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GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 22, 2024 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 Lopez at 7:01 p.m. with following present:

Members Present: Mayor Joel Lopez, Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey, City Council Members: Linda Pruitt, Mark Muniz, Kevin Rinn. Not Present: Jacob Janda.

Staff Present: City Manager Spencer Schneider, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Director of Public Services Kenny Ray, Finance Director Heather Garner, Police Chief Bill Weems, Municipal Court Clerk Rachel Grube, Director of Library Jessi Akins.

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

3. Invocation and Welcome: Bill Ellis from New Hope Baptist Church gave the invocation and Mayor Joel Lopez welcomed all in attendance.

4. Announcements: None

5. Presentations and Proclamations: Friendship Primitive Baptist Association.

6. Citizens Comments: LC Express Track Club-Tony Francis

7. Consent Agenda: The following items are self-explanatory 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 the minutes from City Council Regular Meeting held on Monday, July 8, 2024. and Special Joint Meeting held on Monday, July 16, 2024.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and some spelling need to be fixed and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve the minutes from the City Council Regular Meeting held on Monday, June 24, 2024.

Motion carries by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



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8. New Business:

- a. Discuss and take possible action to approve the Special Event “Public Application, for the Giddings ISD Homecoming Parade to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at the City of Giddings Veteran’s Park.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. This has turned out to be an annual event at the Veteran’s Park. It is growing every year. Put this on your calendar for this date. City Secretary would like to have Mayor and City Council ride in the parade in city trucks. Spencer stated we have Kelic Admas and Ami Fromme here to tonight to answer any questions.

Kelci presented the annual event and stated the parade will be first then followed by the Pep-Rally at the pavilion building. They are going to try to have vendors this year.

A motion was made by City Council Member Kevin Rinn and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to approve the Special Event “Public Application, for the Giddings ISD Homecoming Parade to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at the City of Giddings Veteran’s Park.

Motion carries by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- b. Discuss and take possible action to amend the Special Event “Public” Application, for the Relay for Life of Lee County to be held at 4:30 on Saturday, October 19, 2024 at the City of Giddings Veteran’s Park and to allow alcohol (BYOB) at the corn-hole tournament.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. This has turned out to be an annual event at the Veteran’s Park. There has been a request to hold a corn hole tournament at this event. The event holder is asking the city council to allow alcohol (BYOB) at this event.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to approve the Special Event “Public Application, for the for the Relay for Life of Lee County to be held at 4:30 on Saturday, October 19, 2024 at the City of Giddings Veteran’s Park and to allow alcohol (BYOB) at the corn-hole tournament.

Motion carries by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



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- c. Discuss and take possible action to approve the drilling of a new water well at the Giddings Golf Course and discuss the new irrigation system.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The bid for drilling a new water well for the new irrigation system at the Giddings Golf Course comes from J & S Water Wells out of Bellville, Texas. The company has quoted us \$78,263.43. The City Golf Course and the Lee County Golf Association will pay for the services. The money comes from the Giddings Golf Course revenue made at the Giddings Golf Course; no tax money will be used.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to approve the drilling of a new water well at the Giddings Golf Course and discuss the new irrigation system.

Motion carries by the following vote:

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

- d. Discuss and take possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 891 to amend Section A13.02.63 and A13.02 064 of the Appendix A: Fee Schedule for Residential and Commercial minimum base rates for water utilities.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The increase is going to assist with the expense of replacing meter heads in the future. As you remember, we are using \$850,000 plus from the ARPA funds we received from FEMA for the water meter project. Without the ARPA funds, we would have had to borrow the money. We will create a separate fund for the future expense for replacing meter heads. The other portion of the increase will go into the water maintenance budget.

A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt City Council Member Mark Muniz to adopt Ordinance No. 891 to amend Section A13.02.63 and A13.02 064 of the Appendix A: Fee Schedule for Residential and Commercial minimum base rates for water utilities.

Motion carries by the following vote:

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

- e. Receive a Summer Reading Program Report from Library Director Jessi Akins.

Library Director Jessi Akins presented this agenda item to City Council. The Summer Reading Program runs the whole month of June. In the City Council Packets there is a report of the Summer Reading Program. Jessi stated she will present the highlights. The program inspirer's young readers. There three components to the program 1) Children read and earn prizes



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2) Children attend on-site education and experiences events 3) Teenagers volunteer to help with reading program. We had 288 children registered, they checked out 3,302 books, logged in 3,594 hours of reading. 95 children completing all levels and continuing to read.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS AGENDA ITEM

f. Receive and review the 2024-2025 second draft proposed budget for the City of Giddings.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented this agenda item to City Council.

Heather stated not a lot that has changed. The sewer line item has changed, we are not getting vacuum truck at this time. The budget still has all the requests. None have been removed at this time. Expenses were reduced by \$33,000.00 and income increased by \$162,000.00. The \$105,940.00 deficit is down to \$16,000.00 on the computer. The next meeting should have the final draft after we receive the certified values from the appraisal district on the 25th.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS AGENDA ITEM

g. Receive and review quarterly investment report from Finance Director Heather Garner.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented this agenda item to City Council.

Quarterly Investment Report 3/31/2024

The City of Giddings holds NO Investments at this time. The City of Giddings has its funds in First National Bank, according to the Depository Contract. The rate on Bank Funds was 4.00%. The Tex Pool rate for March 31, 2024 was 5.3161%. Tex Pool is an investment service for Public Funds. It is a Managed Pool that is managed by Federated Investors, for the State of Texas

Quarterly Investment Report 6/30/2024

The City of Giddings holds NO Investments at this time. The City of Giddings has its funds in First National Bank, according to the Depository Contract. The rate on Bank Funds was 4.00%. The Tex Pool rate for June 30, 2024 was 5.312%. Tex Pool is an investment service for Public Funds. It is a Managed Pool that is managed by Federated Investors, for the State of Texas.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS AGENDA ITEM



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9) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

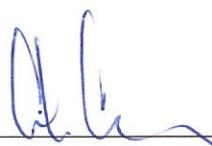
1. We are leasing 4 new carts to accommodate the increase of golfers at the golf course. They should be here the first week of August. It will cost around \$70.00 a month per golf cart.
2. For the month of June 2024, Lee County EMS were dispatched to 218 calls. 82 of these calls were inside the city limits.
3. We are working on the bid packets for the new irrigation system through Larson Golf Services. This company specializes their services to public golf courses. If everything goes as to plan, the project could start January 01, 2025. This project will be paid for through the golf course proceeds along with the Lee Count Golf Association.
4. Heather and I are working together to set up a meeting with our engineer Strand, and our bond consultant Dusty Traylor for a bond package that would cover water line replacement and street improvements. We are going to include a new fire engine for the Giddings VFD in this bond package. I We will let the council know how our discussions go and will come back to the council with the cost of the bond package. This will not be happening this fiscal year.

10) Adjournment: Mayor Joel Lopez adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Monday July 22, 2024.

ATTEST:



Andrea Ray, City Secretary



Alan Casey, Mayor Pro-Tem

