



CITY OF GIDDINGS

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GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 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, Jacob Janda, Mark Muniz, Kevin Rinn.

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

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

3. Invocation and Welcome: Robert Tiner from Immanuel Lutheran Church gave the invocation and Mayor Joel Lopez welcomed all in attendance.

4. Announcements: Mayor Joel Lopez reminded City Council about the upcoming Lighted Christmas Parade for November 23, 2024.

5. Presentations and Proclamations: Proclamation was presented to the Giddings Food Pantry for 20 years of Service.

6. Citizens Comments: Library Director Jessi Akins reminded and invited Mayor and City Council Of the Word Wrangler Book Festival. Anothony Muniz stated the City of Giddings was doing a great job with the 2024-2025 Budget.

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, September 9, 2024.

A motion was made City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve the minutes from the City Council Regular Meeting held on Monday, September 9, 2024.

Motion carries by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



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8) PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Joel Lopez opened the Public Hearing on the FY 2024-2025 City of Giddings Budget at 7:18 p.m.

- a. Conduct a public hearing on the FY 2024-2025 City of Giddings Budget.

Mayor Joel Lopez closed the Public Hearing on the FY 2024-2025 City of Giddings Budget at 7:19 p.m. with no one wishing to speak on the FY 2024-2025 City of Giddings Budget

Mayor Joel Lopez opened the Public Hearing on the proposed 2024-2025 tax rate of 0.6215 per \$100 valuation at 7:20 p.m.

- b. Conduct a public hearing on the proposed 2024-2025 tax rate of 0.6215 per \$100 valuation.

Mayor Joel Lopez closed the Public Hearing on the proposed 2024-2025 tax rate of 0.6215 per \$100 valuation with no one wishing to speak on the proposed 2024-2025 tax rate of 0.6215 per \$100 valuation at 7:21 p.m.

9) NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discuss and take possible action to approve the Special Event “Public” application from the Giddings EDC to host an Oktoberfest event of local musicians to play at the Giddings Downtown Plaza on Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council.

It should bring a lot of people to the Giddings Downtown Plaza. The organizers will be coming back to the council at a later date to request the fourth Saturday of October be recognized as Oktoberfest Weekend.

A motion was made by City Council Member Mark Muniz and seconded by City Council Member Kevin Rinn to approve the Special Event “Public” application from the Giddings EDC to host an Oktoberfest event of local musicians to play at the Giddings Downtown Plaza on Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Motion carries by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- b. Discuss and take possible action to approve the recommendation of the Selection Review Committee to award by Resolution 548-2024, a contract with Traylor & Associates for Administrative Services pertaining to the application and implementation if awarded, of the Tx CDBG 2025-2026 Grant and authorizing the execution of a contract.



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City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The City of Giddings is eligible to apply for this grant. This is a competitive grant. The grant can be up to \$750,000. It will be very important to accommodate LMI families with this CDGB grant.

A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda to approve the recommendation of the Selection Review Committee to award by Resolution 548-2024, a contract with Traylor & Associates for Administrative Services pertaining to the application and implementation if awarded, of the Tx CDBG 2025-2026 Grant and authorizing the execution of a contract.

Motion carries by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- c. Discuss and take possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 893 Authorizing, the issuance of City of Giddings, Texas limited tax note, series 2024; Approving a paying agent/registrar agreement; Prescribing the form of the note; Levying an ad valorem tax to pay the note; awarding the sale thereof; and relating other provisions relating thereto.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. This item is in regards to the discussion the mayor and council had with Dusty Traylor, our financial advisor at the last council meeting. This Limited Tax Note is the first step towards the large bond that has been discussed previously.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda to adopt Ordinance No. 893 Authorizing, the issuance of City of Giddings, Texas limited tax note, series 2024; Approving a paying agent/registrar agreement; Prescribing the form of the note; Levying an ad valorem tax to pay the note; awarding the sale thereof; and relating other provisions relating thereto.

Motion carries by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- d. Discuss and take possible action to approve the Giddings Lee County Airport FY 2024-2025 Budget.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented the Giddings Lee County Airport Budget for FY 2024-2025. The new fuel system is working great, and hangars are staying full.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Kevin Rinn to Giddings Lee County Airport FY 2024-2025 Budget.



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Motion carries by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- e. Discuss and take possible action adopting Ordinance No. 894, to adopt the 2024-2025 City of Giddings Budget in accordance with Section 102.007 of the Texas Local Government Code. (This will be a roll call vote)

This budget was adjusted to account for a lower tax rate than what was published for notice purposes. The deadline to adopt anything over the voter approval rate was 71 days before the uniform election, so this budget includes the voter approval rate of 0.6215 per \$100 of valuation, instead of the de minimis rate of 0.7000 per \$100 of valuation. Over \$400,000 had to be cut from the previously proposed budget. This was achieved by removing \$130,000 for seal coating, \$50,000 for a transformer that was delivered in this fiscal year, and other miscellaneous cuts, increases in expected revenues, and increases in transfers from utility funds.

Roll call vote as follows: Mark Muniz: I, Alan Casey: I, Linda Pruitt: I, Jacob Janda: I, Mark Muniz: I, Kevin Rinn.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- f. Discuss and take possible action adopting Ordinance No. 895, to adopt the 2024-2025 Tax Rate of 0.6215 per \$100 valuation in accordance to Chapter 26 of the Tax Code. (This will be a roll call vote).

This ordinance will adopt the voter approval rate as discussed with the budget.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey, I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of point six two one five dollars (\$0.6215.) per valuation, which is effectively a 17.04% increase in the tax rate, seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz.

Roll call vote as follows: I, Alan Casey: I, Linda Pruitt I, Jacob Janda: I, Mark Muniz I, Kevin Rinn:

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- g. Consider ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the 2024-2025 Budget.

According to the Texas Local Government Code Section 102.007©, the city council must take a separate ratification vote to adopt any budget that will raise total property tax revenue.

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 2024-2025 Budget.



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Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

10) City Manager's Report and Announcements:

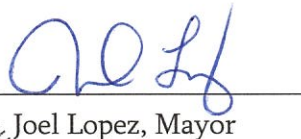
1. The bids for the new water well for the golf course irrigation were opened this morning. The city is going to enter a contract with J & S Water Wells for the drilling of the new well. All State of Texas biddings rules were followed this time around. The cost of the project is \$71,544.08.
2. The bids were opened this morning for the construction of the new irrigation system for the golf course. There were five bids. The engineer has taken the five bids for review and will get back to city staff when the review process is finished.
3. We are working on the resolution between the Giddings EDC and the Giddings City Council regarding the insurance of all EDC structures. We are also going to request that TML make a site visit perform a more current appraisal of all EDC structures.
4. In front of you is a copy of the 2023-2024 sales tax revenues. As you can see, the current sales tax revenues only go through August of this year. We still have September to go. The extra sales tax revenue will be placed into the city's General Fund Balance and help offset any potential deficits.
5. The city attorney has reviewed the current personnel policy and returned it back to city staff for our final review. We will bring this to the mayor and council in the near future.
6. The city attorney and myself with code compliance are still working on amending the sign ordinance to relax the rules for off street signage. This will come back to mayor and council in the near future.

11) Adjournment: Mayor Joel Lopez adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Monday, September 23, 2024.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary




Joel Lopez, Mayor