

# ***CITY OF GIDDINGS***

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**GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 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 7:01 p.m. with the following present:

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

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.

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

**3. INVOCATION AND WELCOME** – Council member Frank Castro gave the invocation and Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey welcomed all in attendance.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Chief William Weems presented Shannon Greer on a promotion pinning ceremony to Sergeant.

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

**6. CITIZENS' COMMENTS** – Crystal Scott updated City Council on the plans for the Public Parks and Playground Board.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**- All of the following items are 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 25, 2022.**

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt for approval of the minutes for the City Council Regular Meeting held on Monday, July 25, 2022.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



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## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Discuss and take possible action regarding request from J.W. Riza block party application.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor Pro Tem and City Council Members. Mr. Riza is wanting to continue the block party the has already been approved from LCLESO. This event is scheduled from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday. Located at North Burleson St. West Houston St., Brian Evans LCLESO Director supports this concert for J.W. Riza for Saturday performance.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Mark D. Muniz to approve request from J.W. Riza block party application.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- b) Discuss and take possible action regarding Lee County Youth Center water/sewer taps and permits.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor Pro-Tem and City Council. The Lee County Youth Center is requesting that the water/sewer taps, city electrical upgrades and deposit be waved for the youth center project. The total they are asking to wave is \$15,693.93.

A motion was made by City Council member Linda Pruitt and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda to approve Lee County Youth Center water/sewer taps and permits.

Motion carried by the following vote:

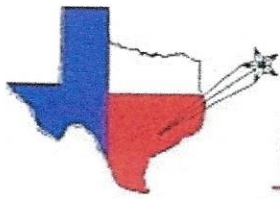
Ayes: City Council Members: Pruitt, Castro, Janda, Muniz

Nays: None

- c) Discuss and take possible action regarding the Resolution No. 506-2022 authorizing Hotel Occupancy Tax Disbursements for FY 2021-2022.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor Pro-Tem and City Council. The Hotel Occupancy Tax Board recommends for the Disbursements for FY 2021-2022 as charted. The Hot Board had a meeting August 3, 2022. The following requests were made from the non-profit organizations and each presented a short explanation for the following requests.





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Giddings Area Chamber of Commerce -	\$130,000.00
Giddings Library and Culture Center-	\$5,000.00
Masters Amateur Retriever Club, Inc.-	\$7,500.00
Lee County Sheriff's Posse -	\$50,000.00
Texas Wendish Heritage Society -	\$7,500.00

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Mark D. Muniz to approve the Resolution No. 506-2022 authorizing Hotel Occupancy Tax Disbursements for FY 2021-2022.

City Council Member abstained her vote: Linda Pruitt was on the HOT Board as a voting member.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members: Castro, Janda, Muniz

Nays: None

- d. Discuss and take possible action regarding Resolution No. 507-2022 allowing the purchase and replacement of two air conditioners at the Giddings Library.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor Pro-Tem and City Council. City Manager stated he is requesting to change out two A/C units at the Giddings Library this fiscal year. The cost of this project is \$92,777.00. The money come from the general fund surplus from this fiscal year.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Fran Castro to approve the Resolution No. 507-2022 allowing the purchase and replacement of two air conditioners at the Giddings Library.

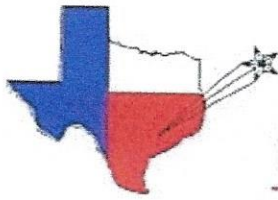
Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- e. Discuss and take possible action regarding the hire for a full-time utility billing clerk.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor Pro-Tem and City Council. With the increase of the workload of both the municipal court and the utility billing, the current part time employee will be a full-time municipal court employee. The City of Giddings would like to hire a fulltime employee in the utility billing department. Because the new budget has not been adopted, City Manager Spencer Schneider asking the council that the city would like to proceed with the hiring process. The new employee will start October 01, 2022



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A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by City Council Member Fran Castro to approve the hire for a full-time utility billing clerk.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- f. Discuss and receive the City of Giddings final draft of the 2022-2023 budget.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented a final draft of the 2022-2023 budget with a summary overview of each departments budgeted income and expenses along with capital outlay requests. The most significant change over the prior draft is the amount budgeted for debt services. The city will be paying less than \$400,000 in debt during the 2022-2023 budget year, so we will only budget for \$400,000 instead of \$525,000. Council had questions regarding the new EMS contract and if the whole price was included in this draft. Finance Director Heather Garner confirmed the whole proposed contract from Lee County EMS is included in this final draft.

**NO ACTION TAKNE ON AGENDA ITEM**

## **9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. The city pool was open for a total of 20 days. There was a total of 525 guests that came to the pool, which was an average of 26 persons per day.
2. The Chamber Banquet is tomorrow evening. Happy Hour starts at 6:00 p.m. with the meal to follow at 7:00 p.m. As a reminder: The banquet will be held at the Silo's
3. There will be a Central Dispatching System meeting held here at city hall on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. The committee is still working on ways to make this happen.
4. There will be a parks board meeting held here at city hall on Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.
5. Hunter with MHS Planning & Design is working on the design phase for the splashpad, cornhole court and tennis / Pickleball court. We been told by MHS that the splashpad should be open by the summer.






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## 10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned on Monday, August 8, 2022 at 8:20 P.M. by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey.

ATTEST:

  
Andrea Ray, City Secretary



  
Alan Casey, Mayor Pro Tem