



Giddings City Council – Regular Meeting Minutes
September 24, 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 the following present:

Members Present: Mayor John Dowell; Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones, Council Members Frank Castro, Joel Lopez, and Linda Pruitt, Alan Casey 5 minutes late.

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

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

Pledges were said.

3. Invocation and Welcome

Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones gave the invocation and Mayor Dowell welcomed all in attendance.

4. Announcements

There were no announcements.

5. Citizens' Comments

6. Consent Agenda

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

b. Consider approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held on September 17, 2018.

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

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



7. New Business

- a. **Consider approval of Resolution No. 427-2018 authorizing the Giddings Economic Development Program expenditure to TRITEC Performance Solutions for workforce development.**

Council Member Alan Casey presented this item to Council, stating the TRITEC Performance Solutions is seeking funds to improve the workforce by sending employees now that are employed to training and classes, to improve the knowledge of the businesses.

A motion was made by Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones to approve of Resolution No 427-2018 authorizing the Giddings Economic Development Program expenditure to TRITEC Performance Solutions for workforce development.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- b. **Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance No. 829 adopting the FY 2018-2019 City Budget.**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones and seconded by Linda Pruitt to approve Ordinance No. 829 adopting the FY 2018-2019 City Budget.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- c. **Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance No. 830 adopting the 2018 tax rate of 0.5188 per \$100 valuation.**

A motion was made by Alan Casey and seconded by Joel Lopez to approve Ordinance No. 830 adopting the 2018 tax rate of 0.5188 per \$100 valuation.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



d. Discuss and take possible action on Amending Ordinance No. 671 increasing the permit fee from \$10.00 to \$20.00.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones and seconded by Council Member Frank Castro to approve Amending Ordinance No. 671 increasing the permit fee from \$10.00 to \$20.00.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

e. Discuss and take possible action on Amending Ordinance No. 592 increasing the Electric Utilities.

Residential rates shall be applicable to all residential consumers for domestic use, facilities owned and operated by churches, schools or municipal, county, state, and federal entities whose peak demand does not exceed ten kilowatts. The monthly rates are as follows:

FIXED CHARGE, PER MONTH **\$7.00 change to \$15.00**

System charge, energy charge and demand charge **no change in current rates**

52.17 (B) Small business. Small business rates shall apply to all nonresidential consumers whose peak demand does not exceed ten kilowatts. The monthly rates are as follows:

FIXED CHARGE, PER MONTH **\$7.00 change to \$15.00**

System charge, energy charge and demand charge **no change in current rate**

52.17 (C) Commercial. Commercial rates shall apply to all commercial consumers, churches schools, and municipal, county, state and federal entities whose peak demand is or exceeds ten kilowatts for the maximum 15 minute measured kilowatt demand in the month. The monthly rats are as follows:

FIXED CHARGE PER MONTH **\$7.00 change to \$15.00**

System charge, energy charge (1), (2), and (3) **no change in current rate**



A motion was made by Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones to approve Amending Ordinance No. 592 increasing the Electric Utilities.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

8. City Manager's Report, And Announcements

1. TX DOT sent a reminder for a Public Meeting at Giddings Public Library & Culture Center on October 9, 2018, 4:00-6:00 p.m. This will be an open-house format no formal presentation.
2. 2018 Seal Coat Bids Packets are out, bids will opening on October 1, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.
3. Five interviews have been done for the front utility clerk.
4. Andrea Ray explained the class she attended in Stafford, Texas, with the Salt Grass Chapter.

9. Adjournment

Mayor Dowell adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrea Ray".

Andrea Ray, City Secretary

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Dowell".

John Dowell, Mayor

