



# CITY OF GIDDINGS

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GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 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, Jacob Janda, Mark D. Muniz, Kevin Rinn. Not Present: Linda Pruitt

Staff Present: Finance Director Heather Garner, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Director of Public Services Kenny Ray, Giddings Police Assistant Chief Steve Spencer, Library Director Jessi Akins.

Staff not present: City Manager Spencer Schneider.

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

3. INVOCATION AND WELCOME – Council Member Kevin Rinn gave the invocation and Mayor Joel Lopez welcomed all in attendance.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Giddings Fiesta Board, thanked the Mayor and City Council Members for the success on the Fiesta Celebration downtown Giddings.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS -None

6. CITIZENS' COMMENTS – Jim Gandy presented three things to Mayor and City Council Members.

1. He would like to know the emergency plan for a train derailment

2. No parking upfront for customers when came to City Hall last week.

3. He would like to know about emergency plan for back-ups generators for water and electric. Jim said “Mr. Kenny Ray answered the question”.

Nancy Gandy had concerns about the grading and curbing on the parking lot behind Orsag’s.

Library Director Jessi Akins presented positive feedback on the Library and staff.

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 11, 2023.



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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 11, 2023.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

## 8. PUBLIC HEARING

- a) Conduct a public hearing on the FY 2023-2024 City Budget.

Mayor Joel Lopez opened the public hearing at 7:14 p.m. regarding the Final 2023-2024 City of Giddings Budget.

Mayor Joel Lopez closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. With no one wishing to speak on the Final 2023-2024 of Giddings Budget.

- b) Conduct a public hearing on the proposed 2023-2024 tax rate of **0.5738** per \$100 valuation.

Mayor Joel Lopez opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. regarding proposed 2023-2024 tax rate of **0.5738** per \$100 valuation.

Mayor Joel Lopez closed the public hearing at 7:16 p.m. With no one wishing to speak on the proposed 2023-2024 tax rate of **0.5738** per \$100 valuation.

## 9. NEW BUSINES

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

Finance Director Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. This portion of W LaGrange will never be developed because the street dead ends at the Ellis Street ditch. There are no City of Giddings utilities in this portion of W LaGrange Street. Danny Jatzlau spoke to Mayor and City Council on the plans for the property. No fencing will be done, leave it open for the neighbors to use. Danny would like to purchase just half of the street.



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A motion was made by Jacob Janada and seconded by City Council Member Kevin Rinn for the approval of the request from Danny and Cindy Jatzlau to purchase 135' x 40' of the North side of West LaGrange Street that adjoins their property located at 782 South Ellis Street.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- b) Discuss and take possible action regarding the request from Jose Cardenas to purchase the north half of the 300 block of East LaGrange Street. This will measure out as a 115' x 40' tract.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. Mr. Cardenas is requesting to purchase this property to increase the size of the adjoining lot. Then he is going to build his new home on the property. There are no City of Giddings utilities in this portion of W LaGrange Street. Mr. Cardenas has provided the Certified Survey and Certified Appraisal.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz for a \$1000.00 for Mr. Cardenas may purchase the north half of the 300 block of East LaGrange Street. This will measure out as a 115' x 40' tract.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- c) Discuss and take possible action regarding Ordinance No. 881, adopting the 2023-2024 City of Giddings Budget in accordance with Section 102.007 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. This is the final budget and no changes were made from the proposed budget from last week.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey for the approval Ordinance No. 881, adopting the 2023-2024 City of Giddings Budget in accordance with Section 102.007 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Roll call vote as follows: Mark Muniz: I, Alan Casey: I, Jacob Janda: I, Kevin Rinn: I, with Linda Pruitt not present.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: none



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- d) Discuss and take possible action regarding Ordinance No. 882, adopting the 2023-2024 Tax Rate of 0.5738 per \$100 valuation in accordance to Chapter 26 of the Tax Code.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. This is the ordinance that would adopt the proposed tax rate of .5738 per \$100 valuation.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda for the approval Ordinance No. 882, adopting the 2023-2024 Tax Rate of 0.5738 per \$100 valuation in accordance to Chapter 26 of the Tax Code.

Roll call vote as follows: Mark Muniz; I, Alan Casey: I, Jacob Janda: I, Kevin Rinn: I, with Linda Pruitt not present.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- e) Consider ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the 2023-2024 Budget.

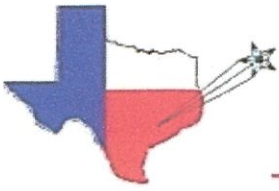
Finance Director Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. Per statute, Adoption of a budget that requires raising more revenue from property taxes than in the prior year requires a separate vote to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget. It is in addition to and separate from the vote to adopt the budget or the vote to set the tax rate.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda to approve ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the 2023-2024 Budget.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



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## 10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Finance Director Heather Garner passed on a few messages on behalf of City Manager Spencer Schneider in his absence.

- The next city council meeting will be Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, due to Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> being a City holiday.
- The next Beautification Committee and Parks Board meetings will be on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am and 6 pm respectively.
- Fees for dumping mattresses in the city dumpster will increase beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> as follows: box springs, twin, full, or queen mattresses are \$27, and king mattresses are \$54. These will be handled the same way regular dumping is handled. Bring the load by city hall to have it assessed. Pay the fee, then take the load along with your receipt to the city dumpster located at the water department.


## 11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned on Monday, September 25, 2023 at 7:35 P.M. by Mayor Joel Lopez.

ATTEST:

  
Andrea Ray, City Secretary



  
Joel Lopez, Mayor