

GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL-REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY MAY 24, 2020 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 Frank Castro, Alan Casey
Linda Pruitt, Jacob Janda.

Staff Present: City Secretary Andrea Ray, Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider, Municipal Court Clerk
Rachel Grube, Human Resources Angie Stanfield, Chamber of Commerce Denice Harlan
Executive Director, Giddings Economic Development Director Tonya Britton.

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

3. INVOCATION AND WELCOME- City Council Member Linda Pruitt gave the invocation and Mayor John Dowell
welcomed all in attendance.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS-No Announcements.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS- No Presentations.

6. CITIZENS' COMMENTS-No Citizen's 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, Monday May 10, 2021.

A motion was made by City Council Member Frank Castro and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda
for approval of Minutes for Meeting held on Monday May 10, 2021.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Administer Oath of Office for Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez for 2021-2022.

NO ACTION TAKEN AND NO OATH ADMINISTERED.



- b. Discuss and take possible action on considering approval of Resolution No 470-2021 for GEDC expenditure for Ronnie Blasig downtown renovation at 194 W. Austin Street, Giddings, Texas for the amount of \$15,000.00. The first reading of Resolution No 470-2021.**

Tonya Britton presented this agenda item to City Council for the GEDC. The GEDC started this expenditure Project back in 2020 and was put on hold due to COVID-19. The GEDC desires to expand Corporation funds to property owner Ronnie Blasig up to ½ of the cost for materials and labor up to \$15,000.00. The property is located at 194 W. Austin Street Giddings, Texas 78942. The property owner must secure a tenant lease for one year with an independent business. The award will be distributed as follows: Up to \$15,000.00 upon receipt of a signed lease agreement, invoices and cost estimate for roof installation.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THE AGENDA ITEM.

- c. Discuss and take possible action on considering approval of Resolution No. 469-2021 approving designators for transactions with City of Giddings Depository.**

Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to City Council. With the retirement of Ricky Jorgensen as City Manager as of May 31, 2021. Spencer Schneider will be the new City Manager as of June 1, 2021. All bank accounts will need to be changed over for his signature for the City of Giddings. First National Bank requests this change of signatures will be done in a resolution.

A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez for approval of Resolution No. 469-2021 approving designators for transactions with City of Giddings Depository.

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 adoption of the 2021 Lee County, Giddings Emergency Management Plan.**

Director of Public Works Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to City Council. The approval of the Giddings Emergency Management Plan is reviewed and approved every five years. The Emergency Management Plan is around 55 pages. The Mayor John Dowell is the emergency management director, and Spencer Schneider has been the management coordinator since 1995.

A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro for approval of the adoption of the 2021 Lee County, Giddings Emergency Management Plan.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

e. Discuss and take possible action regarding the sale of alcohol beverages at the Grimes Street Festival Downtown 07/2-3/2021.

Chamber of Commerce Denice Harlan Executive Director presented this agenda to City Council. July 2-3, 2021 will be the Giddings Sesquicentennial Downtown Grimes Street Music Festival. The event will have vendors to sell food, drinks and arts & crafts, on July 3, 2021 from 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. The Chamber of Commerce has had a request from a vendor Busted Oaks Cellars to sell wine downtown at the festival. Busted Oaks will apply for a Picnic TABC licenses for three days. City Council had a lengthy discussion with the agenda item. The question was asked about selling alcohol downtown in the business district, and City Council would like to have the Ordinance looked over and amendment for these future needs in the Business District.

City Council Member Jacob Janda asked this agenda item to be postponed to work on further information for the Ordinances and to gather more paperwork. This agenda item will be on the next regular City Council Meeting.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THE AGENDA ITEM.

f. Discuss and take possible action on considering approval of Resolution No 470-2021 for GEDC expenditure for Ronnie Blasig downtown renovation at 194 W. Austin Street, Giddings, Texas for the amount of \$15,000.00. The second and final reading of Resolution No. 470-2021.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda for approval of Resolution No 470-2021 for GEDC expenditure for Ronnie Blasig downtown renovation at 194 W. Austin Street, Giddings, Texas for the amount of \$15,000.00. The second and final reading of Resolution No. 470-2021.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members Lopez, Casey, Pruitt, Castro, Janda
Nays: None

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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City Manager's Report

- Portable Generator. There were two (2) bids for the new portable generator.
Clifford Power: \$65,401.00 \$695.00 difference
Austin Generator: \$64,706.00

The city will be purchasing the new generator from Clifford Power. The two generator bids were for the same generator. Their bid from Clifford Power was \$695.00 higher than the other bid. The city felt that the trailer was built better than the other bidder's trailer. Clifford Power is also the company the city has the contract regarding our generator maintenance program. That being said, they will also do the maintenance on the new generator.

- ERCOT Rolling Black Outs. We had a meeting with two of the LCRA representatives on May 12th at 11:00 a.m. regarding the possibility of doing our own switching in our power grid during an ERCOT Rolling Black Out situation. We are going to have another meeting in the near future regarding this issue.

- We've meet with our badger water meter representative regarding our situation with the change out addition of water meters. We have around 2,700 badger water meters in the ground.

Meter: \$54.00 Badger meter
\$66.00 Badger encoder
\$76.00 Itron ERT Module
\$196.00 Total

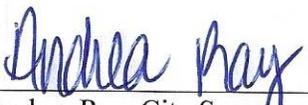
We have ordered 5 water meter set ups to do a trial run to assure that the new Itron modules will work with the current software system through Tantalus.

- The preliminary engineering contract has come through my office for the 290 Water infrastructure project. I feel that it is time for the City of Giddings and The Giddings EDC meet and work out the final details regarding the funding process. At this point, the estimated engineering cost is \$280,000.00

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at Monday, May 24, 2021 at 8:12 p.m. by Mayor John Dowell.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary


John Dowell, Mayor

