

CITY OF GIDDINGS

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GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 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 the following present:

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

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

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** - Police Chief William Weems stated Giddings Police Department Assisted Lee County Sherriff's with a call in Dime Box.
5. **PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS** – Proclamation was presented to the John Dowell Family for the Service of Mayor John Dowell. Joel Lopez presented a plaque to John Dowell for the eight years of being Mayor of the City of Giddings.
6. **CITIZENS' COMMENTS** -No Citizens' Comments
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, April 25, 2022.**

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro for approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on Monday, April 11, 2022.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



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8. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Discuss and take possible action on approval of Ordinance No. 862 canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the General Election held on May 7, 2022.

City Secretary Andrea Ray presented this agenda item to City Council. The General Election for electing a Mayor At-Large and Two City Council Members was held on May 7, 2022. The election judges have certified the results and Giddings City Council will canvass the votes with the Ordinance No. 862. City Secretary read the total of votes cast as follows:

<u>FOR MAYOR</u>		<u>FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS 1 AND 2</u>	
JOEL LOPEZ	356	LINDA PRUITT	318
RAMIZ AWAD	204	MARK D. MUNIZ	293
		JASON HAAS	229
		RANDIE MAASS	153

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Alan Casey to approve Ordinance No. 862 canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the General Election held on May 7, 2022.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

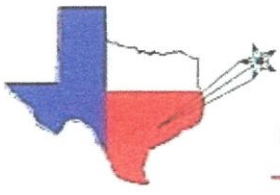
- b) Administer Oaths of Office to Elected Officials and Issue Certificates of Election to Mayor at Large Joel Lopez, and two Council Members Linda Pruitt, and Mark D. Muniz.

City Secretary Andrea Ray presented the oaths to following: Mayor Joel Lopez and the two Council Members Linda Pruitt, Mark D. Muniz

At this time Former Mayor John Dowell stepped down and New Mayor Joel Lopez presented the gavel and nameplate and thanked John for his years services.

At this time Joel Lopez was seated at the mayor's seat and resumed business for the City Council Meeting May 12, 2022.

Linda Pruitt and Mark D Muniz was seated at the dais to take office of City Council.



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- c) Discuss and take possible action on the appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem for 2022-2023.

Mayor Joel Lopez open the floor for nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem for 2022-2023.

A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt made the nomination of Alan Casey to be appointed Mayor Pro-Tem for 2022-2023 and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda.
Alan Casey accepted the appoint of Mayor Pro-Tem was seated at this time.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- d) Discuss and take possible action regarding the employment of a GISD School Resources Officer. (SRO)

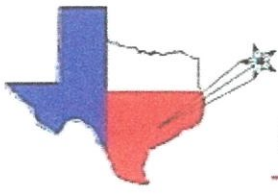
Giddings Police Chief William Weems and Supernatant Roger Dees with GISD presented this agenda item to City Council. Joint agreement with GISD and Giddings Police Dept. has been reviewed by Chief Weems and Supernatant Roger Dees for a School Resources Officer. The School Resource Officer is carefully selected, specifically trained, and properly equipped full-time law enforcement officer with sworn law enforcement authority, trained in school-based law enforcement and crisis response, assigned by the employing law enforcement agency to work in the school using community-oriented policing concept. SRO provides on site security, increase felling of safety among students and staff and is assigned to all Campuses. The SRO will respond to crises situations, accidents and reports of crime. The SRO officer will be involved violations of the compulsory school attendance requirements. The help of the SRO will also provide traffic control at athletic events, school closings or openings or any other time. Giddings Police Dept. will have the following responsibilities: provide a police officer licensed by State of Texas, will assign an SRO on a full-time basis, designate days off. Under the discretion of the GPD will be determined the duties, schedule, and responsibilities when school is not in. The GPD will maintain training for Texas peace status; continuing training for TCLEOSE certification. The City of Giddings shall provide SRO all wages, salaries or other compensation, and benefits of similarly-situated and classified employees. The City of Giddings shall be directly responsible for the payment of all payroll taxes, bond coast, retirement contributions, overtime, social security taxes, if any, and all other payroll expenses.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by Frank Castro approving the employment of a GISD School Resources Officer. (SRO)

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



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- e. Discuss and take possible action regarding a request from Immanuel Lutheran Church to approve a new proposed curb line in front of the new addition.

Ray Walther from the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings presented this agenda item to City Council. The Immanuel Lutheran Church is requesting the approval of a new proposed curb line in front the new churches' addition. The expanded sidewalk width at the building entry to rear edge of head of parking. The new curb will be located in area where the old parking was on N. Grimes St. This will help to give protection to the front door entrance from traffic.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro approving a request from Immanuel Lutheran Church to approve a new proposed curb line in front of the new addition.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- f. Discuss only the City of Giddings FY 2022-2023 Budget and Tax Rate Public Hearing /Adoption Schedule.

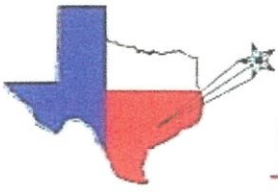
City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item City Council. The City of Giddings FY 2022-2023 Budget and Tax Rate Public Hearing /Adoption Schedule was asked to be reviewed by City Council and if any changes need to be made. Mayor Joel Lopez asked to set the times for the City of Giddings Supervisors to present their budgets to City Council at a meeting on the schedule.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS AGENDA ITEM

- g. Discuss and take possible action on the Resolution No 502-2022 for the Giddings Economic Development Program Expenditure to LEECO Realty Group for \$20,000. This is the second and final reading.

Alan Casey presented this agenda item to City Council. LEECO Realty Group will move to a new location on Hwy 290. This will help 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 to LEECO Realty Group.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro approving Resolution No 502-2022 for the Giddings Economic Development Program Expenditure to LEECO Realty Group for \$20,000.



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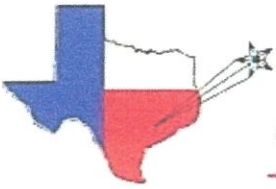
Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Pruitt, Castro, Janda, Muniz

Nays: None

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager's Report

1. Since October 01, 2021, we have issued 24 new residential permits, 20 residential remodel permits and 15 commercial remodel permits.
2. Chief Weems will provide training to the inside staff at city hall and all department heads in verbal de-escalation for difficult people.
3. We are going to do a survey around the region regarding the cost of water and sewer taps. Because of the cost of material and so many line extensions, we can no longer keep doing taps at the current cost. We will be bringing back the results of the survey and possible tap cost increases for council approval.
4. Our administrative team which consists of Heather, Angie, Kenny, and myself have met and discussed the starting pay for new entry level employees with no experience. We feel that an increase from what we are currently starting new inexperienced employees at, will help entice more applicants to apply for a job with the city.
5. The New Emergency Operations Plans Requirements (EOP). The plan has been completed and signed. Schneider Engineering from Boerne did a great job compiling all the information and creating the plan. The city is required to comply with SB-3 annually.
6. Lifeguard Situation: Last day for applications: May 05 Pool Open: June 06
11 applications
4 backed out
5 candidates have been interviewed and drugged screened and passed. Only out of the five is certified.
1 candidate is certified but has now taken the drug screen
1 candidate has been interviewed but has not completed the drug screen and is not certified.
After all of that, we think we may end up with 6 guards



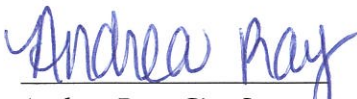
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10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned on Thursday, May, 2022 at 8:19 P.M. by Mayor Joel Lopez.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary


Joel Lopez, Mayor

