

# **CITY OF GIDDINGS**

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**GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 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 Pro-Tem Alan Casey at 7:00 p.m. with the following present:

Members Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey, Council Members Frank Castro, Jacob Janda.

Not Present: Mayor Joel Lopez, City Manager Spencer Schneider.

Staff Present: City Secretary Andrea Ray, Director of Public Services Kenny Ray, Giddings Police Chief William Weems, Finance Director Heather Garner, Municipal Court Judge Robert Lee, Municipal Court Clerk Rachel Grube.

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

**3. INVOCATION AND WELCOME** – City Council Member Jacob Janda gave the invocation and Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey welcomed all in attendance.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – No announcements.

**5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS** – No presentations and proclamations.

**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 Regular Meeting held on Monday, August 8, 2022.

City Council Member Jacob Janda asked the Council Member Linda Pruitt be added to the minutes for motions.

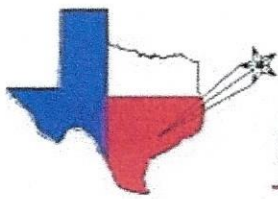
A motion was made by City Council Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro for approval of the minutes for the City Council Regular Meeting held on Monday, August 22, 2022 pending corrections.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None





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## **8. NEW BUSINES**

- a) Receive and review 2022 Summer Reading Report from Library Director Jessi Akins.

Library Director Jessi Akins presented this agenda item to Mayor Pro-Tem and City Council. Jessi explained all the highlights for the 2022 Summer Reading Program. The number of children in attendance was 279 with 4070 books read during the program. The program has changed the recording of hours and how prizes are handout at the Giddings Library. The program has an on-site program for children at the library. Taylor is the children's librarian and plans all actives for the on-site programs for the kids attending. The Giddings Library has an internship program for older students to earn service hours for which the total hours earned were 1071 for 12 students. These students work for free for the six weeks of the reading program. The students were also provided with a lunch and learn from local businesses.

### **DISCUSSION ONLY NO ACTION TAKEN**

- b) Receive the Giddings Economic Development Corporation's year-end report for 2021-2022 from the GEDC Chairman.

The GEDC Chairman John Simmang presented this agenda item to Mayor Pro Tem and City Council. John started with the staff at the Giddings Economic Development New President David Stedman, Amanda Casey working in the office. Priscilla will be leaving and not working part-time. John Simmang spoke on CARES and TDA GRANTS. The budget is almost complete. GEDC will also not be participating in as many corporate welfare projects, but will instead focus on more economic development. John briefly spoke on projects for businesses around town. The details are still to be worked out on certain projects. Future projects that the GEDC will be working on: Housing, paving CR 133 for the Business Park, Dime Box Distillery, Giddings Brewhaus, September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> concerts at the Gazebo for Citizen's, working with the Airport, Beall's building. This included the year-end report for the GEDC.

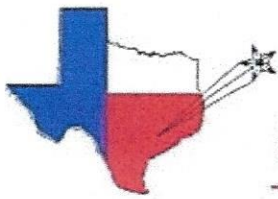
### **DISCUSSION ONLY NO ACTION TAKEN**

- c) Receive and discuss the Certified Appraisal Roll from Lee County Appraisal District.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor Pro-Tem and City Council. The 2022 Certified Appraisal Roll is received and review every year at budget time. No questions at this time.

### **DISCUSSION ONLY NO ACTION TAKEN**





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- d) Discuss and receive the Lee County Tax Assessor's statutory certifications, submissions, and calculations as required by Chapter 26 of the Tax Code.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor Pro-Tem and City Council. The review included the Lee County Tax Assessor's statutory certifications, submissions, and calculations as required by Chapter 26 of the Tax Code. No questions at this time.

2022 Certified Appraisal Roll  
Certification of 2022 Excess Debt Collections  
Certification of 2022 Anticipated Debt Collection  
2022 Tax Rate Worksheet

## **DISCUSSION ONLY NO ACTION TAKEN**

- e) Discuss and take possible action to authorize the City of Giddings to continue the agreement with Lee County Tax Office for the assessment and collection of Ad Valorem Taxes for the City of Giddings.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor Pro-Tem and City Council. The City of Giddings will continue the long-standing tax collection agreement with the Lee County Tax Office for the collection and disbursement of taxes.

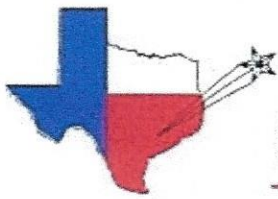
A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council member Jacob Janda to authorize the City of Giddings to continue the agreement with Lee County Tax Office for the assessment and collection of Ad Valorem Taxes for the City of Giddings.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- f) Discuss and take possible action on setting a proposed 2022-2023 ad valorem tax rate for notice purposes, setting dates for two public hearings on the proposed tax rate, and setting the date at which City Council will adopt the tax rate.
- a.) First Public Hearing date on Monday, September 12, 2022 for first Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate; Public Hearing.
- b.) Second Public Hearing and Special Meeting on Monday, September 19, 2022 for second Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate.



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c.) Adopt Tax Rate for 2022-2023 on Monday, September 26, 2022.

A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt and roll call vote as follows:

Alan Casey: yes, Linda Pruitt: yes, Frank Castro: yes, Jacob Janda: yes, Mark D. Muniz: yes.

- propose a tax rate of **(\$5188)** for notice purposes; and
- set two public hearings on the proposed tax rate:
- the first being Monday, September 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., and
- the second at a Special Meeting held on Monday, September 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.; and
- that the 2022 tax rate will be adopted on Monday, September 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

g) Discuss and take possible action on setting two public hearing dates for the 2022-2023 Proposed City Budget and which includes the GEDC 2022-2023 Budget.

a.) First Public Hearing date on Monday, September 12, 2022 to discuss 2022-2023 Proposed City Budget.

b.) Second Public Hearing date on Monday, September 19, 2022 to discuss 2022-2023 Proposed City Budget.

c.) Adopt the Budget for 2022-2023 on Monday, September 26, 2022.

A motion was made by and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt on setting two public hearing dates for the 2022-2023 Proposed City Budget and which includes the GEDC 2022-2023 Budget.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

## 9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director of Public Services Kenny Ray reported to City Council on two filled positions at the Golf Course.

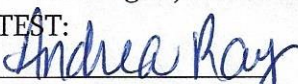
Electric Department still has an opening for a lineman.

Water Department is having water links.

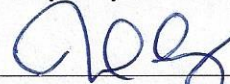
## 10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned on Monday, August 22, 2022 at 7:59 P.M. by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey.

ATTEST:

  
Andrea Ray, City Secretary



  
Joel Lopez, Mayor