

# ***CITY OF GIDDINGS***

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## **GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022 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 7:03 p.m. with the following present:

Members Present: Mayor John Dowell, Pro-Tem Joel Lopez, Council Members Alan Casey, Frank Castro  
Jacob Janda. Absent- Linda Pruitt.

Staff Present: City Manager Spencer Schneider, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Director of Public Services Kenny Ray,  
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'**

### **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 Special Meeting held on Monday, January 31, 2022.**

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro for approval of Minutes for Special Meeting held on Monday, January 31, 2022.

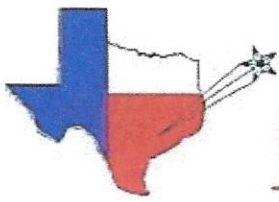
Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

#### **b. Consider approval of Minutes for City Council Special Meeting held on Monday, February 15, 2022**

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Joel Lopez for approval of Minutes for Special Meeting held on Monday, February 15, 2022.



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Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Discuss and take possible action regarding the vacancy on the Giddings Public Library Board. Mr. Joe Leavengood has resigned and Director of Library Jessi Akins would like to recommend Mrs. Rebecca Sherrill for replacement at this time.

Library Director Jessi Akins presented this agenda item to City Council. Mr. Joe Leavengood has turned in his letter of resignation to the Library Board. The Director of Library Jessi Akins has recommended Mrs. Rebecca Sherrill for replacement of Mr. Leavengood. Rebecca is a member of the board of Word Wrangler Festival.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by City Council Member Alan Casey to approve the Mrs. Rebecca Sherrill as a replacement on the Giddings Public Library Board.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

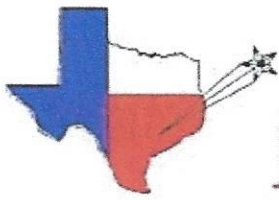
- b) Discuss and take possible action regarding the request from Jenny Ashley to purchase a dead-end street located at 137 Highland Drive. The \$200.00 application fee has been paid

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to City Council. This is a request to purchase the dead-end street located 137 Highland Drive by Jenny Ashley. Spencer stated if the City Council approves this purchase then the City Secretary will send a letter to the abutting property owners in regards to purchase the as well.

Ashley Medack spoke on the behalf of for Jenny Ashley, stating the street was used for a dumpster. The maintenance of mowing and keeping clean is done by them. Later the spot maybe used to place a travel trailer with a cover. Alexis stated the Bristen Behrens that lives across the street has turned in a letter with interest in purchaser the dead-end street. Once the letter is received from the abutting property the City will inform Jenny Ashley.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by Alan Casey to approve the request from Jenny Ashley to purchase a dead-end street located at 137 Highland Drive.





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Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- c) Discuss and take possible action regarding the request from the Lee County Center for the Arts to have a block party and musical performance and noise permit application.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to City Council. Spencer stated the Lee County Center of Arts would like to have a crawfish cook-off in the parking lot behind The City Meat Market, and Downtown Restaurant the address 4099 North U.S. HWY 77 Giddings, Texas. City Manager Spencer stated the city requires them to obtain all permits required for the event. The musical and block party permits have been filled out and need City Council approval.

City Manager Spencer asked Karen Walpole to speak on the behalf of the Lee County Center for the Arts. Karen stated the Lee County Center for the Arts has received a building in a donation and the building is need for repairs before any event can be held in the building. To raise money the Lee County Center for the Arts would like to have a craw-fish boil cook-off. The date has been set for April 9, 2022 from 2:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. They are planning to have music and are getting a picnic license for beer. Karen is still working on final details for restrooms and dumpster for the event. The security for the event is also in the works for that day.

A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda to approve the request from the Lee County Center for the Arts to have a block party and musical performance and noise permit application.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members: Lopez, Casey, Janda

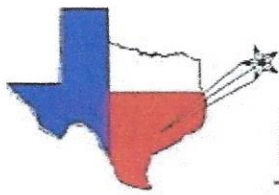
City Council Member Frank Castro-abstained his vote; he serves on the board Lee County Center for the Arts.

Nays: None

- d) Discuss and review the Giddings Police Department Racial Profiling Report from 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021. Presentation from Police Chief William Weems.

Giddings Police Chief William Weems presented the Racial Profiling Report from 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021 Chief explained the report and pointed out numbers in detail for the City Council. This report is done every year and reported to The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

**NO ACTION TAKEN THIS AGENDA ITEM**



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e) Discuss and take possible action regarding the purchase of a new backhoe with the ARPA funds.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to City Council. The City of Giddings is in need of a new backhoe for the water/wastewater department. Spencer discussed the backhoe purchase with the grant administrator and he agreed that the backhoe could be purchased with ARPA funds. The backhoe falls under the legal criteria with purchasing requirements from the ARPA funds.

A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro to approve the purchase of a new backhoe with the ARPA funds.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

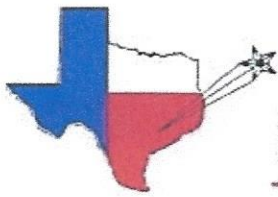
f) Discuss only setting future priorities and goals for the City of Giddings.

Mayor John Dowell stated to City Council the Giddings Economic Development Board has asked for direction for the future needs of Giddings. The GEDC Board has new members and would like guidance for the future. Mayor John Dowell asked City Council to bring back all their ideas priorities and goals.

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

1. The funding for the generator at well #10 was going to be paid for through the ARPA funds. In talking to Wesley at Traylor last week regarding other grants, he advised me that there is new money coming down through the HMGP (Hazard Mitigation Grant Plan) that can be used for the generator at the above location (\$363,000.) We are working on the procurement process. This deadline for this grant is in April.  
ng trail.
2. The residential construction is booming. Since 10/01/2021 to date there has been 14 new residential permit and 13 residential re-model permits issued.
3. The only department that we are short of employees, is at the golf course We have two openings. One for inside, and one for outside.





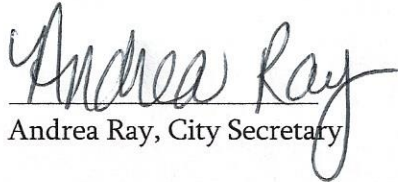
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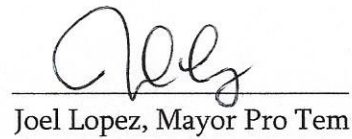
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## 10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 7:54 P.M. by Mayor John Dowell.

ATTEST:

  
Andrea Ray, City Secretary

  
Joel Lopez, Mayor Pro Tem

