

CITY OF GIDDINGS

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GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGUALR MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 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 7:08 p.m. with the following present:
Members Present: Mayor John Dowell, Council Members Alan Casey, Linda Pruitt, Frank Castro, Jacob Janda.
Not Present Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez.

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, Chief William Weems.

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

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

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS - No Announcements

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS – City Manager introduced Bailey Brown with Giddings Times and News Paper

6. CITIZENS' COMMENTS -Karen Walpole spoke on concerns about the splashpad.

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 September 13, 2021.

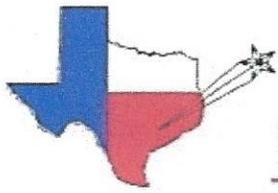
b. Consider approval of Minutes for City Council Special Meeting held on September 20, 2021.

A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda for approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held on Monday, September 13, 2021 and Special Meeting held on September 20,2021.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



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8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Open the public hearing at 7:18 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.

No Public Comment

Closed the public hearings at 7:20 P.M.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discuss and take possible action regarding the contract for municipal solid waste collection and disposal services between Texas Disposal Systems and the City of Giddings.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to City Council. The City Council has received a copy of the contract for garbage disposal between Texas Disposals Services and the City of Giddings. The new contract will start on October 1, 2021. The contract is for 16 years.

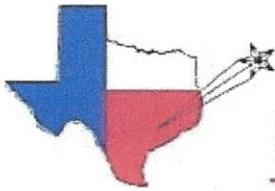
Ray Bryant with Texas Disposals Services will present to go over the contract and answer any questions the City of Giddings may have. Ray presented the TDS Services and the costs of each section of the contract. The term sheet has the current coverage and now with the 16 years contract the coverage has expanded to benefit the City of Giddings. The expanded coverage has special events services and community contributions. Ray said with this contract TDS has waste wizard app for customers to remind them when solid waste is to be collocated. Garden-Ville is an organic special for the products to be used by the City of Giddings. The employees can Benefit from this special.

A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda to approve the contract for municipal solid waste collection and disposal services between Texas Disposal Systems and the City of Giddings.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



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- b. Discuss and take possible action regarding the agreement between Texas Disposal System and the City of Giddings for the Giddings Splash Pad Sponsorship Agreement.

City Manager presented this agenda item to City Council. While negotiating the new contract with Texas Disposal Services, the splash pad project came up in the conversation, Ray Bryant stated the TDS would donate \$150,000.00 for the City of Giddings Splash Project. City Council will need to approve the Giddings Splash Pad Sponsorship Agreement between Texas Disposal Services and the City of Giddings. Ray Bryant will present a check tonight to the Mayor and City Council.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve the agreement between Texas Disposal System and the City of Giddings for the Giddings Splash Pad Sponsorship Agreement.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- c. 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.

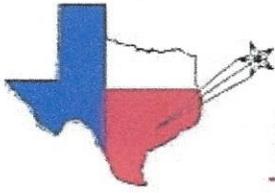
City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to City Council. The administrative staff did a great job and presents the 2021-2022 FY City of Giddings Budget to City Council. With this year's budget, the city will be able to keep the same tax rate (.5188) from previous years before. If all plans go well this fiscal year, the city will have a surplus of monies at the end of this budget.

DISCUSSION ONLY NO ACTION TAKEN

- d. Discuss and take possible action regarding Ordinance No. 858 adopting the FY 2021-2022 City of Giddings Budget.

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A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve Ordinance No. 858 adopting the FY 2021-2022 City of Giddings Budget.



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Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

- e. Discuss and take possible action regarding Ordinance No. 859 adopting the 2021-2022 Tax Rate of 0.5188 per \$100 valuation.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to City Council. The City of Giddings will able to keep the same tax rate (.5188) from previous years before.

A motion was made by City Council Member Lind Pruitt and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda to approve the Ordinance No. 859 adopting the 2021-2022 Tax Rate of 0.5188 per \$100 valuation.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

- f. Discuss and take possible action regarding to consider Resolution 480- 2021 a nominee(s) for appointment to the Board of the Lee County Appraisal District.

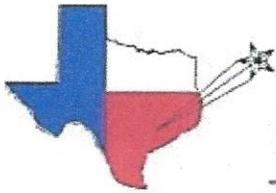
City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to City Council. The Lee County Appraisal District is requesting nominees for the board. City Council members may be pick one or all or even nominate someone, the list of nominees is currently serving on the Appraisal District Board and have agreed to serve another term. Term for serving is every odd number year. This will come to City Council again, for the counting vote. Members are as following: Jason Locke, Mike Organ, John Schumann, Alton Weiser, Martin Schubert.

A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro to approve Resolution 480- 2021 a nominee(s) for appointment to the Board of the Lee County Appraisal District.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



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- g. Discuss and take possible action regarding the applicant for the Airport Board for 2021-2022 term.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented this agenda item to the City Council. The Airport Board will need to fill a vacancy for the board. The Airport Board has recommended Robert Nitsche to fill the vacancy. At this time Robert Nitsche has turned in a Board of Appointments Application.

A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda to approve applicant Robert Nitsche for the Airport Board for 2021-2022 term.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members Casey, Pruitt, Janda

Frank Castro removed his vote; conflict of interest, Robert Nitsche is his boss.

Nays: None

- h. Discuss and take possible action regarding the Giddings-Lee County Airport Budget 2021-2022.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented this agenda item to the City Council. The Airport budget is just one page. The budget with income proposed is \$128,150.00. Expense proposed \$41,350.0. Cash on hand \$200,000.00. Estimated FY 21-22 ending cash balance \$241,000.00.

A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro to approve Giddings-Lee County Airport Budget 2021-2022.

Motion carried by the following vote:

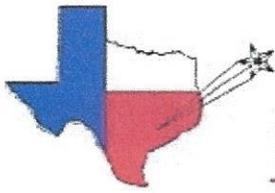
Ayes: City Council Members Casey, Pruitt, Castro, Janda

Nays: None

10. RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Pursuant to Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, Personnel Matters, to wit: Giddings EDC Director.

Mayor Dowell closed the Regular Session at 8:01 P.M. to convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code Section 551.074 Personnel Matters, to wit Giddings EDC Director.



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11. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

- a. Discussion and take possible action on Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, Personnel Matters, to wit: Giddings EDC Director.

Mayor Dowell adjourned the Executive Session at 9:07 P.M. and reconvened the Regular Session, stating that no final actions, decisions, or votes were had during the Executive Session.

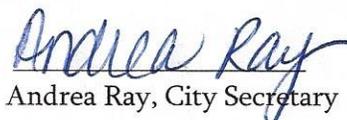
12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We are working with MVBA Accounts Receivable for the collection of delinquent utility bills. All utility accounts that are delinquent for more than 180 days will be sent to MVBA. The delinquent accounts will be sent at the first of each month during the year. MVBA is the same company that collects the city's delinquent traffic citations.
2. The auditors will be here later this week to work on the annual audit.
3. Heather is researching the possibility regarding on line bill paying.
4. We will be having a parks board meeting this Thursday to discuss the splash pad. We will also be discussing the improvements to the baseball & softball fields.
5. The Lee County EMC is in the process of acquiring a grant for the Lee County FEMA Hazard Mitigation Action Plan. This could cost the city between \$3,000 and \$5,000 for the city portion.

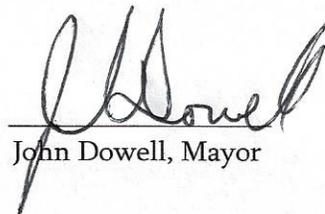
13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 9:13 P.M. by Mayor John Dowell.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary




John Dowell, Mayor