



# CITY OF GIDDINGS

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**GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 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 7:00 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, Finance Director Heather Garner  
Director of Public Services Kenny Ray, Municipal Clerk Rachel Grube, Police Chief William Weems,  
Sargent James Nickell, Officer Jacob Holland, Officer Albert Cavazos, GEDC President David Stedman.

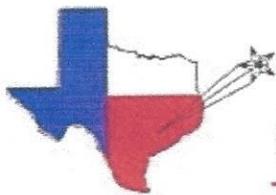
2. **PLEDGES TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAG** - Pledges were said.
3. **INVOCATION AND WELCOME** – City Manager Spencer Schneider gave the invocation and Mayor Joel Lopez welcomed all in attendance.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – City Council Member Mark Muniz became a first time Grandfather.
5. **PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS** - Giddings Police Chief Bill Weems to Present New Giddings Police Department Sargent- Jack Nickell.
6. **CITIZENS' COMMENTS** – None
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, December 12, 2022.**

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt for approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held on Monday, December 12, 2022.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



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- a. Receive and discuss updates on projects and donations from Lee County Law Enforcement Support Organization for 2022. (LCLESO)

Lisa Teinert introduced herself and stated she is a Director and Secretary. Lisa stated that LCLESO has five Directors: Jim Jaeger -Fundraising, Brian Evans - Programs, Peter Leidel- Events & Communications, Bob Thorp-Treasurer. Three LE Advisors: Farah Garza Lexington Police Chief, Casey Goetz Lee County Sherriff, Bill Weems Giddings Police Chief.

Jim Jaeger spoke on the LCLESO Accomplishments in 12 months. LCLESO was formed December 14, 2021. Now approved as IRS 501(c)(3) tax exempt. Active public participation confirms strong local citizen support. Donations since founding are: Donors: 100, Total Donations : \$150,000+, Volunteers: 50+.

Brain Evans spoke on the Lee County's new Rescue Vehicle Harvey the RV. Fully-refurbished and upgraded. The uses are high water rescue, rapid tactical response, armored law enforcement protection. The new year 2023 will bring Anticipated Law Enforcement Needs. Initial gear for graduating cadets, crisis & impaired person de-escalation training, tactical door entry training, NARCAN emergency anti-opioid medication, AEDS in patrol vehicles & training, additional active shooter training-tactical & on-scene supervisory. Three ways to donate to the LCLESO Window Sticker Donation, Direct Tax-Deductible Donation, and Tee Shirts. First Annual GALA planned for January 21, 2023 at the Silos. This includes the yearly report from LCLESO.

- b. Discuss and take possible action regarding the Resolution No. 514-2023 for the City's 2023 Investment Policy.

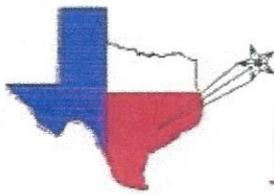
Finance Director Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The City's 2023 Investment Policy includes the investment Scope of all of the City's funds, investment objectives and delegated authority over the funds. This policy also discusses authorized investments, authorized brokers, collateralization and reporting.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council member Frank Castro to approve Resolution No. 514-2023 for the City's 2023 Investment Policy.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



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- c. Discuss and take possible action regarding the Ordinance No. 865 for adopting Amendment No. 1 to the operating budget for the City of Giddings for fiscal year 2021-2022.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented this agenda item to City Council. The 2021-2022 budget has to be amended for overages on the department level. Each overage listed on Exhibit A of Ordinance No. 865 was explained to council, and council had no questions.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council member Jacob Janda to approve the Ordinance No. 865 for adopting Amendment No. 1 to the operating budget for the City of Giddings for fiscal year 2021-2022.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- d. Discuss and take possible action regarding the creation of a Beautification Committee.

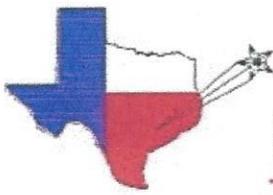
City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. There is a Windshield Survey copy received by Mayor and City Council, brought over by Chamber Director Denice Harlan. City Manager has had a meeting with Director of Public Services Kenny Ray to work on the game plan to work along Hwy 290 that runs downtown. Utilize more of City Employees for the work along Hwy 290. Spencer spoke on the dumpsters at the Water Warehouse, and that our solid waste company does curb pick up for those that cannot make to the City Dumpsters. Mayor Joel Lopez spoke on the Beautification Committee inspire a yard of the month or business of month. The City Council will need to vote to form a committee and does have a list of citizen's that have come to him to be on the committee. If the committee is formed and approved then each member of City Council would select a member to serve on the Beautification Committee.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve creation of a Beautification Committee.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



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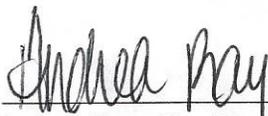
## 9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The city has purchased a table for the LCLESO Gala to be held on January 21, 2023.
2. 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 6, 2023 from Andrea after this meeting.
3. New billing process. We are looking at contracting the utility bill process out. Because of the cost of man hours, equipment, and material, this new process will be much more efficient. We have signed the contract and now are waiting for the company to create the account.
4. Pavement has been completed at the intersection of E Austin Street & CR 133.
5. Cornhole Boards will be here next week. We re-sealed the area where the boards are going to be placed.
6. We are going to get the employees from the parks system to assist the water department with the change out of water meter heads and sensors.
7. The council needs to bring two alternant nominations for the Board of Adjustments to Andrea.
8. Greg Goodman with Goodman Corporation e-mailed Strand and myself today that all letters have been signed. This means that we are ready to go for bid. We should be able to approve the contractor at the February 27<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

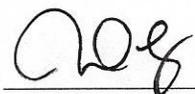
## 10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 7:42 P.M. by Mayor Joel Lopez.

ATTEST:

  
Andrea Ray, City Secretary



  
Joel Lopez, Mayor