

# CITY OF GIDDINGS

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GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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 7:00 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, Kevin Rinn.

Staff Present: City Manager Spencer Schneider, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Giddings Police Chief Bill Weems, Charlie Burttschell Wastewater Superintendent, Alfredo Aranda, Terry Albrecht from Street Department.

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

**3. INVOCATION AND WELCOME – Council Member Linda Pruitt gave the invocation and Mayor Joel Lopez welcomed all in attendance.**

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS – a) Introduce Charlie Burttschell as Wastewater Superintendent.  
b) Letter of Recognition Alfredo Aranda and Terry Albrecht.**

**5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS - Proclamation Teacher's Day, Proclamation for Hispanic Heritage Month.**

**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, September 25, 2023.**

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz for approval of the minutes for the City Council Regular Meeting held on Monday, September 25, 2023.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



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## 8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discuss and take possible action on the purchase price regarding the request from Danny and Cindy Jatzlau for the 135' x 40' of the North side of West LaGrange Street that adjoins their property located at 782 South Ellis St.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The survey and appraisal are in your packet. The portion of the street that the abutting land owners are wanting to purchase have no city utilities on it. The property will be too small to build a habitable structure on because of the City of Giddings setback rules for habitable structures.

A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz for the approval of the request from Danny and Cindy Jatzlau to purchase 135' x 40' of the North side of West Street that adjoins their property located at 782 South Ellis Street for the purchase price of a \$1000.00 dollars.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- b. Discuss and take possible action on the purchase price regarding the request from Rubi Hernandez and Chase Grillet 125' x 20' alley located at 534 E Industry Street.

This agenda item will be brought to City Council. Not all paperwork was presented. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

- c. Discuss and take possible action to consider the nominee(s) for appointment to the Lee County Appraisal District Board.

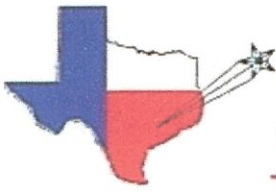
City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. You will be choosing nominee(s) tonight for the Appraisal District Board. You will be voting on the nominee(s) for the board at a later meeting. The following is a list of the 5 current elected members. All members have expressed their desire to continue to serve on the Board of Directors as follows Jason Locke, Mike Organ, Martin Schubert, John Schumann, Alton Weiser.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt for the approval nominee(s) for appointment to the Lee County Appraisal District Board as follows: Jason Locke, Mike Organ, Martin Schubert, John Schumann, Alton Weiser.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



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- d. Discuss and take possible action regarding the hotel funding agreement between the City of Giddings and the Official Visitors Center and Giddings Chamber of Commerce.  
City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. This agreement between the City of Giddings and the Chamber of Commerce is a recommendation from the Texas Hotel / Motel Board. This board regulates the Hotel / Motel Occupancy Tax for the State of Texas.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt for the approval of hotel funding agreement between the City of Giddings and the Official Visitors Center and Giddings Chamber of Commerce.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- e. Discussion only for the Giddings Economic Development Corporation to set aside budgeted funds for the City of Giddings Parks System.

City Council Member Jacob Janda stated the Giddings Economic Development Board would like to donate funds to the City of Giddings Parks System. Jacob suggested that the funds go towards another bathroom, shading for areas it is needed. The funds will be set aside to improves the City of Giddings Parks System. Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey stated the GEDC funds can be provided to the parks and this will help the community.

## NO ACTION TAKEN

- f. Discuss and take possible action adopting Ordinance No. 883 for the City of Giddings Hotel Occupancy Tax Board.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. I have had numerous council member speak to me, asking to update the current HOT tax board rules and regulations. The ordinance will address some of the councils' concerns. This ordinance will repeal the older ordinance.

A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz for the approval Ordinance No. 883 for the City of Giddings Hotel Occupancy Tax Board.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



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- g. Discuss and take possible action approving the recommendation of the Selection Review Committee to award by Resolution 529-2023, a contract with Traylor & Associates for Administrative Services pertaining to the application and implementation if awarded, of the City's GLO CDBG-MIT MOD grant and authorizing the execution of a contract.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The selection review committee recommends that Traylor & Associates be awarded the contract for administrative services for the GLO CDBG-MIT MOD Grant. (\$2.2 million dollars).

A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz for the approval Resolution 529-2023, a contract with Traylor & Associates for Administrative Services pertaining to the application and implementation if awarded, of the City's GLO CDBG-MIT MOD grant and authorizing the execution of a contract.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Pruitt, Janda, Muniz, Rinn  
Nays: None

- h. Discuss and take possible action approving the recommendation of the Selection Review Committee to award by Resolution 530-2023, a contract with Strand Associates, Inc., for Engineering Services pertaining to the application and implementation if awarded, of the City's GLO CDBG-MIT MOD grant and authorizing the execution of a contract.

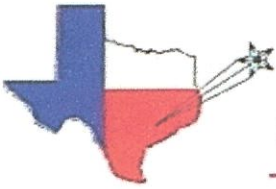
City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The selection reviews committee recommends that Strand Associates be awarded the contract for engineering services for the GLO CDBG-MIT MOD Grant. (\$2.2 million dollars).

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Pruitt, Janda, Muniz, Rinn  
Nays: None

## 10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Water Well. I had an e-mail from Mr. Weisinger this past weekend, and he states that they are finished with all the testing and everything looks very good. I am very proud to say that the final tested numbers show the new well is a 2,000 gpm well. We will be installing the 1,500-gpm pump on the well.



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- 2) Our city engineering firm is working on the design phase and surveying process for the 12” raw water line that will be running from the new well to the ground storage tank. This line will be installed after the new well is in service.
- 3) There have been some questions from the council regarding the time frame of the new Giddings EDC parking lot. While excavating the parking lot, Young Bros. construction hit a 36” stormwater line that runs through the entire Giddings EDC property. No one knew that the stormwater line was there. The general contractor and engineer were notified immediately. The engineer designed the scope of work and cost of the change order immediately, it was then presented the Goodman Corporation. The change order was submitted the EDA. The engineer and contractor have been waiting for the change order to be approved. Once it is approved, Young Bros. can go forward with the project. They state that once they receive approval, they should be finished within three weeks.
- 4) I spoke with the water superintendent this afternoon. It was decided through that conversation, that the city will be going back to Stage 2 mandatory water restriction tomorrow morning. The past two weeks, the average water usage has dropped to between 65% to 70%. We feel that with the cooler weather, and rain, we can keep up with any additional water demands.

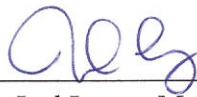
## 11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 8:31 P.M. by Mayor Joel Lopez.

ATTEST:

  
Andrea Ray, City Secretary



  
Joel Lopez, Mayor