



CITY OF GIDDINGS

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GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 24, 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 7:02 p.m. with the following present:

Members Present: Mayor Joel Lopez, Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey, Council Members Linda Pruitt, Jacob Janda

Not present: Mark D. Muniz, Kevin Rinn.

Staff Present: City Manager Spencer Schneider, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Director of Public Services Kenny Ray, Giddings Police Chief William Weems, Finance Director Heather Garner, Municipal Court Clerk Rachel Grube, Library Director Jessi Akins.

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

3. INVOCATION AND WELCOME – Mayor Joel Lopez gave the invocation and welcomed all in attendance.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS –

a) Proclamation for Mattie Davis 98th Birthday was read and received by her and family and friends.

b) Thank you letter for City Employees that helped the Giddings American Legion York Post #276.

City Manager Spencer Schneider spoke on Director of Public Services Kenny Ray and his services for the City of Giddings. The Chamber of Commerce will have the Parks Department as a Civic Group for the Chamber Baquet.

6. CITIZENS' COMMENTS – Joe Schroder with Reba's thanked the City of Giddings for helping Reba's reach the goal of the growing business established in Giddings.

Kevin Schkade-spoke on a water-cooling system for the City of Giddings.

Library Director Jessi Akins-gave report on books and stated when the Word Wrangler Book Festival will be held on September 29-30, 2023.

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, July 10, 2022.



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A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda for approval of the minutes for the City Council Regular Meeting held on Monday, July 10, 2023.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

8. NEW BUSINES

- a) Discuss and take possible action regarding the Special Event “Public” application for the National Night Out for the Veterans Park and Pavilion for Giddings Police Department.

Giddings Police Chief William Weems presented this Mayor and City Council. The National Night Out is held every year this year it will be on October 3, 2023. The Lee County EMS will be there along with Lee County Sheriff’s Office and the Giddings Fire Volunteer Fire Department. They will serve Hot Dogs. There will be goodies for the kids.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve the Special Event “Public” application for the National Night Out for the Veterans Park and Pavilion for Giddings Police Department.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- b) Discuss and take possible action regarding the Special Event “Public” application for the GISD Homecoming Parade in Veterans Park.

City Manager Spencer Schnieder presented this agenda item to City Council. The GISD Homecoming Parade and pep-rally was held in the Veteran’s Park last year for the time. This year it will be held on September 20, 2023. Spencer stated Kelci Adams and Ami Fromme are to answer any questions. The ladies stated the parade had many floats and many people for pep-rally afterwards. They asked for help on restrooms in the area of the pep-rally.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janada and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey to approve the Special Event “Public” application for the GISD Homecoming Parade in Veterans Park.



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Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- c) Discuss and take possible action regarding the approval of Beautification Committee By-Laws.

City Manager Spencer Schnieder presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The Beautification Committee has approved the By-Laws and is ready for the City Council to approve the final version. The By-Laws have been reviewed and approved by the City of Giddings Attorney.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt for the approval of Beautification Committee By-Laws.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- d) Receive and review Quarterly Investment Report from Finance Director Heather Garner.

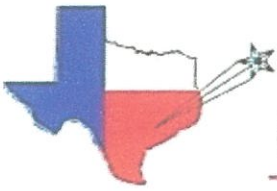
Finance Director Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. She reminded everyone the new interest rate with First National Bank of 4% will begin August 1st.

NO ACTION ON THIS AGENDA ITEM

- e) Discuss and take possible action regarding Ordinance No. 875 the permitting, and location and conditions of donation containers inside the City of Giddings Limits.

City Manager Spencer Schnieder presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. This agenda item has had much discussion and concern from City Council and the Beautification Committee. To clear up the permitting, location, and conditions of donation containers inside the City of Giddings Limits. The ordinance created will help regarding enforcement of donation containers.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt for the approval of Ordinance No. 875, the permitting, and location and conditions of donation containers inside the City of Giddings Limits.



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Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- f) Receive and review the 2023 2024 second draft proposed budget for the City of Giddings.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented a list of updates to the proposed budget to include an increase in sales tax, a potential adjustment to property taxes, water and sewer rates, and amending one sewer department request from two new positions to one new position.

NO ACTION ON THIS AGENDA ITEM

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

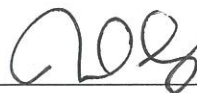
City Manager Spencer Schnieder spoke on Well #10.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned on Monday, July 24, 2023 at 8:06 P.M. by Mayor Joel Lopez.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary


Joel Lopez, Mayor

