

City Council

Regular Meeting

September 22, 2014

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

I. Call to Order

Mayor Dowell called to order the meeting of the City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 22, 2014, at the Giddings Municipal Building.

II. Pledges to the US and Texas Flags

Council Member Joel Lopez lead the pledges

III. Invocation & Welcome

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen gave the invocation and Mayor Dowell welcomed the visitors.

IV. Citizen's Comments

Denice Harlan (Chamber of Commerce) - The Chamber plans on hosting Halloween on Saturday, October 25th starting at 5p.m.

James Martinez (807 N. Manse) – Issue with the trash coming out of the trash dumpster at the dead end street on N. Manse.

V. Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joel Lopez.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four

NAY: none

a) Minutes of Public Hearings & Regular Meeting held September 8, 2014.

b) Minutes of Public Hearing & Special Meeting held September 15, 2014.

VI. New Business

- a) Council Member Linda Pruitt moved to approve Ordinance #707 adopting the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and City Council finds that the organizations listed within serves a valid public purpose as set out below. The motion seconded by Council Member Alan Casey.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four

NAY: none

CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS
ORDINANCE NO. 707

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2014 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO PAY INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL DUE ON THE CITY'S INDEBTNESS; AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS FOR THE 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR.

WHEREAS, the budget appended hereto as Exhibit A, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015, was duly presented to the City Council by the City Manager and a public hearing was ordered by the City Council and said notice was published in the Giddings Times & News and said public hearing was held according to said notice.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS:

SECTION 1. That the appropriations of the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015, for the support of the general government of the City of Giddings, Texas, be fixed and determined for said terms in accordance with expenditures shown in the City's fiscal year 2014-2015 budget, a copy for appended hereto as Exhibit A;

SECTION 2. That the budget, as presented, is hereby approved in all respects and adopted as the City's budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015.

SECTION 3. That there is hereby appropriated the amount shown in said budget necessary to provide for the payment of principal and interest and the retirement of the bonded debt of said city.

SECTION 4. That there is hereby shown that the Giddings City Council finds that each of the organizations listed within serves a valid public purpose as set out below:

The Lee County Heritage Society helps preserve and promote the history of the City of Giddings and the surrounding area.

The Lee County Express Track Club and Central Texas Youth Football provide athletic activities that promote a healthy lifestyle for our youth and instill teamwork and citizenship.

The following are found to provide a public purpose by the Texas Attorney General: Combined Community Action, Family Crisis Center, CARTS, Children's Advocacy Center, CASA, and GVFD.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this the 22nd day of September 2014.

CITY GIDDINGS, TEXAS
John Dowell, Mayor

Jessica Graefe, City Secretary

- b) Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved to approve Ordinance #708 adopting the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 tax rate of \$0.5068 per \$100 valuation. The motion seconded by Council Member Joel Lopez.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four

NAY: none

CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS
ORDINANCE NO. 708

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING 2014 AD VALOREM FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS FOR THE 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; AND, PROVIDING WHEN TAXED SHALL BECOME DUE AND SHALL BECOME DUE AND SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That there is hereby levied and there shall be collected for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Giddings, and for Debt Service of the General Fund for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, upon all property, real, personal, and mixed, within the corporate limits of said City subject to taxation, a tax of \$0.5068 each \$100 valuation of property, said tax being so levied and apportioned to the specific purposes here set forth:

For the maintenance and operation of the General Fund, \$0.3194 on each \$100 valuation of property; and

For Debt Service of the General Fund \$0.1874 on each \$100 valuation of property.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL REMAIN THE SAME. THE TAX RATE WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME.

SECTION 2. That taxed levied under this ordinance shall be due October 1, 2014, and if not paid on or before January 31, 2015, shall immediately become delinquent.

SECTION 3. All taxes shall become a lien upon the property against which assessed, and the tax assessor/collector of the City of Giddings is hereby authorized and empowered to enforce the collection of such taxes according to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and ordinance of the City of Giddings, and shall, by virtue of the tax rolls, fix and establish a lien by levying upon such property, whether real or personal, for the payment of said taxes, penalty and interest, and the interest and penalty collected from such delinquent taxed shall bear interest from date of delinquency at the rate as prescribed by state law.

SECTION 4. That for the support and maintenance of the City of Giddings, this Ordinance is hereby adopted by the City Council of the City of Giddings, Texas.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 22nd day of September 2014.

CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS
John Dowell, Mayor

ATTEST:
Jessica Graefe, City Secretary

- c) Council Member Alan Casey moved to accept the 2015 Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division's Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) grant agreement and designating Clifton Wachsmann as the City's authorized representative. The motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four

NAY: none

- d) Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved to authorize City Manager to proceed with the sale of the city owned alley way adjoining property located in Block 9 of the John Knox Addition, between Schneider St. and Josephine St. The motion seconded by Council Member Linda Pruitt.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four

NAY: none

- e) Council Member Alan Casey accept Resolution 321-2014 amending the Personnel Policy and have city staff provide a report to council regarding internet usage, then at that time decide if internet security needs to be changed. The motion seconded by Council Member Linda Pruitt.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four

NAY: none

CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS
RESOLUTION No. 321-2014

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS, AMENDING SEVERAL SECTIONS OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL; AND MAKING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO.

- f) Council Member Linda Pruitt moved to accept the Giddings Police Department Policy 4.7 titled "Wellnes Program". The motion seconded by Council Member Joel Lopez.

Motion carried by the following:

AYE: four

NAY: none

g&h) Mayor Dowell called Council, City Manager, EDC Director Tonya Britton, EDC President John

Simmang, and City Attorney into Executive Session at 7:59 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 8:22 p.m., and stated that no action was taken.

- i) No action to be taken.
- j) Council Member Joel Lopez moved to approve the purchase of the Mittasch property without the provision. The motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four

NAY: none

- k) Mayor Dowell called Council, City Manager, City Secretary, and City Attorney into Executive Session at 8:24 p.m., to deliberate and evaluate attorneys or law firms for the city attorney position, in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Section 551.074.

Mayor Dowell reconvened the open session at 8:39 p.m., and stated that no action was taken.

- l) Council Member Joel Lopez moved to approve rates from current law firm (Schneider, Krugler, Kleinschmidt, & Weiser) that is proposed effective October 1st, until further action can be decided. The motion seconded by Council Member Linda Pruitt.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four

NAY: none

VII. City Manager's Report, and Announcements

- a) Halloween Schedule – The police department will have the Whispering Oaks subdivision as one way driving for safety purposes; the Chamber plans on hosting Halloween on Saturday, October 25th starting at 5p.m.
- b) National Night Out – October 7th at the County Court House from 6:00p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- c) Park Ordinance – Committee and Park Board meeting scheduled Friday, October 3rd at noon.

VIII. Adjournment

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

Minutes submitted by: Jessica Graefe, City Secretary