



CITY OF GIDDINGS

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GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, March 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 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, Municipal Court Clerk Rachel Grube, Municipal Judge Robert Lee.

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

3. INVOCATION AND WELCOME – Council Member Linda Pruitt 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, February 27, 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 27, 2023.

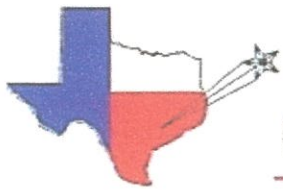
Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discuss and take possible action to approve a request of a Special Event “Public” for the Lee County Fair Annual Parade on May 20, 2023 in the Veterans Park from Alyssa Meinke.



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City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. This item is a request to have the Lee County Fair Parade in Veteran's Park. This is an annual event. City Council Member Jacob Janda asked if the time was going to be moved up. Mayor Joel Lopez stated the times will be set to meet the Veterans Celebration.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve a request of a Special Event "Public" for the Lee County Fair Annual Parade on May 20, 2023 in the Veterans Park from Alyssa Meinke.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- b. Discuss and take possible action to approve a request of a Special Event "Public" for the Lee County Center for the Arts Annual Crawfish Cookoff on April 22, 2023 in the 114 E. Austin parking lot from Karen Walpole.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented Karen Walpole to speak to Mayor and City Council on this agenda item. Karen asked if there were any questions. Karen stated all the business know in the area of Special Event. The Lee County Center for the Arts is working with the City Meat Market so the times do not conflict with each other. Lee County for the Arts will have beer and TABC permit for this Special Event.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey to approve a request of a Special Event "Public" for the Lee County Center for the Arts Annual Crawfish Cookoff on April 22, 2023 in the 114 E. Austin parking lot from Karen Walpole.

City Council Member Frank Castro recuse himself from the vote stating he severs on the Lee County Center for the Arts Board.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- c. Discuss and take possible action to approve a request of a Special Event "Public" for the Juneteenth Parade on June 17, 2023 on W. Houston from N Williams to Railroad Way, from Ladies of Class 979 Michelle Manigault.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item is a request to have a Juneteenth Parade at this location. This item is an annual event. City Manager Spencer Schneider presented Michelle Manigault to speak to Mayor and City Council on this agenda item. Michelle asked if were any questions for her she would be happy to answer.



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City Council Member Linda Pruitt asked if there would be any food served at this event, Michelle stated yes, we will have vendors of different types of food.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Mark D. Muniz to approve the request of a Special Event “Public” for the Juneteenth Parade on June 17, 2023 on W. Houston from N Williams to Railroad Way, from Ladies of Class 979 Michelle Manigault.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- d. Discuss and take possible action on the blanket approval for the Special Event “Public” held monthly for the “Giddings Second Saturday Street Dance” from Britton Karisch and David Stedman II.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council this is a request to have a street dance once a month at the Gazebo area on N Burluson Street. Spencer presented Britton Karisch, David Stedman II, and Brian Evens to speak about the Special Event request. Britton asked if there were any questions. Britton presented a plan to bring in bands in the area of the Gazabo and requested the street to be blocked off for the dances. The dances would be every second Saturday of the month. Britton was waiting on approval from City Council before the bands are lined up.

A motion was made by City Council Member Frank Castro and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve the blanket approval for the Special Event “Public” held monthly for the “Giddings Second Saturday Street Dance” from Britton Karisch and David Stedman II.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- e. Discuss and take possible action regarding the reappointment of Judge Robert Lee for the City of Giddings Municipal Court.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The City Council appoints the Municipal Court Judge every year. This is Judge Lee’s year for re-appointment.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Mark D. Muniz to approve the reappointment of Judge Robert Lee for the City of Giddings Municipal Court.



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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. 873-2023 Zoning for traffic and rate speed on Hwy 77 North in the City Limits of Giddings for the school zone.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. TX DOT is adjusting the speed limits from Jaeger Street to the Industrial Park Road. This is the first step in the re-location of the in-school speed limit flashing lights.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve Ordinance No. 873-2023 Zoning for traffic and rate speed on Hwy 77 North in the City Limits of Giddings for the school zone

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- g. Discuss and take possible action to approve Resolution No. 518-2023. CenterPoint Energy will be making Annual Rate Adjustments or “Grip” filings with the cities in their South Texas Division. CenterPoint is seeking recovery of \$7,723,694. The current filing will increase rates to residential customers by \$3.72 per month. This will increase the current residential customer charge from \$27.03 to \$30.75 per month. The increase is currently scheduled to go into effect on May 1, 2023. This resolution will suspend the effective date to increase by 45 days.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. If this is passed, it will prolong the increase for 45 days. Spencer introduced Lance Zandonatti with Centrepoint and if any Council Members have any questions Lance could answer them. Lance said the resolution will suspend the effective date to increase by 45 days for the customers. The Annual Rate Adjustments has occurred every year.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council member Jacob Janda for approval of the Resolution No.518-2023 CenterPoint Gas will be making Interim Rate Adjustment or “GRIP” filings with the cities in their South Texas division.



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Nays: None

- h. Discuss and take possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 874 in regards to amendment #2 of the operating budget of the City of Giddings fiscal year 2022-2023. Presented by John Simmang and Megan Kirk from the GEDC.

GEDC Chairman John Simmang presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. John explained that this will be the working budget for FY 2022-2023. With a new president and all new GEDC Board the budget needed to be reviewed. The financials needed to be set in the right categories some items were moved into the proper line-item budget to show proper expenses. This budget includes a project for the Fireman Grounds and the up keep for the project.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda to adopt Ordinance No. 874 in regards to amendment #2 of the operating budget of the City of Giddings fiscal year 2022-2023.

City of Giddings Council Member Linda Pruitt recused herself from the vote, Linda serves on the GEDC Board.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- i. Discuss and take possible action regarding an interlocal agreement between the City of Giddings and Lee County for the reconstruction of County Road 133.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. When the GEDC requested that the city annex the 290-business park, no one was aware that when the annexation was approved, any portion of a public ROW that abuts the annexed property becomes the property of the public entity that the property was annexed to. Lee County is in the process of re-constructing CR 133 which includes around 2,100' of road that belongs to the city. Before the county starts the work on the city ROW, it is required that an interlocal agreement be signed by both the city and Lee County.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Mark D. Muniz to approve regarding an interlocal agreement between the City of Giddings and Lee County for the reconstruction of County Road 133.



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Nays: None

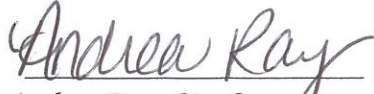
9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) The splash pad construction is going very well. The plumbing is in and Craftsman will be pouring concrete in the morning.
- 2) We have been advertising for lifeguards for this coming summer. We've had a few young adults apply.
- 3) The concrete slab has been poured for the new 20' x 30' multi-purpose pavilion.
- 4) With special help from Michael McCaul's office, I was able to send a request to FEMA requesting the status of the two generator grants. (\$663,000)
- 5) The mayor and myself attended a meeting last week in LaGrange regarding CAPCOG METHOD OF DISBURSEMENT FOR THE 2017 HURRICANE HARVEY CBDG-MITIGATION FUND MONIES. We were told that the city should receive around 2.2 million dollars. We will be able to use these monies for multiple specific purposes.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned on Monday, March 27, 2023 at 8:06 P.M. by Mayor Joel Lopez.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary




Joel Lopez, Mayor