencer Schneider presented the following capital expenditures for the Administration.

Administration.

- 1.Flooring at City Hall \$43,000.00
- Police Chief Haril Walpole
 1. One each-Patrol Vehicles \$48,000.00
 2. One each-In Car cameras \$4250.00
 3. Two each-Radars \$6250.00



City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented to City Council general information of the 2019-2020 Budget.

- Property Value is up from last year 16,738,217
- Tax Rate 0.5188
- Maintenance & Operations 0.3497
- Debt Service Fund .01691
- Budget Fund Summary
- General Fund Total Revenues are up

No action taken by City Council.

b. Discussion and possible action on the Giddings Economic Development Corporation proposed FY 2019-2020 Budget.

Alan Casey presented the Giddings Economic Development Corporation proposed FY 2019-2020 Budget. Alan stated the EDC Board meet last Monday and the Budget was accepted. This coming year the EDC will work on the Depot.

A motion was made by City Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by City Council Member Jake Horne for approval of the Giddings Economic Development Corporation proposed FY 2019-2020 Budget.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

c. Discuss and receive the Lee County Tax Assessor's statutory certifications, submissions, and calculations as required by Chapter 26 of the Tax Code.

Finance Director Clifton Wachsmann presented to Council the effective tax rates, taxable values, and Maintenance, operation tax rates, debt tax rates, rollback taxes. Clifton asked the City Council to proposed the Tax Rate as \$.5188.

As required by Chapter 26 of the Tax Code, Council received the following documents from the Lee County Tax Office:

- 2019 Certified Appraisal Roll
- Certification of 2018 Excess Debt Collections
- Certification of 2019 Anticipated Debt Collection
- 2019 Tax Rate Worksheet

No action taken by City Council.



d. Discussion and possible action on setting a proposed 2019 ad valorem tax rate for notice purposes, setting dates for two public hearings on the proposed tax rate, and setting the date at which City Council will adopt the Tax Rate of \$.5188.

- a.) First Public Hearing date Monday September 9, 2019 for tax rate.
Second Public Hearing and Special Meeting Monday September 16, 2019 for tax rate.

- b.) Set the 2019 Tax Rate Monday September 23, 2019.

Finance Director Clifton Wachsmann presented this agenda item to City Council that there are two Public Hearings required and pertaining to the Tax Rate. These meetings are set with dates above. The Proposed Tax Rate is \$.5188 for the notices purposes. The day to set the final Tax Rate is September 23, 2019.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jake Horne and seconded by City Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez for approval propose a tax rate of \$.5188 for notice purposes; set two public hearings on the proposed tax rate for City Council Monday, September 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. and City Council Special Meeting, September 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.; and adopt the 2019 tax rate at a meeting held on Monday, September 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion carried as a roll call vote: Jake Horne, Linda Pruitt, Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez, Frank Castro, Alan Casey.

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

e. Discussion and possible action on setting a public hearing date for the FY 2019-2020 City Budget.

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this item. Jorgensen explained the Budget is only required one public hearing. The date is Monday, September 16th at 7:00 p.m. City Council Special Meeting. This will give our citizens the opportunity to express their cares and concerns on any aspect of the Budget.

A motion was made by City Council Member Frank Castro and seconded by Council Member Alan Casey to set a public hearing for City Council Special Meeting Monday, September 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. on the FY 2019-2020 City Budget.

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



f. Discussion and take possible action on appointments and/or reappointments to various City of Giddings 2019 Board Appointments. (Per Mayor)

BOARD APPOINTMENT MOTIONS 2019-2020

For those interested in appointment/reappointment

I make a motion to appoint/reappoint:

- Curtis Krause, Mark Muniz, Felton Greer to the Board of Adjustments
- Scott Schultz, Evan Gonzales to the HOT Board
- Gina Reat, Tony Raiford Wayne Bennett to the Planning and Zoning Commission
- Gina Mersiovsky to EDC Board
- Jim Bunch, Jimmie Siegeler, Clifton Wachsmann
- No Term Library Board (2019-2020)
- No Term Historic Board (2019-2020)
- 3 Vacancies Parks Board as needed to meet (2019-2020)

For Vacancies:

I make a motion to appoint:

- Curtis Krause, Mark Muniz, Felton Greer to the Board of Adjustments
- Scott Schultz, Evan Gonzales to the HOT Board
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A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by Council Member Linda Pruitt appointments and/or reappointments to various City of Giddings 2019 Board Appointments.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



- g. Discussion and take possible action on the Resolution No. 439-2019 by the City of Giddings of Giddings, Texas authorizing an Economic Development Corporation and Economic Development Agreement with Zoch Brewing Company, LLC, D/B/A Giddings Brewhaus in the amount of \$60,000.00. With an additional amount of \$40,000.00 from Friends of the Depot. (Require two readings)**

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this agenda item to City Council, Zoch Brewing Company would like to Develop and improve the Old Sterling Theater into a Pub. Zoch Company will expand the building and the and the brewing equipment will be visible from within the Brewery with a large glass partitions. The Resolution No. 439-2019 requires two readings at this time. There will be no action on the first reading.

- h. Discussion and take possible action on the Resolution No. 440-2019 by the City of Giddings of Giddings, Texas authorizing an Economic Development Corporation to expand up to \$35,000.00 for the renovation for the historic train station. (Require two readings)**

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this agenda item to City Council, the EDC would like to further enhance The improvements to the business and the Community as a Whole. The Resolution No. 440-2019 requires two readings at this time. There will be no action on the first reading.

- i. Discussion and take possible action on the Resolution No. 441-2019 by the City of Giddings of Giddings, Texas authorizing an Economic Development Corporation to expand up to \$25,000.00 for the development for the Giddings Heritage Museum and landscaping, water taps, signage and marketing materials related to the Depot Complex. (Require two readings)**

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this agenda item to City Council, the EDC would like to further enhance the Property and also provide marketing materials to show case the property and will improve the economic impact. The Resolution No. 441-2019 requires two readings at this time. There will be no action on the first reading.

- j. Discussion and take possible action on the Lee County Youth Center which is requesting a long-term lease with the City of Giddings for a new location for the LCYC.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez presented this item as a Member of the Board of the Lee County Youth Center. Joel stated the Board Members Present at this time Jennifer Ashley, Sandra Lopez and Meredith Franks. Joel passed out sheets of the History of LCYC, at this time the LCYC has been displaced due to the health Safety concerns with the former Giddings Elementary School. As of July 2019, the LCYC has been relocated to The First Presbyterian Church and is seeking every avenue available to get funding from the public and continue to have fundraisers for a plan of action to pursue and fulfill the dream of moving and having our own facility.

The Board Members of LCYC has found a new location and feels the best location for the facility would be next to the Simmang Park on North Dallas Street. Specifically is property ID Numbers 12034 & 14567 which is not currently being utilized. LCYC is seeking a long-term lease agreement to utilize this property to build a facility conducive to learning, with a shelter area for recreation for any weather condition. The plans are currently are for a study area, kitchen, offices, bathrooms and a regulation size basketball court/gym. Showers to be added in the near future, maybe used for a Red Cross Shelter for a natural disaster in our area. Parking lot in the rear to the building.



The LCYC has investors willing to help in some way, the building estimated cost is \$450,000.00. The lease with this property would mean that any improvements would return to the City of Giddings should LCYC dissolve and the investors have agreed to this.

Joel Lopez recused himself to vote on this agenda item.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jake Horne and seconded by Council Member Linda Pruitt action on the Lee County Youth Center which is requesting a long-term lease with the City of Giddings for a new location for the LCYC.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- k. Mr. Wolfgram with Immanuel Lutheran School would like to propose a new pick-up line for the school, it would require a no parking tow-away zone between certain hours which would have to be approved by City of Giddings Council.**

Police Chief Haril Walpole stated at this time Mr. Wolfgram with Immanuel Lutheran School would like to withdraw the item from City council Agenda at this time. The School would try a voluntary pick up line first.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Alan Roberts started on Polk St.
2. RR Crossing has been completed
3. TML update meeting on Insurance-Aflac meeting
4. Golf Course cut down over 70 dead trees
5. Doug with Electric Department all meters done
6. Ricky and Spencer looking into leasing 69 acres at the Golf Course to an Oil Company

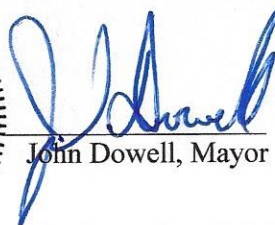
10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at Monday, August 26, 2019 at 9:06 p.m. by Mayor John Dowell.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary




John Dowell, Mayor