



CITY OF GIDDINGS

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GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 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 7:01p.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, Director of Public Services Kenny Ray, Finance Director Heather Garner, Giddings Police Chief William Weems, Municipal Court Clerk Rachel Grube, Municipal Judge Robert Lee, Library Director Jessi Akins, GEDC Coordinator Amanda Casey, Chamber Commerce Director Denice Harlan, Tourism Director Kelita Thomas.

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

3. INVOCATION AND WELCOME – Mayor Pro Tem Alan Casey gave the invocation and Mayor Joel Lopez welcomed all in attendance.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Giddings Chamber of Commerce Tourism Director, Kelita Thomas, was recognized for the CTV 2nd Place in Community and Local Engagement from the TACVB.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS -None

6. CITIZENS' COMMENTS -Ray DeSpain, Ed.D. Superintendent with the GISD introduced himself to the Mayor and City Council. Library Director Jessi Akins invited all to the 2023 Word Wrangler Festival held September 29-30, 2023 at the Giddings Library.

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, August 28, 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, August 28, 2023.



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Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

8. NEW BUSINES

- a. Discuss and take possible action regarding the approval of the proposed 2023-2024 Giddings Economic Development Corporation Budget.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The 2023-2024 GEDC budget needs to be adopted before the City of Giddings Budget Public Hearing is held. This will mean that when the public hearing is held, the GEDC budget will be correct in the city's 2023-2024 proposed budget. Spencer stated Amanda Casey was here to answer any questions.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janada for the approval of the proposed of the 2023-2024 Giddings Economic Development Corporation Budget.

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 implementation of a Public Improvement District (PID).

City Attorney Tyler Stevens presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. Tyler presented the Public Improvement District with the highlights What is a PID-special purpose district created under TLGC Chapter 372. PID vs. MUD, Steps to create a PID, Projects allowed in PID, Petition Requirements, City Council may make findings, Feasibility report, Advisory body, Notice of public Hearings, Mailed Notices, Resolution to authorizing, five-year service plan, determination to assessment, published assessment roll, public hearing assessment roll, constructions of improvements, issues to consider, PID polices. Tyler stated the process could take 9-12 months from introduction of project through close.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THE AGENDA ITEM

- c) Discuss and take possible action regarding Ordinance No. 880, adopting the 2020 National Electrical Code.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. There are two (2) reasons for adopting the 2020 National Electrical Code (NEC):



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1. We currently have an ISO rating of 4 with the ISO rating system for Building and Electrical Codes. We recently had the city’s annual ISO inspection. The city has the 2017 NEC adopted, which is older than five years old. We are required to maintain our adopted code body at a maximum of five years old or newer. We may lose 2 to 3 points on the final rating which will affect our tax payers’ home and or commercial insurance rates. We pride ourselves for having a 4 rating with ISO as a small municipally. There are not many small municipalizes that can be proud so say they have a 4 ISO rating. The average for the State of Texas is a 6 ISO rating.
2. We have several electricians that come into Giddings to perform electrical work and they are performing electrical work following the 2020 NEC. Because we are using the 2017 NEC code, it is difficult to inspect their work.

A motion was made by City Council Member Pruitt and seconded by City Council Member Kevin Rinn for the approval Ordinance No. 880, adopting the 2020 National Electrical Code.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays:

- d. Discuss and take possible action regarding the adoption of Ordinance No. 877, repealing Chapter 8, Article 8.02, Division 2, from the Giddings code of Ordinances. (Curfew for minors in the City of Giddings).

City Manager Spencer Schnieder presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. There was a new law passed in the 2023 Texas legislative session that goes into effect September 01, 2023. This law does not allow municipalities to enforce curfew laws for any minor under 18 years of age. The new ordinance will repeal the current curfew ordinance.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt for the approval Ordinance No. 877, repealing Chapter 8, Article 8.02, Division 2, from the Giddings code of Ordinances. (Curfew for minors in the City of Giddings).

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



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9. PUBLIC HEARING

- a) Conduct a public hearing regarding the Proposed 2023-2024 City of Giddings Budget.

Mayor Joel Lopez opened the public hearing at 8:01 p.m. regarding the Proposed 2023-2024 City of Giddings Budget.

Mayor Joel Lopez closed the public hearing at 8:01 p.m. regarding the Proposed 2023-2024 City of Giddings Budget. With no one wishing to speak on the Proposed 2023-2024 City of Giddings Budget.

10. BUDGET

- a) Discussion only regarding the Proposed 2023-2024 City of Giddings Budget.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented the Proposed 2023-2024 City of Giddings Budget to Mayor and City Council. No changes were made to the Proposed 2023-2024 City of Giddings Budget. No questions asked at this time.

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) The bond closing for the funding for the new water well will be Thursday, September 14, 2023.
- 2) The \$150,000 funding from the TPWD for the Splash Pad (\$150,000 should be here very soon.
- 3) There has been a notice put into the paper about separate disconnect notices not being mailed out. It also states that utility bills will be subject to disconnect if not paid by the 20th of the month.
- 4) The new water well project going as well as expected. I spoke to the on-site supervisor this morning and he states that they are in the process of performing major flushing and swabbing the casing system. The reason for flushing and swabbing the system is to remove all the mud and chemicals used during the drilling process. They are expected to remove the large rig next week and bring in the small rig for final completion.
- 5) The Donation container letter that was sent to the businesses has really worked out great. Of the ten that were in place at local businesses, there have been six removed.



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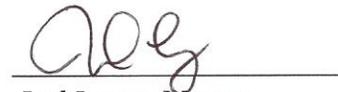
- 6) We should know by the end of the month if we received any of the three sidewalk grants we applied for. The 1st grant is the safe path to schools from the new RR overpass to the High School & Middle School
The 2nd grant is for the south side of 290 from the RR Tracks to Wal-Mart
The 3rd grant is for the north side of 290 from the RR Tracks to Wal-Mart

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 8:15 P.M. by Mayor Joel Lopez.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary


Joel Lopez, Mayor