



# CITY OF GIDDINGS

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GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 28 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 7:06 p.m. with the following present:

Members Present: Mayor Joel Lopez, Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey, Council Members Linda Pruitt, Jacob Janda, Mark D. Muniz, Not Present: Kevin Rinn.

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

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 Joel Lopez welcomed all in attendance.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS -None

6. CITIZENS' COMMENTS – None

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 14, 2023.

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, August 14, 2023.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



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## 8. NEW BUSINES

- a) Discuss and take possible action regarding the Special Event “Public” application for the Annual Cars and Coffee Giddings #2 held on October 21, 2023 at Dime Box Distillery parking lot.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. This will be the second event for the Cars & Coffee. Brian Evans and Steve Jones are here to answer any questions. Brian Evans stated the Cars and Coffee will be held in the parking of the Dime Box Distillery with the new parking lot being paved. Brian stated with this event it will bring visitors to our community.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to approve the Special Event “Public” application for the Annual Cars and Coffee Giddings #2 held on October 21, 2023 at Dime Box Distillery parking lot.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- b) Discuss and take possible action regarding the Special Event “Public” application for the coed adult softball tournament held on September 9, 2023 at the Veteran’s Park.

City Manager Spencer Schnieder presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The LCLL and Wild Ace Athletics would like to have a Coed adult softball tournament at the Veterans Park. Tiffany Albrecht and Britney LaDay will answer any questions. These two organizations have started a coed league and would like to have this tournament at Veteran’s Park. The hours are 9:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. Britney stated that adults need sports in our lives. Tiffany and Britney want this to be a family affair and kids would be there and will enjoy the park too. There will be no acholic drinks allowed and there are rules to follow that day.

A motion was made by Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve the special Event “Public” application for the coed adult softball tournament held on September 9, 2023 at the Veteran’s Park.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



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- c) Discuss and take possible action regarding The Giddings Public Library and Cultural Center to serve wine/beer at the 2023 Texas Word Wrangler Welcome BBQ to be held September 28, 2023.

City Manager Spencer Schnieder presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. This is an annual event held the Thursday evening before the Word Wrangler event starts. The City Council has allowed alcohol to be served for this event this in the past. Library Director Jessi Akins is here for any questions at this time. No questions at this time City Council.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz for the approval of the Giddings Public Library and Cultural Center to serve wine/beer at the 2023 Texas Word Wrangler Welcome BBQ to be held September 28, 2023

Motion carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Pruitt, Janda Muniz  
Nays: None

- d) Discuss and take possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 879, authorizing the issuance of City of Giddings, Texas limited tax note, series 2023; approving a paying agent/registrar agreement; prescribing the form of the note; levying an ad valorem tax to pay the note; awarding the sale thereof; and enacting other provisions relating thereto.

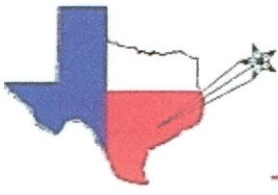
Finance Director Heather Garner introduced Dustin Traylor with RBD Capital Markets, LLC. Dustin presented to Mayor and City Council the bond amount is \$3,200,000.00 and a summary of the bond information the bid was provided to approximately 15 banking institutions to possibly consider purchasing the note. The bids were due on Mondy, August 28 at 11:00 a.m. The list of bids as follows

Bidder	Bid	Call Feature
Classic Bank	4.100%	Anytime
Amegy Bank	4.680%	Anytime
Citizens National Bank	6.320%	Non-Callable

Dustin at this time stated the issue summary of Limited Tax Note, financing team as follows:

Financial Advisor	RBC Capital
Bond Counsel	McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P.
Purchaser	Classic Bank

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz for the approval Ordinance No. 879, authorizing the issuance of City of Giddings, Texas limited tax note, series 2023; approving a paying agent/registrar agreement; prescribing the form of the note; levying an ad valorem tax to pay the note; awarding the sale thereof; and enacting other provisions relating thereto. The approval for Classic Bank that will purchase the bond.



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Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- e) Discuss and take possible action adopting Ordinance No. 878 to regulate wrecker services, operations, and fees within the City of Giddings.

City Manager presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. This agenda item was postponed from the August 14, 2023 City Council Meeting. The Ordinance No. 878 has been revised and Police Chief Bill Weems is here to answer any questions and go through the new ordinance. Police Chief Weems stated the City Attorney was presented with the old ordinance and made changes to the new ordinances. The fees were changed to what the State recommends. Public Comments were heard by Mayor and City Council from the local wrecker owners and drivers. Please note: The City Secretary has the full recording if so requested is needed.

A motion was made by City Council Member Mark Muniz not to pass the Ordinance No. 878 to regulate wrecker services, operations, and fees within the City of Giddings.

The motion was not seconded so, the motion dies.

Mayor Joel Lopez asked for another motion. No City Council Member set forth and a motion or offered a vote.

The Ordinance No. 878 to regulate wrecker services, operations, and fees within the City of Giddings from the results of no voting.

- f) Discuss and take possible action regarding the adoption of Resolution No. 526-2023, authorizing Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Disbursements for Calendar Year 2022.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The council has voted on this item at the last meeting. Because of the changes in the amount of the disbursements, the resolution was drafted to reflect the changes. City Council approved the amounts at the last City Council Minutes and the Resolution No. 526-2023 was brought back to be approved.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz for the approval authorizing Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Disbursements for Calendar Year 2022 in the amount of \$239,145.00. The Resolution No. 526-2023 will be brought back to City Council to approve final amounts next City Council Meeting August 28, 2023.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Muniz,

Nays: Pruitt, Janda

The vote being a tie the Mayor Joel Lopez aye, the motion passed.



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- g) Discuss and take possible action regarding the Corporate Resolution No. 527-2023, authorizing the mayor of The City of Giddings to sign all necessary documents for the sale of 736 W. Houston Street Giddings, Texas.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The Corporate Resolution No. 527-2023 will be needed for the closing for the Smith property. The Mayor Joel Lopez will sign all necessary documents for the sale of 736 W. Houston Street.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt for the approval Corporate Resolution No. 527-2023, authorizing the mayor of The City of Giddings to sign all necessary documents for the sale of 736 W. Houston Street Giddings, Texas.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- h) Discuss and receive the Lee County Tax Assessor's statutory certifications, submissions, and calculations as required by Chapter 26 of the Tax Code.
- 2023 Certified Appraisal Roll
  - Certification of 2022 Excess Debt Collections
  - Certification of 2023 Anticipated Debt Collection
  - 2023 Tax Rate Worksheet

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.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

- i) Discuss and take possible action on the proposed FY 2023-2024 City Budget and set a public hearing date.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The proposed budget had some changes and updates.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by Jacob Janda to approve the proposed FY 2023-2024 City Budget and set a public hearing date.

- set a public hearing on the proposed City Budget for FY 2023-2024 for



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Monday, September 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

- that the 2023-2024 proposed budget will be adopted on Monday, September 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- j) Discuss and take possible action on setting a proposed 2023 tax rate for notice purposed, setting a date for a public hearing on the proposed tax rate and setting the date at which City Council will adopt the Tax Rate of .5738 per \$100.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. Heather explained the calculations for the tax rate as follows:

### 2023-2024 Tax Rate.

To calculate tax rate breakout:

Take debt service rate from Effective Tax Rate Worksheet provided by county tax assessor.

Subtract debt service rate from the tax rate council plans to adopt. The result will give you your M&O rate.

### Example:

Council wants to adopt rate of **0.5738**.

Debt service rate is 0.0813 Subtract those two and get M&O rate of **0.4925**.

**0.4925** (M&O)

**0.0813** (Debt S)

**0.5738** (Tax rate)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and roll call vote as follows: Mark Muniz; I, Alan Casey: I, Linda Pruitt: I, Jacob Janda: I, with Kevin Rinn not present.

- propose a tax rate of **(\$.5738)** for notice purposes; and
- set one public hearings on the proposed tax rate:
- the first being Monday, September 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., and
- that the 2023-2024 tax rate will be adopted on Monday, September 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



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- k) Discuss and take possible action regarding the disbursement of City of Giddings water funds (\$800,000) for the replacement of all water meter faces and associated components.

City Manager Spencer Schnieder presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The City of Giddings going forward with water meter rehab project. As I have discussed with council before, the automated water reading system was installed 12 years ago. The battery life expectancy is 12 to 15 years old. We are at that point. We are doing 300 to 350 water meter re-reads per month now. We have had \$800,000 set aside for two years from the ARPA funds to complete this project. I am asking the council to approve this Expense for this project.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz for the approval to authorize the City of Giddings water funds (\$800,000) for the replacement of all water meter faces and associated components.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- l) Discuss and take possible action regarding the Public Improvement District (PID).

City Manager Spencer Schnieder presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. This agenda item will be placed on future agendas for discussion and possible action to be taken. As you heard from the Four-Star representative at the last meeting, they are wanting the city to adopt a PID policy for the development of the business park if purchased. There is information in your packet received from GEDC on the PID.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

## 9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1 First Amendment Auditor Training was taken by all department heads and all city hall, and library employees.
- 2 The newly created Beautification Committee is wanting to create a Giddings Christmas Lighting Committee. The beautification Committee has requested I select a committee for this project. I am asking one person from the Beautification Committee, City Council, Giddings EDC and the Giddings Chamber to complete this 4-person committee. I am now asking that someone from the City Council volunteer to be on this committee.



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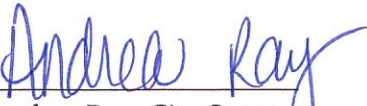
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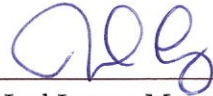
- 3 The new water well project going as well as expected. The well casing is in place and cemented in. They are now under rimming the bottom section of the well. The screen could be placed on the casing this week. I was told today by the drilling supervisor that if everything goes well, they will be rigging down the middle of next week. The plan is to bring in a smaller rig for the completion process. I also contacted Mr. Weisinger this morning and he states he is not able to give us a final date on the total completion yet. He states that it all depends on the delivery the pump equipment and electrical equipment.
- 4 I am letting the council know that Accurate Utility Supply is telling the city that if everything goes to plan, they will be here on March 2024 to install the new meter heads and probes.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned on Monday, August 28, 2023 at 8:48 P.M. by Mayor Joel Lopez.

ATTEST:

  
Andrea Ray, City Secretary

  
Joel Lopez, Mayor

