



Giddings City Council – Regular Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Dowell at 7:02 p.m. with the following present:

Members Present: Mayor John Dowell; Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones; Council Members Frank Castro, Joel Lopez, Alan Casey, and Linda Pruitt.

Staff Present: City Manager Ricky Jorgensen, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Finance Director Clifton Wachsmann, Police Chief Haril Walpole, Captain Farah Ramsey and Judge Robert Lee and Municipal Court Clerk Rachel Grube and Director of Public Library Services Pam Hutchinson. Not Present: Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider.

2. Pledges to the U.S. and Texas Flags

Pledges were said.

3. Invocation and Welcome

Council Member Joel Lopez gave the invocation and Mayor Dowell welcomed all in attendance.

4. Announcements

There were no announcements.

5. Presentations and Proclamations

a. Presentation to Mary Ellen “Minnie” Simmang for service to the Giddings City Library board for over 31 years of dedicated service.

Director of Public Library Services Pam Hutchinson presented Mrs. Simmang with a plaque for over thirty one years of dedicated service to our Giddings City Library board. Board members spoke on how much Mrs. Simmang will be missed.

6. Citizens’ Comments

There were no Citizens’ Comments.

7. Consent Agenda

a. Consider approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held on August 10, 2018.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones and seconded by Council Member Joel Lopez to approve the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by Council Member Alan Casey.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Lopez, Jones, Casey, Pruitt, and Castro

Nays: None

- c. Consideration of approval of Resolution No. 426-2017 authorizing Hotel Occupancy Tax Disbursements for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this item. Jorgensen explained that the Hot Tax Committee met August 30th and discussed five applications for approval. The monies available were \$160,000 and the committee disbursed the money as follows:

- Giddings Chamber of Commerce \$95,000
- Lee County Sheriff's Posse \$53,000
- Texas Wendish Heritage Society \$12,000.
- The EDC received \$40,000 which was approved by Council last year.
- The HOT Board turned down the Giddings Volunteer Fire Department and the Giddings Public Library and Culture Center.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones and seconded by Council Member Joel Lopez.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Lopez, Jones, Casey, Pruitt, and Castro

Nays: None

- d. Discussion and take possible action to approve Mayor Dowell's reappointment as a Representative to the Capital Area Council of Governments' General Assembly.

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this item. Jorgensen explained that The Honorable Mayor Dowell is requesting to be reappointed to the COG's General Assembly for another term.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones and seconded by Council Member Joel Lopez.

- e. Discussion and take possible action on awarding the bid of the 2017 TxCDBG Business' Park Lift Station from Palasota Contracting, LLC; with an additional commitment of \$232,217.00 from the City of Giddings in matching funds, City's total contribution will be \$291,563.00.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Lopez, Jones, Casey, Pruitt, and Castro

Nays: None

8. PUBLIC HEARING

a. Conduct the first public hearing on the proposed 2018 tax rate.

The Public hearing on the proposed 2018 tax rate opened at 7:10 p.m.

No one was present for comments. The Public hearing on the proposed 2018 tax rate closed at 7:11 p.m.

b. Conduct a public hearing on the City of Giddings 2018-2019 Proposed Budget.

The public hearing on the City of Giddings 2018-2019 Proposed Budget opened at 7:12 p.m.

No one was present for comments. The public hearing on the City of Giddings 2018-2019 Proposed Budget closed at 7:13 p.m.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and take possible action on considering approval of a Resolution No.424.2018, Authorizing the Giddings Economic Development Corporation for an expenditure of \$25000.00 for the bore under Hwy 290 East and installation of gas lines relating to the Giddings 290 Business Park Lift Station project. This will be the second and final reading.

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this item. Jorgensen explained this will be the final reading of this resolution. This is an expenditure to make a bore under Highway 290 East for the placement of a gas line as it relates to the Business Park as set forth in the EDC program agreement.

A motion was made by Council Member Joel Lopez and seconded by Council Member Frank Castro to approval of a Resolution No.424.2018, Authorizing the Giddings Economic Development Corporation for an expenditure of \$25,000.00 for boring under Hwy 290 East and installation of gas lines relating to the Giddings 290 Business Park Lift Station project. This is the second and final reading.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Lopez, Jones, Casey, Pruitt, and Castro

Nays: None

- b. Discussion and take possible action on approving the Resolution No. 425-2018 the Resolution approving designators for transactions for the City of Giddings Banking Depository.

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this item. Jorgensen explained this will be every time The City makes a change pertaining to the City Manager, City Secretary, Mayor and Human Resource Director, having to resign signature cards for the bank.



City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this item. Jorgensen explained that the City Engineers and City Staff ask The City Council award the contract to Palasota Contracting for the 2017 Texas TxCDBG Business Park Lift Station at \$591,563. Palasota Contracting, LLC; were the low bidder.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones and seconded by Council Member Linda Pruitt.

10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. TxDot Hwy 290 Project there is not as many repairs as first recommend.
2. Kenny Ray, Parks Department had maps ready for the Council on the Splash pad and amounts
3. Mike Proske, Water & Sewer Department busy with water links due to the weather
4. Next safety meeting will be out in the field
5. Doug Blazer, Electric Department replacing meters around town
6. Electric department is working on the lights in town on Hwy 290
7. New playground equipment for the Veterans Park in the Budget
8. Cemetery Department is leveling headstones
9. Parks Department repainting the walking trails
10. John Bradshaw Seal Coat project on the City streets
11. Turman Rd. will be restored

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dowell adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

Andrea Ray, City Secretary



John Dowell, Mayor