

**GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL-REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY OCTOBER 26, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 118 E RICHMOND, GIDDINGS, TEXAS**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Dowell at 7:00 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, City Police Chief Haril Walpole.

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

**3. INVOCATION AND WELCOME-** Mayor Pro Tem Joel Lopez gave the invocation and Mayor John Dowell welcomed all in attendance

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS-**No Announcements.

**5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS-**No Presentations and Proclamations.

**6. CITIZENS' COMMENTS-**Charlie Mayer spoke to City Council about his Grandparent's gravesite.

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

- a. **Consider approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held on September 28, 2020.**
- b. **Consider approval of Minutes for Special Meeting held on October 14, 2020.**
- c. **Consider approval of Minutes for Special Meeting held on October 21, 2020.**

A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey for approval of Minutes for Meeting held on March 09, 2020 and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez for approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held on September 28, 2020, approval of minutes held on October 14,2020 and approval of minutes held on October 24, 2020.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Discussion and take possible action on approval for Dustin Gersch requesting to purchase the public alleyway at O.T Giddings, Blk 150, Lots 9-10 460 W. Industry, Giddings, Tx. Has paid application fee. The letters have gone to the abutting landowner. Mark Jaehne called Andrea Ray City Secretary and said he has no interest in the alley. Mark Spoke to Dustin and told him he could purchase it. Dustin Gersch turned in the Certified Survey as well as Certified Appraisal of the said property.**

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this agenda item to City Council. Dustin Gersch wants to purchase this alley. As you can see by the note, Mark Jaehne has no interest in this alley. Dustin provided a certified appraisal and survey. Dustin has a business that he runs out of the house next to the alley. He wants to expand his land area.

A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez for the approval for Dustin Gersch requesting to purchase the public alleyway at O.T Giddings, Blk 150, Lots 9-10 460 W. Industry, Giddings, for the price of \$1000.00

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- b. **Discussion and take possible action on approval for the Texas Department of Transportation Cares Act Airport Grant Application for the Giddings-Lee County Airport in amount of \$30,000.00.**

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this agenda item to City Council. This is a \$30,000 grant most small airports are receiving from the Texas Department of Transportation and the Cares Act. You are allowed to use this grant money for the maintenance and general operations of the airport. The end date of the grant is May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and all monies must be exhausted by that date. Lee County will approve their part next Commissioner's Court.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by Frank Castro for the approval of the Texas Department of Transportation Cares Act Airport Grant Application for the Giddings-Lee County Airport in amount of \$30,000.00.

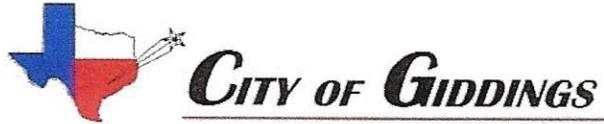
Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- c. **Discussion and take possible action on the City of Giddings Holidays for the of Year 2021.**

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this agenda item to City Council. This Holiday schedules reflects last year's Holiday schedule. Thanksgiving will be Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November the 26<sup>th</sup>. Christmas will be Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup>.



A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by Frank Castro for the approval of City of Giddings Holidays for the of Year 2021.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

**d. Discussion and take possible action for the Board of Commissions for the 2020-2021 year.**

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this agenda item to City Council. Mayor and Council will select Board members for the following Boards. The Airport Board, Library Board, Parks Board, Planning and Zoning Board, Board of Adjustments and HOT Board. Andrea has worked very hard to bring all of the citizens together that have an interest to serve Giddings.

City Secretary Andrea Ray presented the Boards of Commissions to the City Council as the following:

**Airport Board**

Action Needed:

1. Reappoint two members:
2. Appoint one replacement member:

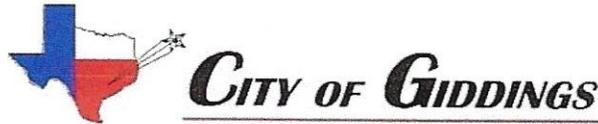
| Name              | Interested in Reappointment | Board   | Term Ends |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Jim Bunch         |                             | Airport | 2023      |
| Clifton Wachsmann |                             | Airport | 2023      |
| Charlie Brown     | Board recommendation        | Airport | 2023      |

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by City Council Member Jake Horne for the approval of to reappoint two members Jim Bunch and Clifton Wachsmann and appoint one replacement member Charlie Brown to Lee County Airport Board for 2020-2023

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



**Library Board (no term)**

Action Needed:

1. Need to fill three vacancy.

| Name                     | Board   | No Term                      |
|--------------------------|---------|------------------------------|
| Gary Doyle               | Library |                              |
| Sandra Lopez             | Library |                              |
| JoAnn Harrison           | Library |                              |
| Natalie Ramos            | Library |                              |
| Vacancy (Joe Leavengood) | Library | Library Board recommendation |
| Vacancy (Ruth Meyer)     | Library | Library Board recommendation |
| Vacancy (Carol Bennett)  | Library | Library Board recommendation |
| Ricky Jorgensen          | Library | non-voting                   |

A motion was made by City Council Member Jake Horne and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt for the approval of to fill three vacancy Joe Leavengood, Ruth Meyer, Carol Bennett to Giddings Library Board.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

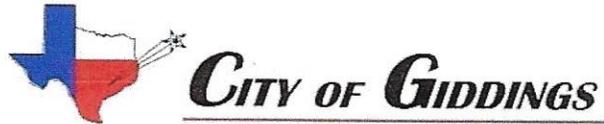
Nays: None

**Parks Board (3-year term)**

Action Needed:

1. Reappoint one new member. 2. Need to fill two vacancies. 3. Need recommendation for one vacancy.

| Name                       | Interested in Reappointment | Board | Term Ends  |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|------------|
| Kenny Ray                  |                             | Parks | Non-Voting |
| Darrell Sanders            |                             | Parks | 2021       |
| Clayton Graefe             | YES                         | Parks | 2023       |
| Martin Rangel (Vice Chair) |                             | Parks | 2021       |
| Mark Muniz (Chair)         |                             | Parks | 2021       |
| Vacancy                    | Need recommendation         | Parks | 2023       |
| Vacancy (Tony Francis)     | YES                         | Parks | 2023       |
| Vacancy (April Gaitan)     | YES                         | Parks | 2023       |



A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro for the approval Reappoint one member Clayton Graefe. Need to fill two vacancies with two new members Tony Francis and April Gaitan to the City Parks Board.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members Casey, Castro, Horne, Pruitt, Lopez  
 Nays: None

**Planning and Zoning (3-year term)**

Action Needed:

1. Reappoint two members.

| Name          | Interested in Appointment | Board | Term Ends |
|---------------|---------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Gina Reat     | YES                       | P&Z   | 2023      |
| Tony Raiford  | YES                       | P&Z   | 2023      |
| Julie Lucas   |                           | P&Z   | 2021      |
| Kevin Schkade |                           | P&Z   | 2021      |
| Wayne Bennett |                           | P&Z   | 2022      |

A motion was made by City Council Member Jake Horne and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez for the approval Reappoint two members Gina Reat and Tony Raiford to the Planning and Zoning Board for the year 2023.

Motion carried by the following vote:

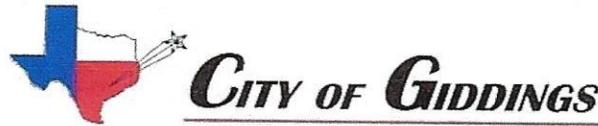
Ayes: City Council Members Casey, Castro, Horne, Pruitt, Lopez  
 Nays: None

- **Board of Adjustment (2-year term)**

Action Needed: 1. Reappoint two members 2. Need appoint for a first alternant.

| Name                       | Interested in Reappointment | Board | Term Ends |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Curtis Krause              |                             | BOA   | 2021      |
| Felton Greer               |                             | BOA   | 2021      |
| Mark Muniz (Vice Chairman) |                             | BOA   | 2021      |
| Douglas Thielemann (Chair) | YES                         | BOA   | 2022      |
| Gary Spivey                | YES                         | BOA   | 2022      |
| Alternant Kelly Reat       | YES                         | BOA   | 2022      |
| Alternate                  | Need recommendation         | BOA   | Vacancy   |

A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by Jake Horne for the approval Reappoint two members Douglas Thielemann, Gary Spivey, and appoint an Alternant Kelly Reat to the Board of Adjustments for the year 2020.



Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

**HOT Board (3-year term)**

Action Needed: NONE.

| Name                                      | Interested in Reappointment | Board | Term Ends  |
|---|-----------------------------|-------|------------|
| Scott Schultz                             |                             | HOT   | 2021       |
| Pratik Bhakta                             |                             | HOT   | 2022       |
| Gayle Hargis                              |                             | HOT   | 2022       |
| Faye Terry, Citizen                       |                             | HOT   | 2023       |
| Evan Gonzales                             |                             | HOT   | 2023       |
| City Manager Ricky Jorgensen (non-voting) | Perm.                       | HOT   | non-voting |
| GEDC Dir. Tonya Britton (non-voting)      | Perm.                       | HOT   | Non-voting |

**NO ACTION TAKEN ON THE HOT BOARD.**

**GEDC BOARD**

**GEDC MEMBERS**

Alan Casey  
 Angie Brown- final appointment  
 John Dowell  
 Gina Mersiovsky  
 Marty Lindner  
 Larry Orsag-final appointment  
 Billy Morgan

**GEDC**

Applicants for 2020-2021

Charlie Brown  
 Anthony Francis "Tony"  
 Charles Hurley withdrew his application  
 Troy Moore  
 Gina Reat  
 John Michael Simmang Jr.

At this time Giddings City Council held a paper ballot vote for the applicants for the GEDC BOARD MEMBERS.

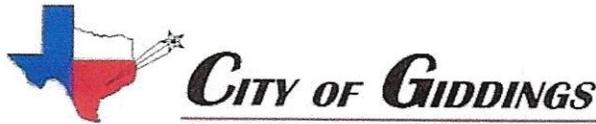
**John Michael Simmang Jr. first with highest votes.**  
**Anthony "Tony" Francis second with highest votes.**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro for the approval for the two highest counted votes to be on the GEDC Board

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



## 9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

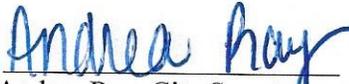
Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider presented the items list below to City Council.

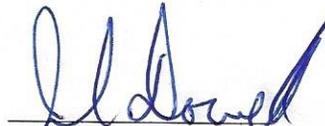
- 1.) TECQ-SSO projects are underway replacing some clay pipes, working on smoke test, Overflow permit, test waste water,
- 2.) Bids on the County Road 226 will be November 3, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. here at City Hall. Then brought back to City Council.
- 3.) Engineer Agreement on the 290 Business park water loop and fiber-optic system and the improvement for the parking lot in the works.
- 4.) Approval from TxDOT for the red-light at Bluebonnet and CEFCO will be installed.
- 5.) December 11<sup>th</sup> 2020 Christmas Party plans are underway.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at Monday, October 26, 2020 at 8:18 p.m. by Mayor John Dowell

ATTEST:

  
Andrea Ray, City Secretary

  
John Dowell, Mayor

