

CITY OF GIDDINGS

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GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2021 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 7:01 p.m. with the following present:
Members Present: Mayor John Dowell, Pro-Tem Joel Lopez, Council Members Alan Casey, Linda Pruitt, Frank Castro, Jacob Janda.

Staff Present: City Manager Spencer Schneider, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Director of Public Services Kenny Ray, Municipal Court Clerk Rachel Grube, Giddings Police Chief William Weems.

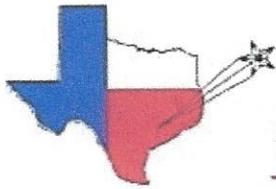
2. **PLEDGES TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAG** - Pledges were said.
3. **INVOCATION AND WELCOME** - Mayor John Dowell gave the invocation and welcomed all in attendance.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** - No Announcements
5. **PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS** – No Presentations and Proclamations
6. **CITIZENS' COMMENTS** -No citizens comments
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 October 25, 2021.**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda for approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held on Monday, October 25, 2021.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



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8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discuss Resolution No. 485-2021 regarding the review and approval of the lease between Dime Box Distillery and Giddings EDC. This is the first reading.

First Reading no action taken on this agenda item.

- b. Discuss Resolution No. 486-2021 regarding the Giddings EDC grant expenditure of \$20,000.00 for the improvements relating to the Veterans Park Softball field. This is the first reading.

First Reading no action taken on this agenda item.

- c. Discuss Resolution No. 487-2021 regarding review and approval for the Giddings EDC expenditure and contract acceptance up to \$25,000.00 relating to the recruitment of a New Giddings EDC Executive Director. This is the first reading.

First Reading no action taken on this agenda item.

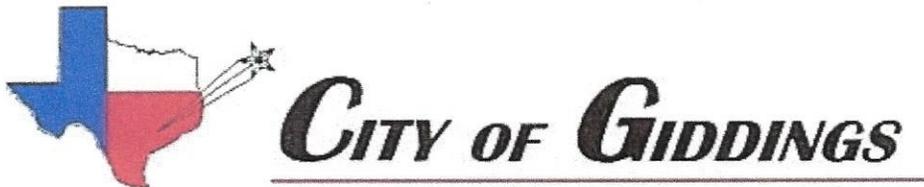
- d. Discuss Resolution No. 488-2021 regarding review and approval of the lease between Zoch Brewing Company, LLC and Giddings EDC. This is the first reading.

First Reading no action taken on this agenda item.

- e. Discuss and take possible action regarding Resolution No. 484-2021 the City of Giddings joining the settlement agreement for the opioid crisis in the State of Texas.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to City Council. Opioid Manufacturing Companies are offering settlements to combat the opioid crisis. Most Texas cities and counties are joining the Settlement and will be able to use funds receive to fund strategies to fight the opioid crisis. Our city attorney Recommended Giddings join and potentially use the money to fund efforts against this opioid issue.

A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda to approve the Resolution No. 484-2021 the City of Giddings joining the settlement agreement for the opioid crisis in the State of Texas.



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Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

f. Discuss and take possible action regarding the City of Giddings 2022 Holiday Schedule.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to City Council. This is the recommended Holiday Schedule for 2022. We have added June 19th (Federal Holiday). This will increase the Holiday Schedule to fourteen (14) days instead of the previous thirteen (13) day schedule.

A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Joel Lopez approving City of Giddings 2022 Holiday Schedule.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: Janda

g. Discuss and take possible action regarding Resolution No. 485-2021 for the review and approval of the lease between Dime Box Distillery and Giddings EDC.

This is the second and final reading.

Alan Casey GEDC representative presented this agenda item to City Council. The GEDC has requested approval for the lease between Dime Box Distillery and Giddings EDC. The GEDC has approved the lease at the last meeting. The lease is standard and will be for five years.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt approving Resolution No. 485-2021 for the review and approval of the lease between Dime Box Distillery and Giddings EDC.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



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- h. Discuss and take possible action regarding Resolution No. 486-2021 to approve the Giddings EDC grant expenditure of \$20,000.00 for the improvements relating to the Veterans Park Softball field. This is the second and final reading.

Alan Casey GEDC representative presented this agenda item to City Council. The GEDC will fund a Grant expenditure of \$20,000.00 for the improvement to the Softball field located at The City Veterans Park. The Lee County Little League will match the funding to help the reconstruction of the softball field. This grant can be provided by the GEDC with helping the community. Alan Casey has spoken to the Lee County Judge Paul Fischer and maybe they can contribute funds to help reconstruction the fields as well.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Joel Lopez approving Resolution No. 486-2021 to approve the Giddings EDC grant expenditure of \$20,000.00 for the improvements relating to the Veterans Park Softball field.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- i. Discuss and take possible action regarding Resolution No. 487-2021 for the review and approval for the Giddings EDC expenditure and contract acceptance up to \$25,000.00 relating to the recruitment of a New Giddings EDC Executive Director.

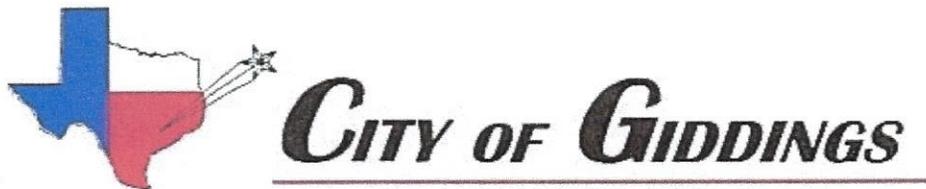
Alan Casey GEDC representative presented this agenda item to City Council. The GEDC has received a letter from the current Giddings Economic Development Corporation Director Tonya Britton. The resolution will be the expenditure of up to \$25,000.00 for a recruitment for the City of Giddings.

A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro approving Resolution No. 487-2021 for the review and approval for the Giddings EDC expenditure and contract acceptance up to \$25,000.00 relating to the recruitment of a New Giddings EDC Executive Director.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



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- j. Discuss and take possible action regarding Resolution No. 488-2021 for the review and approval of the lease between Zoch Brewing Company, LLC and Giddings EDC.
This is the second and final reading.

Alan Casey GEDC representative presented this agenda item to City Council. The GEDC has requested approval for the lease between Zoch Brewing Company, LLC and Giddings EDC. The GEDC has approved the lease at the last meeting. The Zoch Brewing Company will be up and running by the first part of 2022. The lease will be for 16 years.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda approving Resolution No. 488-2021 for the and approval of the lease between Zoch Brewing Company, LLC and Giddings EDC.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- k. Discuss and take possible action regarding the Giddings EDC Budget Amendment for FY ending September 30, 2022.

Alan Casey GEDC representative presented this agenda item to City Council. The GEDC Budget finance report was received from Urban, Thieleman, Oltmann & Herms, LLP. The report is for accompanying financial statements. This report needs to be Amended for the records.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt approving the Giddings EDC Budget Amendment for FY ending September 30, 2022.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The HMGP grant application (Hazard Mitigation Grant Plan) deadline for the permanent generator at the E Austin booster station and water plant project was extended, but our application was sent in by Traylor before the deadline extension was made. Hopefully that gives us a prop up for funding.



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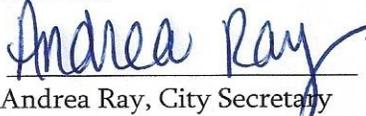
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2. The splash pad grant (TPW Local Small Community Grant) is under review and we should know something by April or May of 2022
3. The portable generator is here.
4. The new bucket truck is here. Heather and I are working with First National Bank for financing the truck. The previous bucket truck that we purchased five years ago was financed through First National. We are replacing the new truck with an old bucket truck. We are going to attempt to sale the old truck and put the proceeds back into the general fund.
5. We are still working on the on-line bill paying. We will have one more on site meeting with Pay Star before signing the contract.
6. We are down to having only one employee opening in the utility and parks side of the city. This is a part time employee for the inside of the golf course clubhouse. We have one opening for a full-time police officer at the P.D. The department is waiting for the background check to come through an applicant.

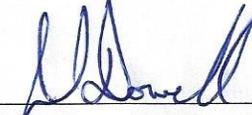
10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 8:03 P.M. by Mayor John Dowell.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary




John Dowell, Mayor