

Fred Jones, Mayor Pro Tem Linda Pruitt Joel Lopez Ricky Jorgensen, City Manager

Giddings City Council – Special Meeting Minutes September 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Dowell at 7:00 p.m. with following present:

Members Present: Mayor John Dowell; Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones; Council Alan Casey, and Linda Pruitt, Joel Lopez Not Present Frank Castro.

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

2. PLEDGES TO THE US AND TEXAS FLAGS

Pledges were said.

3. INVOCATION AND WELCOME

Council Member Lind Pruitt gave the invocation and Mayor John Dowell welcomed all in attendance.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

a. Conduct the second and final public hearing on the proposed 2018 tax rate.

The Public hearing on the proposed 2018 tax rate opened at 7:03 p.m.

Paul Michalk spoke on the 2018 tax rate, Mr. Michalk stated that he would not like to see the tax rate go up.

The Public hearing on the proposed 2018 tax rate closed at 7:07 p.m.

5. BUDGET

a. Discussion and possible action on the City of Giddings FY 2018-2019 Budget in accordance with Section 102.007 of the Local Government Code.

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented the budget increases to help with the General Fund. Finance Director Clifton Wachsmann and City Manager Ricky Jorgensen reviewed the increases and presented City Council with the figures.



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2018-2019 Budget

- 1. 3% Salary Increase
- 2. Used rollback as tax rate increase 0.5068 to 0.5188-Budget Impact \$37,533
- 3. To add positions-requested by PD change part-time dispatcher to full time
- 4. No additional increase for Municipal Judges
- 5. Increase Electric Residential minimum from \$7.00 to \$10.00-Budget Impact \$72,400
- 6. Increase Electric Commercial minimum from \$11.00 to \$15.00-Budget Impact \$20,500
- 7. Increase permit fee from \$10.00 to \$20.00-Budget Impact \$4,000
- b. Discussion the request a \$100.00 in the monthly compensations for Judge Robert Lee, and Judge Patti Adcock.

A motion was by Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones to approve the request a \$100.00 in the monthly compensations for Judge Robert Lee, and Judge Patti Adcock.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Lopez, Casey, Pruitt, Jones

Nays: None

c. In accordance with Section 102.007 of the Local Government Code, which requires the governing body to take action on the budget following the public hearing, a motion was made by Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones to postpone adoption of the budget until the meeting to be held Monday September 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Lopez, Casey, Pruitt, Jones

Nays: None

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dowell adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Andrea Ray, City Secretary

John Dowell, Mayor