

# GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGUALR MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, MARCH 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 7:01 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.

City Manager Spencer Schneider, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Director of Public Services Kenny Ray, Giddings Police Chief William Weems, Sargent James Catchings, Police Officers, Jack Nickell with Berry, Erika Zuniga, James Watson.

- 2) PLEDGES TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAG Pledges were said.
- 3) INVOCATION AND WELCOME City Manager Spencer Schneider gave the invocation. Mayor John Dowell welcomed all in attendance.
- 4) ANNOUNCEMENTS -Police Chief William Weems presented the newest Police Officers. K-9 Officer James Nickell with Berry, Officer Ericka Zuniga, K-9 Police Officer James Watson will have a partner, Kendo.
- 5) PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS No presentations and proclamations.
- **6) CITIZENS' COMMENTS-** Gene and Betty Wolf presented comments on housing concerns in the City of Giddings.
- 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 the City Council Regular Meeting held on Monday, March 14, 2022.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda for approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held on Monday, March 14, 2022.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



### 8) NEW BUISNESS

a) Discuss and take possible action approving the block party request from the Ladies of Class 979 for the Juneteenth celebration to be held on Saturday, June 18, 2022. Michelle Manigult and Bobbie Wolridge represented the Ladies of Class 979. The celebration will be held on June 18, 2022. The group will have music, food, drinks, lawn chairs, and tents with families to celebrate Juneteenth. The event will start after the parade and will end around 8:00 p.m. Police Chief William Weems stated he will be present to help with security.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve the block party application request from the Ladies of Class 979 on June 18, 2022.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

b) Discuss and take possible action regarding the request from Wayne Galipp and Dentyn Blasig to purchase a city alley located at 635 E. Brenham St. and 687 E. Brenham St.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to City Council. This is in regards to the purchase of a city alley. There are no city utilities in the alley. There is a structure partially in the alley belonging to one of the landowners. The sale of the alley will alleviate the encroachment

A motion was made by City Council Member Frank Castro and seconded by City Council Member Alan Casey for approval of the request from Wayne Galipp and Dentyn Blasig to purchase a city alley located at 635 E. Brenham St. and 687 E. Brenham St.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

c) Discuss and take possible action approving a block party request and a request to allow the consumption of acholic beverages at the Veterans Park for the Grimes St. Festival from The Chamber of Commerce to be held on July 1, 2022.



City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to City Council. Since the court house property will not be available, The Chamber is asking to hold the Grimes Street Festival (July 01, 2022) at the Veteran's Park. They are also asking the city to allow alcoholic beverages to be consumed. Denice Harlan represented the Chamber of Commerce to ask for the block party application to be approved. Denice stated the area where the Veterans Memorial Park under the trees for shade. Mayor Pro Tem Joel Lopez asked Denice to ask the Veterans Memorial Park Board for permission to have it close this area in the Veterans Parks.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt for approval of the block party request and a request to allow the consumption of acholic from The Chamber of Commerce to use the Veterans Park for the Grimes St. Festival to be held on July 1, 2022.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

d) Discuss and take possible action approving the Resolution No. 496-2022 for the Giddings Economic Development Program Expenditure to Reba's for \$75,000. This is the second and final reading.

Alan Casey presented this agenda item to City Council. Reba's will move to a new location downtown to the Orsag's Building. This will help with relocation and with improvements to the building.

A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro for approval of Resolution No. 496-2022 for the Giddings Economic Development Program Expenditure to Reba's for \$75,000.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

**e)** Discuss and take possible action approving the Resolution No. 497-2022 for the Giddings Economic Development Program Expenditure to Carmine Feed for \$50,000. This is the second and final reading.

Alan Casey presented this agenda item to City Council. Carmine Feed has built new a green house across the street from their store location. This will help fund the building costs that will arise.



A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro approving the Resolution No. 497-2022 for the Giddings Economic Development Program Expenditure to Carmine Feed for \$50,000.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

f) Discuss and take possible action approving the Resolution No. 498-2022 for the Giddings Economic Development Program Expenditure to Texas Truck Gear for \$65,000.00

Alan Casey presented this agenda item to City Council. Texas Truck Gear will move to a new location to the Wilbert's Building. This will help with to relocate and with improvements to the building. Once all the work is complete, then receipts are presented to Giddings EDC and money will be paid out.

#### NO ACTION TAKEN

g) Discuss and take possible action on the amendment of the By-Laws for the Giddings Economic Development Corporation.

Alan Casey presented this agenda item to City Council. The Giddings Economic Development Corporation had a meeting to discuss and voted on changes for the by-laws. City Council received copies of the by-laws. Alan stated that updates were needed for future grants of the GEDC. A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Joel Lopez to approve the amendment of the By-Laws for the Giddings Economic Development Corporation.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



# 9) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) The new backhoe will be delivered this week.
- b) We are still meeting with the county regarding the Centralized Dispatching System. We should be able to bring this item to the council during the new budget process for 2022-2023.
- c) Everything has been turned in to TML regarding the damage of city property during the storm last week.
- d) The splash pad grant that we applied for through MHS was approved for the full \$150,000. It will take between 3 to 4 months for the contract to come through for signing.

## 10) ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned on Monday, March 28, 2022 at 8:15 P.M. by Mayor John Dowell.

ATTEST:

Andrea Ray, City Secretary

John Dowell, Mayor

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