



CITY OF GIDDINGS

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GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 118 E. RICHMOND ST. GIDDINGS, TEXAS

1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Dowell at 7:06 p.m. with following present:

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

City Manager Spencer Schneider, Director of Public Services Kenny Ray, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Giddings Police Chief William Weems, Municipal Clerk Rachel Grube.

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

3) INVOCATION AND WELCOME-Council Member Jacob Janda 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-Alisha Nicks, Julie Meachen, Jennifer Robinson spoke on the City of Giddings Swimming Pool. Thomas Robinson and Larry Kelly spoke about Crockett St. and needing repairs. Evan Gonzales spoke on the parking lot next to the Secret Garden

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 this item unless a City Council member so requests.

a) Consider approval of minutes from the City Council Regular Meeting held on Monday, March 28, 2022.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Joel Lopez for approval of minutes for Regular Meeting Minutes held on Monday, March 28, 2022.



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Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

8) RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Dowell closed the Regular Session at 7:18 p.m. to convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code Section 551.074 Deliberation Regarding Giddings Economic Development Director Search.

- a) Pursuant to Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, Personnel Matters, to wit: Discuss Personnel Issues regarding Giddings Economic Development Director Search.

9) RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Dowell adjourned the Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Session, stating that no final actions, decisions, or votes were had during the Executive Session

- b) Discussion and take possible action on the Personnel Issue regarding Giddings Economic Development Director Search.

10) PUBLIC HEARING

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: 7:56 p.m.

- a) The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss Resolution No. 500-2022 regarding the authorizing of the Giddings City Manager and the Emergency Management Coordinator to Amend and Execute changes to the Lee County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan; and providing for effective date and open meeting clauses. Purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Tex. Gov't Code.

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING: 7:59 P.M. With no one to speak.

11) NEW BUISNESS

- a) Discuss and take possible action regarding approval of Resolution No. 500-2022 Authorizing the City Manager and the Emergency Management Coordinator to Amend and Execute changes for the Lee County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan.



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City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda to City Council. This item is in regards to the amendment of the Lee County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The two attachments (Action 7 & 8) of the resolution are in regards to the generator grants we have in process. The City of Giddings is required to have the needs for generators in the Lee County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve the Resolution No. 500-2022 Authorizing the City Manager and the Emergency Management Coordinator to Amend and Execute Change for the Lee County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- b) Discuss and take possible action regarding approving the parade route in the Veterans Park for the Lee County Fair Association on May 21, 2022.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to City Council. This is an annual event that the Lee County Fair Association does every year. The last two years have been canceled due to COVID-19. Alyssa Dussetschleger was on hand to answer any questions for City Council.

A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro to approve the parade route in the Veterans Park for the Lee County Fair Association on May 21, 2022.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- c) Discuss and take possible action regarding the approval for the Final Plat for Buffalo Ridge Phase One.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to City Council. This is the second section of the Buffalo Ridge Subdivision that is needing to be approved by City Council.



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A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Joel Lopez to approve the Final Plat for Buffalo Ridge Phase One.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- d) Discuss and take possible action regarding the approval of the Yamaha Golf Cart Rental Contract for the Giddings Municipal Golf Course.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to City Council. The City of Giddings would like to renew the golf cart lease with Yamaha. The current lease is up in October of this year 2022. This is a 48-month lease for 20 carts (\$39.95 per cart). The current lease shows that the Golf Course will pay \$799.00 per month. The new 48-month lease with 21 carts will show the Golf Course will be paying \$1,008 (\$48.00 per cart per).

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro to approve the Yamaha Golf Cart Rental Contract for the Giddings Municipal Golf Course.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- e) Discuss and take possible action regarding approving the Resolution No. 498-2022 For the Giddings Economic Development Program Expenditure to Texas Truck Gear for the amount of \$65,000.00. This second and final reading.

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.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council member Linda Pruitt to approve Resolution No. 498-2022 For the Giddings Economic Development Program Expenditure to Texas Truck Gear for the amount of \$65,000.00.



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Nays: None

- f) Discuss and take possible action approving the Resolution No. 499-2022 for the Giddings Police Department for a Grant #4414501 for Rifle Resistant Body Armor.

Police Chief William Weems presented this City Council. The grant will help fund for the Rifle Resistant Body Armor for the Giddings Police Department. The grant is 100% with no matching funds. Police Chief William found this grant on the website doing research for the first grant.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro to approve the Resolution No. 499-2022 for the Giddings Police Department for a Grant #4414501 for Rifle Resistant Body Armor.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- g) Discuss and take possible action regarding the sale of an alley located at the 635 E. Brenham St. and 687 E. Brenham St. The two owners of the said property have paid the \$ 200.00 application fee. The required buyers have provided a current certified survey and a current certified appraisal of said property.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item. The requestors Dentyn Blasig and Wayne Galipp is requesting to purchase the alley located at the 635 E. Brenham St. and 687 E. Brenham St. The application fee has been paid, and the current certified survey and certified appraisal of the said property.

A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda to sale the alley located 635 E. Brenham St. and 687 E. Brenham St. for \$1000.00 dollars.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



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- h) Discuss and take possible action regarding setting future priorities and goals for the City of Giddings.

City Council, Mayor John Dowell and City Manager Spencer Schneider discussed only setting future priorities and goals for the City of Giddings.

***Business Park**

- continue to focus on getting all utilities to entrance (fire suppression water pressure, sewer, gas, electric, fiber internet)
- next step flood mitigation to maximize usable land at front *Infrastructure to support increased growth and development
- new water well and storage tank in next 5-8 years likely needed
- street maintenance/repair
- finish remaining old water/sewer line replacement *Annexation *Entertainment
- Downtown development
- Sidewalks (290 and 77)
- Parking downtown
- Parks improvement (Simmang fields, etc.)
- Review Downtown Strategic Plan completed recently as it includes many of these items

***Beautification/Pride in City Appearance**

- Vacant buildings
- Blight

***Building Surplus/Rainy Day Fund**


12) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS


1. On Friday April 01, we had 9 LCRA employees (Step Forward Day) come to paint from 9:00 3:00 – Veteran's Park and Pool.
 - a. 4 – press boxes painted white and the doors black.
 - b. Trim in front of the pool painted black.
2. 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.
3. Tee Box # 5 at the golf course has been completely reworked. For you golfers, this will be way more accommodating.
4. 1st Quarter Violations January – March 2022

13) ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 9:03 P.M. by Mayor John Dowell.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary


John Dowell, Mayor

