



CITY OF GIDDINGS

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GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 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, Police Chief Bill Weems, Municipal Court Clerk Rachel Grube.

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

3. Invocation and Welcome: Diane Herlitz from First Assembly Church gave the invocation and Mayor Joel Lopez 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 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, August 26, 2024.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve the Minutes from City Council Regular Meeting held on Monday, August 26, 2024.

Motion carries by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

8. New Business:

- a. Discussion only regarding limited tax note and certificate of obligation for future capital improvement plans for the City of Giddings.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. Dusty Traylor with RBC Capital Markets is here to present and answer any questions regarding this item. Dusty presented the Mayor and City Council with handouts for the limited tax note and certificate of obligation for future capital improvement plans for the City of Giddings.

NO ACTION TAKE



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- b. Discuss and take possible action to accept the September 30, 2023-year end audit.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. Jon Watson, CPA with Brooks Watson & Co., PLLC will be here to present and answer any questions regarding this item. The City of Giddings has an Annual Financial Report for the year ended September 30, 2023. The city received an unmodified opinion which is the highest level of assurance. The overview audit process was explained and components of the annual financial report, financial highlights and City revenues for governmental activities stating the property tax is the highest revenue source. City expenses are the highest in public safety with general government second. Statements and schedules of revenues, expenditures, and the changes in fund balance were explained.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Kevin Rinn to accept the September 30, 2023-year end audit.

Motion carries by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- c. Discuss and take possible action to approve the Special Event “Public” application from the Lee County Wildlife Association to host a Youth Fishing Event. This event will be open to all youth in the community and will be held at the Simmang Park, October 19, 2024 from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. This will be a first-time event like this to happen at Simmang Park. This event will be great for our youth. Justin Lyon with the Lee County Wildlife Association presented the Special Event.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacon Janda and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve the Special Event “Public” application from the Lee County Wildlife Association to host a Youth Fishing Event. This event will be open to all youth in the community and will be held at the Simmang Park, October 19, 2024 from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Motion carries by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



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- d. Discuss and take possible to approve the Special Event “Public” application from Immanuel Lutheran Church for a celebration service for the completion of the new building project. This event will be held on October 27, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. Immanuel Lutheran Church has had N. Grimes closed in the past. There has been no negative issues in the past with any of their events.

A motion was made by City Council Member Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to approve the Special Event “Public” application from Immanuel Lutheran Church for a celebration service for the completion of the new building project. This event will be held on October 27, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Motion carries by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- e. Discussion only regarding charter amendment guidelines for Mayor and City Council.

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

It is time to review the Giddings Home Rule Charter. It is required that the charter be reviewed every five years. You as the mayor and council shall appoint a seven (7) member charter review commission. The commission will review the charter page by page. The charter review commission may not have any recommendations for amendments, or they may bring back amendments to the mayor and council. Any amendment changes to the charter will go to the voters at the next general election in May. City staff does have a number of charter amendments to present to the charter review commission.

City Manager Spencer Schneider asked Mayor and City Council to bring back the nominations for the Charter Review Committee on the October 28th, 2024. City Secretary Andrea Ray stated with the Charter Review she will work closely with City Attorney Tyler Stevens.

NO ACTION TAKEN



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9) City Manager’s Report and Announcements:

1. All of the Giddings EDC structures are currently und the city’s TML insurance. This was found out when TML came and inspected all city structures after the hail storm. We are working with the city attorney to negotiate an agreement with the Giddings EDC to keep all of their structures under the city’s insurance. If the city and the Giddings EDC agrees to this process, the Giddings EDC will reimburse the city annually for their part of the insurance. We are also going to ask for certain insurance requirements (Certificate of Insurance, 1,000,000 with a 2,000,000 umbrella, and also make the city the lost payee) from the Giddings EDC. This document will come before the mayor and council at a later date.

2. After numerous requests, we are working on amendments to the sign ordinance. Currently the sign ordinance states that no off-premise signage is allowed inside the incorporated area of the City of Giddings. With some strict amendments, a business off the beaten path will be allowed to install off premise signage inside the city limit for their business

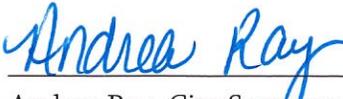
3. The bid process for the new irrigation system and new water well for the golf course are going well. The deadline for the bids is September 20, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. They will be opened September 23, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

4. The splashpad is shut down for the fall and winter. It was a large success this year.

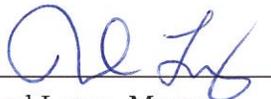
5. The TxCDBG Grant for 2025-2026, working on the procurement deadline for accepting Administration Contracts will be September 19, 2024.

10) Adjournment: Mayor Joel Lopez adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Monday, September 9, 2024.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary




Joel Lopez, Mayor