



GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL-SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2020 AT 12:00 P.M
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 118 E RICHMOND ST., GIDDINGS, TEXAS

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Dowell at 12:00 p.m. with the following present:

Members Present: Mayor John Dowell, Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez, Council Members Frank Castro, Alan Casey, Jake Horne, Linda Pruitt.

Staff Present: City Manager Ricky Jorgensen, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider, Director of Finance Clifton Wachsmann, City Police Chief Haril Walpole, Captain Steve Spencer, Giddings Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief Charlie Brown, Rachel Grube Court Clerk.

2. PLEDGES TO THE US AND TEXAS FLAGS- Pledges were said.

3. INVOCATION AND WELCOME- City Manager Ricky Jorgensen, gave the invocation and Mayor John Dowell welcomed all in attendance.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and possible take action on the approval of final Phase One Plat for the Buffalo Ridge.

A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro for approval final Phase One Plat for the Buffalo Ridge.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members Casey, Castro, Horne, Lopez, Pruitt

Nays: None.

5. BUDGET

a. Discussion and possible take action on the City of Giddings FY 2020-2021 Budget in accordance with Section 102.007 of the Local Government Code.

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this agenda item to City Council.

1. Property Tax Proposed same as last year 0.5188.
2. 3% Salary increase in budget w/ \$15,000 added to Capital Budget for Fire Dept. Grant writer.
3. 2.5 % Salary increase in budget w/ \$15,000 added to Capital Budget for Fire Dept. Grant writer.
4. 2 % Salary increase in budget w/ \$15,000 added to Capital Budget for Fire Dept. Grant writer.
5. 1% Salary increase in budget w/ \$15,000 added to Capital Budget for Fire Dept. Grant writer.0
6. Police Fines & Court cost budget decreased by \$150,000.00 to project the latest revenue flows.
 - a. Police fines lowered \$85,000.00 b. Court Cost lowered \$65,000.00 Total \$150,000.00
7. No seal coating project in this budget.
8. Sales tax projections same as last year.
9. Sewer revenues increased by raising the minimum rate by \$1.50 per month.

Sewer Rates last increased in April 2011.

 - a. Residential \$22.15 to \$23.65 and Commercial \$26.88 to \$28.38.
10. Water revenues increased by raising the minimum rate by \$1.50 per month.
 - a. Residential \$21.50 to \$23.00 and commercial \$26.50 to \$28.00.

Giddings Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief Charlie Brown presented to the City Council to start a five-year plan for the GVFD. Charlie Brown proposed to consider the GVFD to be budgeted for \$25,000.00 for a grant writer that will be needed in the future. Charlie Brown discussed several slides with the City Council that was provided to them from Charlie Brown. With the five-year plan there will be trucks that need to be replaced in the near future. The G.V.F.D. equipment will need to be updated as time goes on. Charlie stated he would like to see purchases what is needed at different times and does not need to be done all at once.

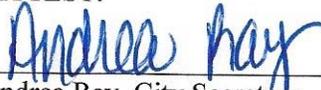
City Mayor and City Council moved to discuss what needs to be presented in the next budget at the City Council meeting September 28, 2020. With the water & sewer increases the discussion was to raise the rates to \$1.75 increase on water. Sewer rates increase to \$2.00. With the budget to show giving the Giddings Volunteer Fire Department \$25,000.00 for a grant writer.

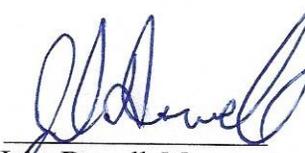
3% was discussed on salary increase, but still would like to see the 1%, 2.5%, 2%, on the list. Final decision will be made at the September 28, 2020 City Council Meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at Friday, September 25, 2020 at 1:11 p.m. by Mayor John Dowell.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary


John Dowell, Mayor

