

City Council

Public Hearings & Regular Meeting

September 8, 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 8, 2014, at the Giddings Municipal Building.

II. Pledges to the US and Texas Flags

III. Invocation & Welcome

Council Member Alan Casey gave the invocation and Mayor Dowell welcomed the visitors.

IV. Citizen's Comments

Denice Harlan- Invite council to the Texas Word Wrangler Book Festival
Gretchen Rodstrm – spoke in favor of the B&M Ambulance contract.

V. Public Hearings

Mayor Dowell opened the Public Hearing on the proposed City Budget for FY 2014-2015 at 7:08 p.m.

No comments, Mayor Dowell closed the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

Mayor Dowell opened the public hearing on the proposed city's tax rate (0.5068 per \$100 valuation) for FY 2014-2015 at 7:09 p.m.

No comments, Mayor Dowell closed the public hearing at 7:10p.m.

VI. Consent Agenda

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

a) Minutes of Regular Meeting held on August 25, 2014.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

VII. Unfinished Business

a) Council member Alan Casey moved to approve the amendments to GEDC by-laws. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joel Lopez.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

- b) Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved to increase the amount of \$40,000 for the current 2 years and extend the contract for another 3 years with the increase of \$40,000 not to come out of budgeted salary increase. The motion was seconded by Council Member Linda Pruitt.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: four (Fred Jones, Linda Pruitt, Alan Casey, and Doug Gaeke)

NAY: one (Joel Lopez)

VIII. New Business

- a) Proposed budget was discussed. The following funding for the charitable contributions were discussed with no changes to the amounts:

Combined Community Action	\$3,713.00
Family Crisis Center	\$1,350.00
CARTS	\$3,375.00
Children's Advocacy Center	\$1,350.00
Lee County Heritage Society	\$3,375.00
Lee County Express	\$2,363.00
CASA	\$1,013.00
Central Tx. Youth Football	\$1,688.00
GVFD – fireworks	\$2,250.00

- b) Jimmy Mitschke, Fire Chief would like approval to go ahead with previous plans of demolishing the Witte house on city property in front of the Fire Station on west Independence Street.

Council Member Doug Gaeke abstained. (Conflict of Interest form filed with City Secretary)

Council Member Alan Casey moved to demo the house. The motion seconded by Council Member Linda Pruitt.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

- c&d) Mayor Dowell called Council, City Manager, EDC Director Tonya Britton, EDC President John Simmang, and City Attorney into Executive Session at 8:13 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 8:40 p.m., and stated that no action was taken.

- e&f) No action needed for executive session items.

IX. Adjournment

Mayor Dowell adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jessica Graefe, City Secretary