

# CITY OF GIDDINGS

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**GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 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 Frank Castro, Jacob Janda, and Mark Muniz. Not present Linda Pruitt

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

2. **PLEDGES TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAG** - Pledges were said.
3. **INVOCATION AND WELCOME** – Mayor Joel Lopez gave the invocation and 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, February 13 , 2023.

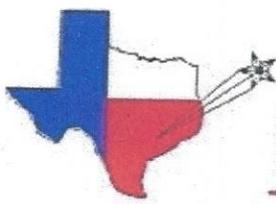
A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro for approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held on Monday, February 13, 2023.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Castro, Janda, Muniz  
Nays: None

**8. REGULAR SESSION**

- a. Review and take possible action to the approve the bids on the EDA Highway 290 Water Project and Parking Improvements.



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City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The agenda item will need to be postponed until further notice. This will be brought back to Mayor and City Council.

## NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS AGENDA ITEM

- b. Discuss and taken action to approve a Block Party for a car show to be held on April 1, 2023.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented Steve Jones. Steve Jones and Brian Evans would like to bring Cars and Coffee to downtown Giddings for a car show. Steve stated there are rules to be in place to keep this a gathering of classic and performance cars to share with the community. Cars and Coffee will be from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The request is to use the City parking lot at 198 North Burleson.

A motion was made by City Council member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Mark D. Muniz to approve a Block Party for a Cars and Coffee show to be held on April 1, 2023.

Motion carried by the following vote:

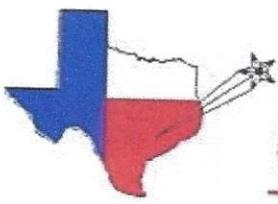
Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Castro, Janda, Muniz

Nays: None

- c. Discuss and take possible action regarding Resolution No. 517-2023 to utilize the standard allowance to determine revenue loss as allowed by the coronavirus state & local fiscal recovery fund/American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (\$1,264,709.05).

The city is electing to allocate their funding towards a category of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding referred to as "Revenue Replacement". Cities and Counties that were awarded less than \$10M can allocate all of their funding towards revenue loss which covers items necessary for the general services of government.

A general government service includes any service traditionally provided by government that a local government has state law authority to engage in, including public enterprise activities. Spending funds in the Revenue Replacement category allows a local government to undertake a wide array of potential expenditures, including within this covering the salaries and fringe benefits of local government employees; park improvement projects; purchasing equipment and supplies for local government operations; renovating public buildings and facilities; and many more. A local government may choose to allocate CSLFRF (ARPA) funds to those projects and expenditures that will trigger the fewest Uniform Guidance compliance requirements, thereby limiting the administrative burden. This option gives the city the most flexibility with their ARPA funding to help the community respond and recover from COVID-19.



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A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro to approve Resolution No. 517-2023 to utilize the standard allowance to determine revenue loss as allowed by the coronavirus state & local fiscal recovery fund/American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (\$1,264,709.05).

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- d. Receive and discuss the Quarterly Investments Report for 12/31/2022.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council.

The City of Giddings holds NO Investments at this time. The City of Giddings has its funds in First National Bank, according to the Depository Contract. The rate on Bank Funds was 1.77%. The current TexPool rate for December 31, 2022 was 4.1765%. TexPool is an investment service for Public Funds. It is a Managed Pool that is managed by Federated Investors, for the State of Texas.

**NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS AGENDA ITEM.**

- e. Discuss and take possible action regarding the loan from First National Bank in the amount of \$155,000 for the Giddings-Lee County Airport fuel farm.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The bank requires City Council to approve the airport to sign and be liable for their own loan through First National Bank. This loan will be for \$155,000 at 3.5% interest and paid for from Giddings Lee County Airport funds.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Mark D. Muniz to approve the Giddings Lee County Airport board to sign for a loan from First National Bank in the amount of \$155,000 for the Giddings-Lee County Airport fuel farm.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- f. Discuss and review the Giddings Police Department Racial Profiling Report from 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2022.

Giddings Police Chief William Weems presented the Racial Profiling Report from 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2022 to Mayor and City Council. Chief stated this report has to be presented to Mayor and City Council every year. City Council did not have any questions at this time.



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- g. Discuss and take possible action to appoint Hesston Christiansen 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. Hesston will fill the last vacancy on the Board of Appeals & Adjustments. Recommended by Jacob Janda City Council Member.

A motion was made by City Council Member Frank Castro and seconded by City Council Member Mark D. Muniz to approve to appoint Hesston Christiansen to the Board of Appeals and Adjustments, to fill a vacancy of (alternate).

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

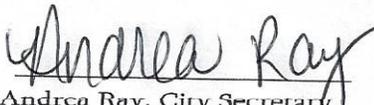
## 9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENT

- 1) General Election. This is the candidates name in order how they will be on the ballot.
  1. Jason Haas
  2. Jacob Janda
  3. Randie Maass
  4. Frank Castro
  5. Alan Casey
  6. Kevin Rinn
- 2) The splash pad construction is going very well. Craftsman is installing the underground plumbing as we speak.
- 3) EDA Waterline Project: Evaluation process is in the hands of EDA. We still have a proposed start up start of May 01, 2023.
- 4) The Parks, Cemetery, and Golf Course employees are starting to gear up with the warmer weather with mowing & weed eating of all of our facilities.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 7:39 P.M. by Mayor Joel Lopez.

ATTEST:

  
 Andra Ray, City Secretary

  
 Joel Lopez, Mayor

