

CITY OF GIDDINGS

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GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 118 E RICHMOND, GIDDINGS, TEXAS

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Joel Lopez at 7:02 p.m. with the following present:

Members Present: Mayor Joel Lopez, Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey, Council Members Linda Pruitt, Frank Castro, Jacob Janda, and Mark Muniz.

Staff Present: City Manager Spencer Schneider, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Director of Public Services Kenny Ray, Library Director Jessie Akins, Sargent James Nickell, GEDC President David Stedman.

2. PLEDGES TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAG - Pledges were said.

3. INVOCATION AND WELCOME – Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey gave the invocation and Mayor Joel Lopez welcomed all in attendance.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS – City Secretary Andrea Ray presented her Texas Registered Municipal Clerk Certification.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS – Proclamation Presented to the Marshall and Charles Etta Francis Family.

6. CITIZENS' COMMENTS – Denice Harlan spoke on the Giddings Economic Development and the Giddings Chamber working together as a team, and spoke about all the work President David Stedman has accomplished since he has arrived in Giddings.

7. CONSENT AGENDA - All of the following items are considered to be self-explanatory by the City Council and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a City Council member so requests.

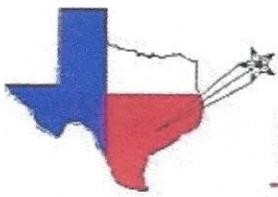
a. Consider approval of Minutes for City Council Regular Meeting held on Monday, January 9, 2023.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro for approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held on Monday, January 9, 2023.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Pruitt, Castro, Janda, Muniz

Nays: None



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8. REGULAR SESSION

- a. Discuss and take possible action regarding the Giddings Library's fines and fees.

Library Director Jessie Akins will present this agenda item.

Library Director Jessie Akins presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The Giddings Library is requesting a reconstruction of the policy on fines and lates fees. Jessie stated to amend and repeal the items that need to removed and updated. This agenda item will be brought back to Mayor and Giddings City Council in an Ordinance.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to approve the changes to the Giddings Library's fines and fees. This agenda item will be brought back to Mayor and Giddings City Council in an Ordinance.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Pruitt, Castro, Janda, Muniz

Nays: None

- b. Discuss and take possible action regarding Ordinance No. 866 Amendment No. 1 to the 2022-2023 Budget for the Giddings Economic Development Corporation.

- (a) A motion was made by City Council Member Mark Muniz and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro to recess in to Executive Session - Section 551.074-Personal Matters.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Pruitt, Castro, Janda, Muniz

Nays: None

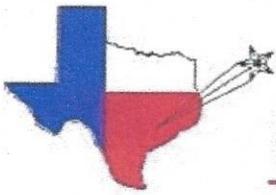
Recessing into Executive Session :

- (b) Mayor Joel Lopez closed the Regular Session at 7:38 p.m. to convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters.

Reconvene Into Regular Session:

- (c) Mayor Joel Lopez adjourned the Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Session, stating that no final actions, decisions, or votes were had during the Executive Session.

Ed Johnson and Charles Hurley commented on how well the EDC has been doing and the direction the city is headed with the help of EDC Director David Stedman, along with the help from City Manager Spencer Schneider and Mayor Joel Lopez.



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A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt to adopt Ordinance No. 866 Amendment No. 1 to the 2022-2023 Budget for the Giddings Economic Development Corporation one time salary adjustment for President David Stedman as follows:

- (1.) Line item 6106 to increase by \$11,500 from \$160,000 to \$171,500.
- (2.) Line item 6102 to increase by \$880 from \$12,240 to \$13,120.
- (3.) Line item 6105 to increase by \$2,097 from \$29,168 to \$31,265.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Pruitt, Castro, Janda

Nays: Muniz

- (d) A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey to approve Ordinance No. 866 Amendment No. 1 to 2022-2023 Budget for the Giddings Economic Development Corporation as follows:

- (1.) Line item 6963-4 to increase by \$15,000 from \$75,000 to \$90,000.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Pruitt, Castro, Janda, Muniz

Nays: None

- c. Discuss and take possible action regarding Ordinance No. 867 ordering the May 6, 2023 General Election for the City Officials and Giddings Independent School District Trustees.

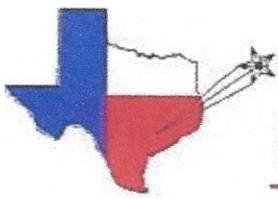
City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to City Council. The City of Giddings is required to order by ordinance the General Election for City Officials and Giddings Independent School District Trustees. The General Election is scheduled for May 6, 2023.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda to approve the Ordinance No. 867 ordering the May 6, 2023 General Election for City Officials and Giddings Independent School District Trustees.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Pruitt, Castro, Janda, Muniz

Nays: None



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- d. Discuss and take possible action to authorize City Manager Spencer Schneider to enter into agreement with Giddings Independent School District for the purpose of conducting joint elections.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. This agreement is required between City of Giddings and Giddings ISD for a joint election for May 6, 2023.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to authorize City Manager Spencer Schneider to enter into agreement with Giddings ISD for the purpose of conducting joint elections.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Pruitt, Castro, Janda, Muniz

Nays: None

- e. Discuss and take possible action to authorize City Manager Spencer Schneider to enter in a contract with Lee County Elections Administrator for services related to the upcoming General Election on May 6, 2023.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. This contract is between City of Giddings and Lee County Election Administrator Teresa Shed. Teresa will handle both elections. In the contract there are certain duties each entity must fulfill.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro to authorize City Manager Spencer Schneider to enter in a contract with Lee County Elections Administrator for services related to the upcoming General Election on May 6, 2023.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Pruitt, Castro, Janda, Muniz

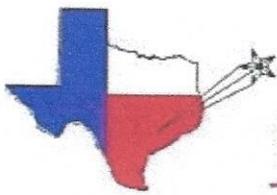
Nays: None

- f. Discuss and take possible action regarding Ordinance No. 868 to amend Section 3.04.129 on conductors.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council.

With the price and availability of copper conductors, the city has numerous contractors requesting that we change the current ordinance. This change would allow aluminum service entrance cable to run from the main disconnect panel to sub panels inside the structure. With the better quality of aluminum conductors and termination equipment, the city has no problem with this change to the current ordinance.

A motion was made by City Council Member Frank Castro and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to approve Ordinance No. 868 to amend Section 3.04.129 on conductors.



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Nays: None

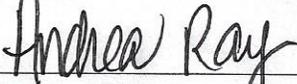
9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

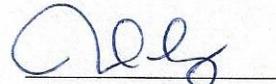
1. General Election. Jacob Janda, Frank Castro, and Alan Casey. If you are going to run for council, please pick up your election packet for the May 06, 2023 from Andrea after this meeting.
2. Cornhole Boards are here and are in place at the Veteran's Park.
3. We had a quick meeting with the City and Strand Engineering and came up with this schedule in accordance to EDA guidelines:
 - Advertise (30 days): January 19 & 23, January 26 & 30
 - Open Bids : Tuesday, February 21, 2023
 - Evaluation of proposers and EDA review: Tuesday, February 21, 2023– Tuesday, March 21, 2023
4. The council needs to bring two alternant nominations for the Board of Adjustments to Andrea.
5. Staff is looking at restructuring the Water / Wastewater Department.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned on Monday, January 23, 2023 at 9:12 P.M. by Mayor Joel Lopez.

ATTEST:


 Andrea Ray, City Secretary


 Joel Lopez, Mayor

