

CITY OF GIDDINGS

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**Spencer Schneider, City
Manager**

GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 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 7:05 p.m. with the following present:
Members Present: Mayor John Dowell, Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez, Council Members Alan Casey, Linda Pruitt, Frank Castro, Jacob Janda.

Staff Present: City Manager Spencer Schneider, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Director of Public Services Kenny Ray, Municipal Court Clerk Rachel Grube, Finance Director Heather Garner, Director of Human Resources Angie Stanfield, Chief Haril Walpole.

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

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

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS - No Announcements

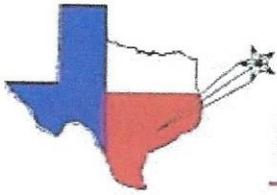
5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS – Presentation to Giddings Police Officer Albert Cavazos for a lifesaving award. Presentation from Tony Francis on the LC Express Track Team, Tony spoke on the members and awards that have been won during the track events.

6. CITIZENS' COMMENTS -Jason Heuermann presented to City Council the attention needed on the limit of people living in one house.

7. CONSENT AGENDA- All of the following items are considered to be self-explanatory by the City Council and will not 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 August 23, 2021.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt for approval of Minutes for Meeting held on Monday, August 23, 2021.



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Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center presentation of the Highlights for 2020-2021 Year.

Denice Harlan presented to City Council the highlights for the 2020-2021 year at the Giddings Chamber Of Commerce and Visitors Center. 1327 visitors for this year, 30 phone calls per day, 6000 per year. 970 Visitors Bags to events, tourism centers and individuals. 10,600 distributing of pieces printed material. Over 1100 known visitors are in the age range 50-70 years old.

Events Grimes Street Music Festival-1500 in attendance in July 2021. Giddings Sesquicentennial 75% visitors to museum from out of town. Filming in Giddings-2021. Christmas Lights Extravaganza in December. Sip & Shop for two years, bring locals and visitors for arts & crafts.

Strategic Plan-Utilize branding across all advertising mediums to create seamless recognition of our community both locally and regionally.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS AGENDA ITEM

- b. Discussion and take possible action regarding the approval of Mayor John Dowell's reappointment as a Representative to the Capital Area Council of Governments' General Assembly.

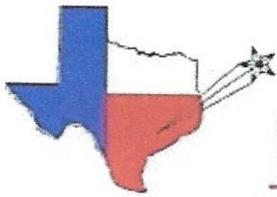
A motion was made by City Council Member Frank Castro and seconded by City Council Member Alan Casey for the approval of Mayor John Dowell's reappointment as a Representative to the Capital Area Council of Governments' General Assembly.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- c. Discussion and take possible action regarding the Resolution No.479-2021 designating City Manager as being responsible for, acting for, and on behalf of the Applicant with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for the Local Park Grant Program for the Splash Pad in the City of Giddings Veterans Park.



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City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to City Council. This item is in regards to the Splash Pad Grant. This will give the authority to the city manager to sign all documents regarding the splash pad grant.

A motion was made by City Council member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro approval for the Resolution No.479-2021 designating City Manager as being responsible for, acting for, and on behalf of the Applicant with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for the Local Park Grant Program for the Splash Pad in the City of Giddings Veterans Park.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- d. Discussion and take possible action regarding the approval of final Phase 3A Plat for the Buffalo Ridge Subdivision.

Jennifer Dunkin presented this agenda item to City Council. This is the last Phase 3A Plat for the Buffalo Ridge Subdivision. This phase will help to complete the common area for the subdivision.

A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda to Approve the final Phase 3A Plat for the Buffalo Ridge.

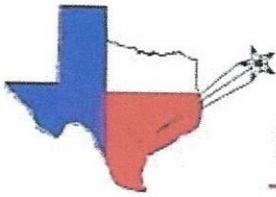
Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- e. Discussion and take possible action regarding the approval for Texas Department of Transportation Grant for ongoing Routine Airport Maintenance Program for Giddings-Lee County Airport FY-2022 and to authorize Finance Director Heather Garner as the Sponsor representative, who shall receive all correspondence and documents associated with this grant and who shall acquire approvals and disapprovals for this grant as required on the behalf of the Sponsor.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to City Council. This item is in regards to the routine maintenance at the airport through the TX DOT RAMP Grant program. This will give the authority to the finance director to sign all documents regarding the RAMP Grant.



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A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda approval for Texas Department of Transportation Grant for ongoing Routine Airport Maintenance Program for Giddings-Lee County Airport FY-2022 and to authorize Finance Director Heather Garner as the Sponsor representative, who shall receive all correspondence and documents associated with this grant and who shall acquire approvals and disapprovals for this grant as required on the behalf of the Sponsor.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:41 P.M.

- a. Conduct a public hearing on the proposed 2021-2022 tax rate.
- b. Conduct a public hearing on the FY 2021-2022 City Budget.

CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:43 P.M. WITH NO ONE FROM THE PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK AT THE PUBLIC HEARINGS.

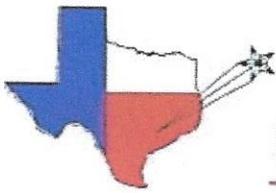
10. BUDGET

- a. Discussion and take possible action on the City of Giddings FY 2021-2022 Budget in accordance with Section 102.007 of the Local Government Code.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt to postpone the adoption of the 2021-2022 budget for the City of Giddings until the council meeting to be held on September 27, 2021 in accordance with Section 102.007 of the Local Government Code.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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



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11. RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Dowell closed the Regular Session at 7:46p.m. to convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code Section 551.074 – Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.

- a. Pursuant to Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, Personnel Matters, to wit: In reference to Article V Section 2 City of Giddings Home Rule Charter, Authorize City Manager to appoint the City of Giddings Police Chief.

Mayor Dowell adjourned the Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Session, stating that no final actions, decisions, or votes were had during the Executive Session.

12. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

- a. Discussion and take possible action to Authorize City Manager to appoint the City of Giddings Police Chief.

A motion made by City Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Joel Lopez to allow the City Manager Spencer Schneider to appoint the applicant William “Bill Weems for the Police Chief’s position.

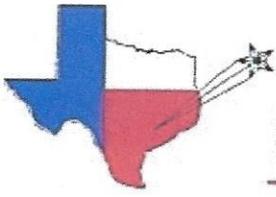
Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

13. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Permanent Generator Grant through Traylor & Associates:
Our city engineer is still working on the cost benefit analysis for this project.
2. I have had numerous conversations with Wesley Traylor with Traylor & Associates regarding use of the \$2.6 million dollars we are receiving from ARPA. Through our discussions, it is highly recommended the city contract with a grant administrator for the



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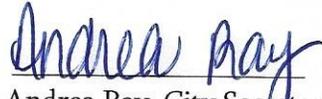
disbursements of these funds. City staff is working on the procurement documents. We will bring this item back to council for approval at a later date.

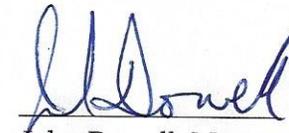
3. Ray Bryant with TDS is wanting to attend the September 27th meeting to give the city a \$150,000.00 for the upcoming splash pad project. If this happens, I would like enter into the new 15-year garbage contract October 01, 2021 instead of July of next year. I like entering into the contract at the first of the fiscal year instead of going into a contract in the middle of the fiscal year.
4. We will be having focus group meeting Thursday afternoon with the committee Andrea and myself have chosen. Paul Kipp, Sloan Preuss, Jacob Janda, Crystal Scott and city staff will meet to discuss the splash pad grant process with MHS Planning.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 8:31 p.m. by Mayor John Dowell.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary


John Dowell, Mayor

