



CITY OF GIDDINGS

118 E. RICHMOND STREET, GIDDINGS, TX 78942

Regular Meeting – Giddings City Council

March 28, 2016

Present: Mayor John Dowell; Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones; Council Members Alan Casey, Doug Gaeke, Joel Lopez, and Linda Pruitt; City Manager Ricky Jorgensen, and City Attorney Charlie Crossfield.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Dowell called the meeting of the City Council to order at 7 pm on Monday, March 28, 2016, at the Giddings Municipal Building.

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

Pledges were said.

III. Invocation and Welcome

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

IV. Announcements

There were no announcements.

V. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizen comments.

VI. Consent Agenda

a) Minutes of Regular Meeting held on February 22, 2016

Council Member Linda Pruitt moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 22nd, 2016. Council Member Alan Casey seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

VII. Old Business

- a) **Consider and take appropriate action on Ordinance No. 804 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Giddings, Texas, Chapter 1, “General Provisions”, Article 1.08, “Cemeteries”, Sections 1.08.003 and 1.08.005; regulating plants and shrubs for contiguous plots of six or more; requiring a license agreement and proof of plot ownership; prohibiting trees and shrubs in the Memorial Park cemetery section; providing for a severability clause; and providing an effective date.**

Council Member Joel Lopez moved to approve Ordinance 804 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Giddings, Texas, Chapter 1, “General Provisions”, Article 1.08, “Cemeteries”, Sections 1.08.003 and 1.08.005; regulating plants and shrubs for contiguous plots of six or more; requiring a license agreement and proof of plot ownership; prohibiting trees and shrubs in the Memorial Park cemetery section; providing for a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

Council Member Doug Gaeke seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

VIII. New Business

- a) **Receive and possibly act upon an update of current projects from the Giddings Economic Development Corporation.**

Project and expenditure update was received from EDC Director, Tonya Britton.

No action was taken.

- b) **Discussion on process for potential repair of Navarro Street and possible street dedication.**

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen gave Council an overview of the process to temporarily repair Navarro Street and how to have the street dedicated as a City road so that future repairs could be made. Also discussed was dedication of other streets in need of repair.

No action was taken.

- c) **Discuss and take appropriate action on Resolution 402-2016 regarding the annual adoption of the City’s Investment Policy for 2016.**

Council Member Joel Lopez moved to approve Resolution 402-2016 regarding the annual adoption of the City’s Investment Policy for 2016. Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

- d) Discuss and take appropriate action pertaining to the Juneteenth Block Party in the Business District.**

Council Member Alan Casey moved to allow a waiver for open containers for the Juneteenth Block Party taking place in the Business District. Council Member Linda Pruitt seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five
NAY: none

- e) Consider and take appropriate action authorizing the Mayor to execute a General Joint Use Agreement between LiveAir Networks and the City of Giddings for the purpose of allowing joint use of municipally owned utility poles in and around the City of Giddings.**

Council Member Alan Casey moved to approve authorizing the Mayor to execute a General Joint Use Agreement between LiveAir Networks and the City of Giddings for the purpose of allowing joint use of municipally owned utility poles in and around the City of Giddings. Council Member Linda Pruitt seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five
NAY: none

- f) Consider and take appropriate action on Certification of Unopposed Candidates from the City Secretary for the May 7, 2016 general election.**

Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved to approve the Certification of Unopposed Candidates from the City Secretary for the May 7, 2016 general election. Council Member Alan Casey seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five
NAY: none

- g) Consider and take appropriate action on Ordinance No. 803 canceling the May 7, 2016 general election and declaring the unopposed candidates as elected.**

Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved to approve Ordinance No. 803 canceling the May 7, 2016 general election and declaring the unopposed candidates as elected. Council Member Linda Pruitt seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five
NAY: none

IX. Executive Session

- a) Recess into Executive Session as authorized by Section 551.070, Government Code, regarding contemplated or pending litigation, to-wit: McClish v. City of Giddings.**

- b) **Recess into Executive Session as authorized by Section 551.074, Government Code, related to personnel matters, to-wit: discussion of Police Chief's salary.**

Council entered into Executive Session at 8:23 pm.

X. Reconvene into Regular Session

- a) **Consider discussion and/or action regarding pending or contemplated litigation, to-wit: McClish v. City of Giddings.**

Mayor Dowell reconvened into Regular Session at 8:35 pm.

No action taken in Executive Session.

Action taken in Open Session: Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones moved to settle the lawsuit by payment of \$2,250 with a full release. Council Member Doug Gaeke seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

- b) **Consider discussion and/or action regarding personnel matters, to-wit: discussion of Police Chief's salary.**

No action taken in Executive Session.

Action taken in Open Session: Council Member Joel Lopez moved to approve a five percent salary increase and no COLA exclusion for Chief Walpole. Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jones seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: five

NAY: none

XI. City Manager's Report, And Announcements

1. Audit approval will be on next agenda
2. City manager discussed pursuing future CO bonds.
3. Discussion regarding discord between land owner and City regarding utilization of entrance at South Sewer Plant for entrance to police department firing range.

XII. Adjournment

Mayor Dowell adjourned the meeting at 8:43 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Lola Hazel, City Secretary