



# CITY OF GIDDINGS

Joel Lopez, Mayor  
Alan Casey, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Linda Pruitt  
Jacob Janda  
Mark D. Muniz  
Kevin Rinn  
Spencer Schneider, City Manager

## GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.**

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 118 E. RICHMOND ST. GIDDINGS, TEXAS

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Joel Lopez at 7:00 p.m. with following present:

Members present: Mayor Joel Lopez, Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey, City Council Members: Linda Pruitt, Jacob Janda, Mark Muniz, Kevin Rinn.

Staff present: City Manager Spencer Schneider, Director of Public Services Kenny Ray, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Police Chief William Weems, Municipal Court Clerk Rachel Grube.

### 2. Pledges to the U.S and Texas Flags: Pledges were said.

### 3. Invocation and Welcome: The Mayor Joel Lopez gave the invocation and welcomed all in attendance.

### 4. Announcements: None

### 5. Presentations and Proclamations: None

### 6. Citizens Comments: None

### 7. Consent Agenda: The following items are self-explanatory by this City Council will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of this item unless City Council Member so requests.

- a. Consider approval of minutes for the City Council Regular Meeting held on Monday October 23, 2023.

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, October 23, 2023.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

### 8. New Business

- a. Discuss and take possible action regarding the Special Event “Public” application from the Giddings Chambers of Commerce for Santa’s visit on the December 14, 2023 at the Giddings Downtown Plaza.



## *CITY OF GIDDINGS*

Joel Lopez, Mayor  
Alan Casey, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Linda Pruitt  
Jacob Janda  
Mark D. Muniz  
Kevin Rinn  
Spencer Schneider, City Manager

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The request is an annual event held at the Giddings Downtown Plaza every year. The Giddings Volunteer Fire Department will be part of the arrival for Santa to the Downtown Plaza. City Secretary Andrea Ray stated Denice Harlan could not make it to the meeting, Denice spoke to all business in the Downtown Plaza area.

A motion was made City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Kevin Rinn to approve the Special Event “Public” application from the Giddings Chambers of Commerce for Santa’s Visit on the December 14, 2023 at the Giddings Downtown Plaza.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- b. Discuss and take possible action regarding the sale price of the 125’ X 20’ alley for Chase Grillet and Ruby Hernandez located on the 500 Block of E. Industry Street.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The City Council has already approved of the sale of the portion of the alley. Now, City Council will need to approve the price to sell the alley. The certificated survey and appraisal are included in the packet.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to sell the alley of 125’X 20” to Chase Grillet for the price of \$1000.00.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- c. Receive update from Library Director Jessie Akins on the newspaper digitization.

Library Director Jessie Akins presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. Jessie stated the Giddings Library has received a grant to from University of North Texas to cover the cost for the newspaper project. The old newspapers will be transferred over to a digitization system. With the new digitization system all newspaper will have the capability to be looked up on the computer. The newspapers that have been entered are the dates from 1902-1949. The other newspaper will be completed soon.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**



## **CITY OF GIDDINGS**

**Joel Lopez, Mayor**  
**Alan Casey, Mayor Pro-Tem**  
**Linda Pruitt**  
**Jacob Janda**  
**Mark D. Muniz**  
**Kevin Rinn**  
**Spencer Schneider, City Manager**

- d. Discussion updates only regarding the completion of the new EDA funded parking lot project.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. There was an oversight on the drainage under the railroad tracks. Spencer presented pictures of the drainage pipe to Mayor and City Council explaining the drainage problem. The City of Giddings will take care of the 110 ft pipe for the drainage. The next step will be to bore under the Rail Road Tracks and place a new pipe. The project estimate cost is \$45,000.00 to \$50,000.00 dollars. The expense will be between the City of Giddings and the GEDC.

- e. Discuss and take possible action regarding the management of the 2023 TDA RED 2 Grant for the improvements at the Giddings Downtown Plaza.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The management responsibilities for the grant have been discussed with the engineer and the grant administer. Both have stated that the management responsibility should fall on the City of Giddings. With the approval from council, the city will manage the grant with the assistance of the GEDC Staff.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve the City of Giddings with the assistance of the GEDC for the management of the 2023 TDA RED 2 Grant for the improvements at the Giddings Downtown Plaza.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- f. Discuss and take possible action regarding the 290 Business Park and the PSA agreement with Forestar.

City Council Member Jacob Janda presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The GEDC has made a recommendation not to go with the PSA/PID with Forestar for the 290 Business Park. The land needs to be purchase as a whole and not selling just part of the land. This has been a learning experiment both for the City of Giddings and the GEDC.

A motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Kevin Rinn for the recommendation of the GEDC not to go with PSA/PID with Forestar for the 290 Business Park.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



# CITY OF GIDDINGS

Joel Lopez, Mayor  
Alan Casey, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Linda Pruitt  
Jacob Janda  
Mark D. Muniz  
Kevin Rinn  
Spencer Schneider, City Manager

- g. Discuss and take possible action regarding the Resolution No. 531-2023 for the election of the Lee County Appraisal District’s Board of Directors.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The City of Giddings normally splits the total amounts of votes (297) between each person on the ballot. In this year’s case, each member on the ballot will receive 59.4% of the city’s total amount on votes.

Votes on the Ballot as follows:

<u>Candidate(s)</u>	<u>Votes Cast</u>
Jason Locke	59.4
Mike Organ	59.4
Martin Schubert	59.4
John Schuman	59.4
Alton Weiser	59.4

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by Kevin Rinn to approve Resolution No. 531-2023 for the election of Lee County Appraisal District’s Board of Directors.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- h. Discuss and take possible action regarding the 2023-2024 Appoints and Reappoints of the City of Giddings Boards, Commissions and Committees.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. It is the time of year to appoint or reappoint members of the City Boards, Commissions, and Committees. The City of Giddings will do this now in November of each year so that the appoints or reappoints take the position in January of each year.

- a. Board of Adjustment action needed reappoint two members Douglas Thielemann, Gary Spivey.
- b. Parks Board action needed reappoint two members Tony Francis, April Gaitan.
- c. Planning and Zoning Board action needed reappoint two members Gina Reat, Tony Raiford.
- d. Joint Airport Board action needed reappoint one member Robert Nitsche.



# CITY OF GIDDINGS

Joel Lopez, Mayor  
Alan Casey, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Linda Pruitt  
Jacob Janda  
Mark D. Muniz  
Kevin Rinn  
Spencer Schneider, City Manager

A motion was made Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by Jacob Janda to reappoint all members to the City of Giddings Boards for the 2023-2024 year.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- i. Discuss and take possible action regarding amending the 2024 Holiday Schedule for Veteran’s Day, Monday, November 11, 2024.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. There was an oversight for Veteran’s Day in 2024. Veteran’s Day in on a Monday, November 11, 2024 not a Friday. This has been corrected on the City of Giddings holiday Schedule.

A motion was made by Jacob Janda and seconded by Linda Pruitt to amend the 2024 Holiday Schedule for Veteran’s Day, Monday, November 11, 2024.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

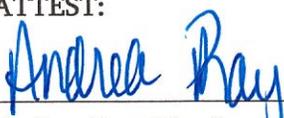
## 9. City Manager’s Report and Announcements:

- 1) In following tradition, there will be no city council meeting on November 27, 2023.
- 2) There will be a beautification meeting on November 20, 2023 here at city hall at 11:30 a.m.
- 3) There will be a parks board meeting on December 07, 2023 here at city hall at 6:00 p.m.
- 4) The city Christmas party will be on December 08, 2023 at the country club at 6:00.
- 5) TX DOT is working on assigning let dates for the projects that were awarded. The let date for construction of US 290 South Side sidewalks is August 2025. The project could possibility start in the fall of 2025.

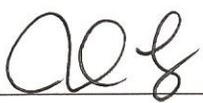
## 10. Adjournment:

Mayor Joel Lopez adjourned the meeting Monday, November 13, 2023 at 7:48 P.M.

ATTEST:

  
Andrea Ray, City Secretary



  
Mayor, Joel Lopez