

CITY OF GIDDINGS

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GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 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 7:01 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, Giddings Police Chief William Weems, Library Director Jessie Akins, Human Resources & Utility Billing Supervisor Angie Stanfield, Finance Director Heather Garner, Supervisor Parks, Cemetery & Golf Course Justin Kessler, Municipal Court Clerk Rachel Grube, GEDC President David Stedman.

2. **PLEDGES TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAG** - Pledges were said.
3. **INVOCATION AND WELCOME** – Jacob Janda gave the invocation and Mayor Joel Lopez welcomed all in attendance.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None
5. **PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS** – None
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.

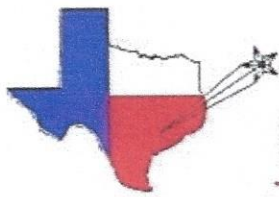
- a. Consider approval of Minutes for City Council Regular Meeting held on Monday, January 23 , 2023.

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 23, 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 Resolution No. 515-2023 in support of the state funding to match Competitive Federal Rail Programs.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented GEDC President David Stedman to Mayor and City Council. President David Stedman presented the Resolution No. 515-2023 and this would be presented to the Texas Legislation to help the Competitive Federal Rail Program. The Legislation has set aside a fund for the use of funds to go to rail programs and has been not cooperated in use for the rail programs. This resolution will help the start of a movement to use the Competitive Federal Rail Programs Funds. David stated this would help in the future for moving and building a Passover at Houston Street for the railroad track into and out of Giddings traffic. TxDOT has this in a study only at this time.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve Resolution No. 515-2023 in support of the state funding to match Competitive Federal Rail Programs.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- b. Discuss and take possible action regarding Resolution No. 516-2023 for Approving Hiring Incentive pay for public safety employees; and authorizing the Police Chief, City Manager, and Finance Director to collectively execute all documents related thereto on behalf of the City of Giddings.”

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented Giddings Police Chief William Weems. Chief Weems did the research for the incentive pay for public safety employees. Other Cities are using this program for new hires in other Police Departments. Chief Weems stated he spoke with the Finance Director Heather Garner to make sure the money was in the budget for the use of incentive pay. The resolution will authorize the City Manager Spencer Schneider, Finance Director Heather Garner and Police Chief William Weems execute all documents related to this Hiring Incentive pay for public safety employees for the City of Giddings.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Mark D. Muniz to approve Resolution No. 516-2023 for Approving Hiring Incentive Pay for public safety employees; and authorizing the Police Chief, City Manager, and Finance Director to collectively execute all documents related thereto on behalf of the City of Giddings.



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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. 869 revising of the Giddings Library's fines and fees.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. This agenda items was discussed at the last city council meeting. The Mayor and City Council instructed the administrative staff to create an ordinance to revise the current ordinance. City Manager Spencer Schneider presented Library Director Jessi Akins, stated she had made her presentation at the last meeting and asked if City Council had questions. City Council Member Linda Pruitt asked Jessie if she was 100% for this change? Library Director Jessi stated that yes. This would help the Giddings Library to attract more customers after the research she has done.

A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda to approve the Ordinance No. 869 revising of the Giddings Library's fines and fees.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- d. Discuss and take possible action regarding Ordinance No. 870 to create and establish a Beautification Committee for the City Giddings.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council This item has been discussed at the last two council meetings. In your packet, there is a list of possible committees members to choose from. Please remember that only two members of the committee can reside outside the city limits. The members will be nominated by the City Council and the Committee Members will follow the same term as the City Council Member for time to serve on the Beautification Committee Board. The ordinance and committee will be passed with one vote, per Mayor Joel Lopez.

The nominations as follows:

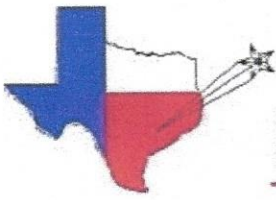
Jacob Janda- Jennifer Ashely

Linda Pruitt- Miranda Hilderbrand

Alan Casey-Angie Preuss

Mark D. Muniz- Tim Langham

Frank Castro-Pamela Machac



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A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro to approve Ordinance No. 870 to create and establish a Beautification Committee for the City Giddings.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- e. Discuss and take possible action regarding Ordinance No. 871 to amend Chapter 13, Section 13.02.001 for connection fees; delinquency fees; miscellaneous fees.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented Angie Stanfield, Utility Billing Supervisor to explain the Ordinance changes and answer any questions. Angie stated the change comes to the return fees. Returned Payment Fee, if a utility payment is returned to the City of Giddings for insufficient funds or any other reasons, the City will notify the customer and a fee shall be assessed. If the customer does not redeem the returned payment and pay the returned payment fee, City may arrange for services to be disconnected.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro to approve Ordinance No. 871 to amend Chapter 13, Section 13.02.001 for connection fees; delinquency fees; miscellaneous fees.

Motion carried by the following vote:

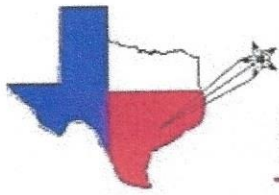
Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Pruitt, Castro, Janda, Muniz

Nays: None

- f. Discuss and take possible action regarding Ordinance No. 872 to amend Chapter One (1) of the Code Ordinances for the City of Giddings Golf Course rules and fees.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The City of Giddings would like to change the golf course fees and rules. When we sent the changes to the City Attorney Tyler Stephens, he recommended that the fees and rules for the golf course be taken out of the code of ordinances and allow the city manager and administrative team to regulate the fees and rules. All rules and fees will be available at the Golf Course.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to approve Ordinance No. No. 872 to amend Chapter One (1) of the Code Ordinances for the City of Giddings Golf Course rules and fees.



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Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- g. Discuss and take possible action to appoint Greg Strickland to the Board of Appeals and Adjustments, to fill a vacancy of (alternate). Recommended by Jacob Janda City Council Member.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. Greg Strickland will fill the vacancy of one of two vacancies on the Board of Appeals & Adjustments. There will be one alternate vacancy on this board after this appointment. Recommended by Jacob Janda City Council Member.

A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro to approve to appoint Greg Strickland to the Board of Appeals and Adjustments, to fill a vacancy of (alternate).

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- h. Discuss and take possible action on ordering Golf Course mowers this fiscal year to lease or buy in the next fiscal year.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. These two golf course mowers are going to be requested in the 2023-2024 budget. Because of the lead time (15 months) of purchasing or leasing these special mowers, the golf course superintendent is wanting to start the process of the purchase or leasing option this fiscal year. Golf Course Supervisor Justin Kessler presented pictures to Mayor and City Council. Justin explained the mowers have separate jobs at the Golf Course. One mower is used to mow the tee boxes and the other mower is a greens mower. The height of mowers are different and the mowers use different equipment to mow the areas on the Golf Course. Finance Director Heather Garner explained it take 18 months to receive the mowers from date to order. She explained the difference between lease and to buy the mowers.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to approve ordering Golf Course mowers this fiscal year. Lease or buy in the next fiscal year this will be a decision for Spencer and Heather to look into and bring back to City Council just for information.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



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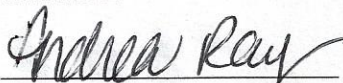
9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

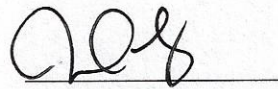
1. General Election. Thus far, Jacob Janda, and Alan Casey have filed as incumbents for city council. Kevin Rinn has turned in his application to run for council. The election will be held on May 06, 2023. There will be a joint election this year. The GISD trustee incumbents are running, and they received an application from someone that will be running against the incumbents.
2. We have started the demo process for the splash pad at the Veteran's Park.
3. EDA Waterline Project:
 - a. Open Bids: Tuesday, February 21, 2023
 - b. Evaluation of proposers and EDA review: Tuesday, February 21, 2023– Tuesday, March 21, 2023
4. I have started the process of purchasing a new generator for the water and sewer plant on 1633 E Austin Street. This is the generator that we did not get a grant for.
5. Next Monday is a city holiday. President's Day

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 7:56 P.M. by Mayor Joel Lopez.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary


Joel Lopez, Mayor

