



## ***CITY OF GIDDINGS***

John Dowell, Mayor  
Joel Lopez, Mayor Pro Tem  
Alan Casey  
Linda Pruitt  
Frank Castro  
Jacob Janda  
Spencer Schneider, City Manager

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
GIDDINGS COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRAURY 15, 2022 AT 5:30 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
118 E RICHMOND STREET  
GIDDINGS, TEXAS 78942**

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Dowell at 5:30 p.m. with following present:

Members Present: Mayor John Dowell, Mayor 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 Works Kenny Ray, Municipal Clerk Rachel Grube, Giddings Police Segreant James Catchings.

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

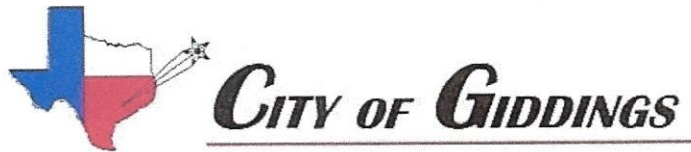
**3) INVOCATION AND WELCOME - Jacob Janda gave the invocation and Mayor John Dowell welcomed all in attendance.**

**4) NEW BUISNESS**

- a) Discuss and take possible action to amend Ordinance #860 for ordering the May 7, 2022 General Election for the City of Giddings and Giddings Independent School Trustees. The location of the General Election voting has been moved to Giddings Public Library.

City Secretary Andrea Ray presented this agenda item to City Council and stated all dates and locations for the May 7, 2022 General Election are updated.

A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda to amend Ordinance #860 for ordering the May 7, 2022 General Election for the City of Giddings and Giddings Independent School Trustees. The location of the General Election voting has been moved to Giddings Public Library.



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Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: City Council Members: None

- b) Discuss and take possible action to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Lee County Elections Administrator for services related to the upcoming May 7, 2022 General Election.

City Secretary Andrea Ray presented this agenda item to City Council and stated all dates and locations for the May 7, 2022 General Election are updated and correct at this time.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by City Council Member Alan Casey to authorize the City manager to enter in a contract with Lee County Elections Administrator for services related to the upcoming May 7, 2022 General Election.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: City Council Members: None

- c) Discuss and take possible action to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Giddings ISD for the purpose of conducting joint elections for the May 7, 2022 General Election.

City Secretary Andrea Ray presented this agenda item to City Council and stated all dates and locations for the May 7, 2022 General Election are updated and correct at this time.

A motion was made by Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Giddings ISD for the purpose of conducting joint elections for the May 7, 2022 General Election.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: City Council Members: None



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- d) Discuss and take possible action to appoint a committee to discuss the implementation of a Central 911 Dispatch System for Lee County, the City of Giddings, and the City of Lexington.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to City Council. This item is in regards to choosing administrative staff to serve on a committee that is looking into the possible consolidation of the Giddings Police Department and Lee County Sheriff's Office dispatching systems into one system. The one system dispatching would be more efficient for both the P.D. and the sheriff's office. The two entities have already been in discussion regarding this issue. Spencer will bring any and all collected information back to City Council as the committee meets. Spencer's recommendation to the Mayor and City Council would be to choose Finance Director Heather Garner, Giddings Police Chief William Weems and City Manager Spencer Schneider.

A Motion was made by City Council member Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda to appoint a committee to discuss the implementation of a Central 911 Dispatch System for Lee County, the City of Giddings, and the City of Lexington.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: City Council Members: None

### **5) RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a) Pursuant to Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, Personnel Matters, to wit: related to residency issues regarding Councilman Francisco Castro Jr.

Mayor John Dowell closed Regular Session at 5:50 p.m. to convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, Personnel Matter, to wit: related to the residency issues regarding Councilman Francisco Castro Jr.

### **6) RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION**

- a) Discussion and take possible action on the residency issues regarding Councilman Francisco Castro Jr.






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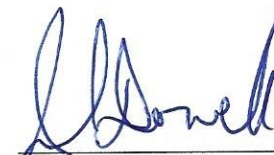
Mayor John Dowell adjourned the Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. and reconvened into Regular Session, stating that no final actions, decisions or votes were had during the Executive Session.

## 7) ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 6:47 P.M. by Mayor John Dowell.

ATTEST:

  
Andrea Ray, City Secretary

  
John Dowell, Mayor

