

# City Council

## Regular Meeting

August 26, 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 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 26, 2013, at the Giddings Municipal Building.

### **II. Pledges to the US and Texas Flags**

### **III. Invocation & Welcome**

Council Member Joel Lopez gave the invocation and Mayor Brown welcomed the visitors.

### **IV. Citizen's Comments**

No comments.

### **V. Consent Agenda**

Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones 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 August 12, 2013.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

### **VI. Unfinished Business**

a) Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved to approve the GEDC proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joel Lopez. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

### **VII. New Business**

a) Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved to approve the recommendation of the Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenue Advisory Board (the following amounts are listed below). The motion was seconded by Council Member Alan Casey. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

#### HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUE – Fiscal Year 2013-2014 REQUESTS FOR FUNDS

	Request	Advisory Board Recommendation
1. Texas Wendish Heritage Society	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
2. Lee County Sheriff's Posse	\$55,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
3. Giddings Area Chamber of Commerce	\$75,000.00	\$ 68,500.00
4. Sterling Theatre Society	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,500.00

TOTAL \$138,000.00

TOTAL \$115,00.00

Estimated available for grants: \$115,000.00

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City Council Action (August 26, 2013):

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| 1. Texas Wendish Heritage Society    | \$ 2,000.00  |
| 2. Lee County Sheriff's Posse        | \$ 40,000.00 |
| 3. Giddings Area Chamber of Commerce | \$ 68,500.00 |
| 4. Sterling Theatre Society          | \$ 4,500.00  |

b) Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved to approve 2014 Preliminary Appraisal District Budget. The motion seconded by Council Member Gene Parker. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

c) Patricia Davis with the Lee Central Appraisal District presented the certified appraisal roll. (no action to be taken)

At this time Mayor Brown asked to go to item (m) of the agenda.

m) Mayor Brown called the Council, City Attorney, and City Manager into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m., to deliberate the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee, the chief of police in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Section 551.074.

Mayor Brown reconvened the Open Session at 8:06 p.m., and stated that no action was taken in executive session.

Council Member Gene Parker moved to accept Chief Rhoten's retirement and the agreement. The motion seconded by Council Member Alan Casey. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

d) Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved to approve the contract with Lee County for tax collection services. The motion seconded by Council Member Gene Parker. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

e) Council Member Joel Lopez moved to accept the city's ad valorem tax-related certified documents from Lee County Tax Office, as follows: the "2012 Excess Debt Collections", the "Calculation of Effective 2013 Tax Rate", and the "2013 Anticipated Debt Collection Rate". The motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

f) Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved that the proposed ad valorem tax be \$.5161 per \$100 valuation for notice purposes. The motion seconded by Council Member Doug Gaeke. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

g & h) Council Member Joel Lopez moved to set two public hearing on the proposed tax rate (\$.5161): the first to be held Monday, September 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., the second on Monday, September 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., and one public hearing on the proposed City Budget for FY 2013-2014 held on Monday,

September 9, 2013. All public hearings are held in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The motion seconded by Council Member Gene Parker. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

i) Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved to approve the Giddings-Lee County Airport's proposed budget for FY 2013-2014. The motion seconded by Council Member Gene Parker. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

j) Council Member Alan Casey moved to award the 2013 Seal Coating/Paving Project to Ploch Construction with the additional streets. The motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

k) Council Member Joel Lopez moved to accept Ordinance 685 amending section 14.02.493 and 14.02.497. The motion seconded by Council Member Gene Parker. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

l) The proposed budget for FY 2013-2014 was presented and discussed.

o) Council Member Gene Parker moved to approve the City Manager to look into hiring an interim police chief. The motion seconded by Council Member Doug Gaeke. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jessica Graefe, City Secretary

Minutes approved by: \_\_\_\_\_