

**GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL-REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY FEBRUARY 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 7:00 p.m. with the following present:

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

Staff Present: City Manager Ricky Jorgensen, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider, Giddings Chief Haril Walpole.

**2. PLEDGES TO THE US AND TEXAS FLAGS-** Pledges were said.

**3. INVOCATION AND WELCOME-** Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez gave the invocation and Mayor John Dowell 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 Council and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests.

**a. Consider approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held on, January 25, 2021.**

**b. Consider approval of Minutes for Special Meeting held on February 1, 2021.**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by City Council Member Alan Casey for approval of the consent agenda for the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on January 25, 2021 and the Special Meeting held February 8, 2021

Motion carried by the following vote:

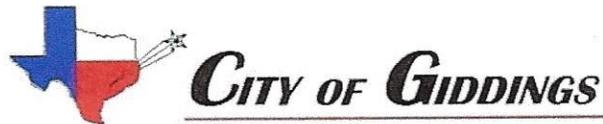
Ayes: City Council Members Casey, Horne, Pruitt, Lopez, Castro

Nays: None

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Discuss and take possible action on the dedication/trade of the property located at 1309 E. Austin from the City of Giddings to the Jaeger family.**

City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this agenda item, the City of Giddings has a sewer line that runs through the Jaegers property. We are asking for a dedication or trade of property for a recorded sewer easement the City can use in case of any future repairs the sewer line might have in the future. Jaeger has been paying the taxes on this property. Shoppa's John Deere wants to clear this situation up.



Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider presented maps to the Mayor and City Council. The maps showed where the City sewer runs in the property. He stated the Wilson Family sold the land to the Jaeger Family in the year of 1944. From that time on the Jaeger's have paid taxes on the land. Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider has spoken to the City attorney. The advice plan is a dedication for the property so the City will have access to the property for the sewer lines.

A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt for approval of the dedication/trade of the property located at 1309 E. Austin from the City of Giddings to the Jaeger family.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay

#### 9. RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

**In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Giddings Texas Codes, the items listed below will be discussed in closed session and are subject to action in the regular session.**

Mayor Dowell closed the Regular Session at 7:15 p.m. to convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code Section 551.087, Texas Government Code, Pursuant to Section 551.087, Texas Government Code, Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations, to wit: Project Red Glass.

**a. Pursuant to Section 551.087, Texas Government Code, Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations, to wit: Project Red Glass.**

Mayor Dowell adjourned the Executive Session at 7:45p.m. and reconvened the Regular Session, stating that no final actions, decisions, or votes were had during the Executive Session.

#### 10. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

**a. Consider action, if any, on item(s) discussed in executive session to Section 551.087, Texas Government Code, Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations, to wit: Project Red Glass.**

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

**b. Discussion on Downtown Development which includes, The Depot Complex.**

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

## 11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider and City Manager Ricky Jorgensen presented this to Mayor and City Council.

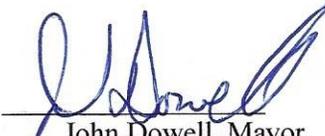
- 1.) The relocation of a 6' sewer line running through the alley of the Lee County Youth Center property.
- 2.) A discussion of the possibility of utilizing "Railroad Quiet Zones" within the City Limits.
- 3.) Another discussion will pertain to the Tx Dot Transportation Alternative Grant application more specifically, sidewalks. We will be working with CAPCOG again in trying to secure the grant. March 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline and it will once again be an 80/20 match.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

**Meeting adjourned at Monday, February 8, 2021 at 8:03 p.m. by Mayor John Dowell.**

ATTEST:

  
Andrea Ray, City Secretary

  
John Dowell, Mayor

