

# ***City Council***

## ***Public Hearing & Special Meeting***

**September 15, 2014**

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

### **I. Call to Order**

Mayor Dowell called to order the meeting of the City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 2014, at the Giddings Municipal Building.

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

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

City Attorney Tim Kleinschmidt gave the invocation and Mayor Dowell welcomed the visitors.

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

No comments.

### **V. Public Hearings**

Mayor Dowell opened the Public Hearing on the proposed City's tax rate (\$0.5068 per \$100 valuation) for FY 2014-2015 at 7:01 p.m.

Questions asked: David True – what is proposed tax rate? John Simmang – what is the rollback rate?

No further comments, Mayor Dowell closed the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

### **VI. New Business**

a) Proposed budget was discussed.

The answers from the public hearing were answered - Proposed tax rate is \$0.5068 per \$100 valuation and the rollback rate is \$.4969.

The following representatives were present regarding the charitable contributions:

Combined Community Action	\$3,713.00	Kelly Franke, Executive Director
Family Crisis Center	\$1,350.00	Sherry, Executive Director
CARTS	\$3,375.00	
Children's Advocacy Center	\$1,350.00	Terry Beattie, Executive Director
Lee County Heritage Society	\$3,375.00	
Lee County Express	\$2,363.00	Tony Francis, President
CASA	\$1,013.00	Kristy Glasper, Executive Director
Texas Youth Football	\$1,688.00	Janelle Johnson, Secretary
GVFD – fireworks	\$2,250.00	David Burttschell, Captain

B&M Ambulance contract increase of \$40,000 for the next 5 years:

Current contract amount of \$129,000.00 with \$40,000.00 increase to \$169,000.00.

Street Seal Coating decrease -160,000.00 to \$125,000.00 = \$35,000.00

General Fund = \$5,000.00

**TOTAL**

**\$40,000.00**

- b) Council Member Joel Lopez moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the bid contract awarded to M-W-D Construction for the 2013 TxCDBG Hickory Creek Lift Station Improvement. The motion seconded by Council Member Doug Gaeke.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

- c) Council Member Linda Pruitt moved to appoint the following to the tax abatement committee:

Ricky Jorgensen

Alan Casey

John Dowell

The motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

- d) Council Member Alan Casey moved to approve utility service outside the city limits for Eduard Munoz pending copy of the deed. The motion seconded by Council Member Joel Lopez.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

- e&f) Mayor Dowell called Council, City Manager, EDC Director Tonya Britton, EDC President John Simmang, and City Attorney into Executive Session at 7:46 p.m., regarding GEDC request to purchase real property, in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Section 551.072 and Economic Development Negotiations, in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Section 551.087.

Mayor Dowell reconvened the open session at 8:33 p.m., and stated that no action was taken.

- g) Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved to approve the action taken by GEDC to purchase the Union Pacific property, approximately 3.6 acres, which sits adjacent to Hwy 290 and is contiguous with the approximately 167.257 Mittasch estate, for \$20,000 per acre, and to authorize John Simmang to sign any paperwork needed to complete the transaction; secondarily authorize John Simmang to sign any documents needed relating to the TxDOT easement and signal light activities; third and to approve GEDC to purchase the approximately 167.257 acres of land from the Mittasch estate, for \$10,000 per acre – less the cost of the approximately 1.39 acres of County Road 133, less 50% of the cost to purchase the Union Pacific property referenced above last item contingent upon the termination and release of the Duke gas pipeline easement located on the property. The motion seconded by Council Member Alan Casey.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

- h) No action needed for executive session items.

**VII. Adjournment**

Mayor Dowell adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jessica Graefe, City Secretary