

Regular Meeting Minutes of the Beautification Committee
Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.
Giddings City Chambers
118 E. Richmond St. Giddings, Texas 78942

1. **CALL TO ORDER-**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairperson Miranda Hilderbrand @ 11:30 p.m. with the following present: Board Chairperson Miranda Hilderbrand, Vice Chairperson Tim Langham, Angie Preuss, Dawn Marshall, Pam Machac.

Staff Present: City Manager Spencer Schneider, Mayor Joel Lopez, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Code Enforcement Officer Eric Cupit.

2. **PLEDGES-** Pledges were said.

3. **INNOVATION AND WELCOME-** Beautification Committee Vice Chairperson Tim Langham gave the invocation and Board Chairperson Miranda Hilderbrand welcomed all in attendance.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** -No Public Comments.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES-**

a. Consider approval of Minutes for Beautification Committee Regular Meeting held on Monday, July 15, 2024.

A motion was made Beautification Committee Member Pam Machac and seconded by Beautification Committee Vice Chairperson Tim Langham to approval the minutes for the meeting held on Monday, August 16, 2024.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Beautification Committee Members Langham, Pruess, Hilderbrand, Machac, Marshall

Nays: None

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS-**

a. Discuss and take possible action regarding the Business of the Quarter Awards.

Beautification Committee Member Dawn Marshall presented this agenda item to the committee and asked for this to be the Business of the Quarter.

The City of Giddings values and appreciates the positive impact local businesses have on the community and its residents. In recognition of their achievements and leadership, the Beautification Committee has established The Business of the Minth Quarterly Recognition Program. This program aims to showcase and highlight exceptional businesses in the City of Giddings on a quarterly basis.

Businesses are recognized for one or more of the following attributes:

Involvement: Giddings Chamber of Commerce Member

Curb Appeal: Maintain Clean and welcoming entry, regularly swept sidewalks

Exterior Appeal: Maintain Exterior paint, outside signs/banners clean and readable

Window Appeal: clean and creative

Invested Landscaping: if applicable

Businesses can be nominated by individuals, the Mayor, or the Beautification Committee. The winner will be announced and awarded on the following dates: Nov. 1st, Feb. 1st, May 1st and August 1st.

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A motion was made by Beautification Committee Member Dawn Marshall and seconded by Beautification Committee Member Pam Machac approve regulations for the Business of Quarter Awards.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Beautification Committee Members: Langham, Pruess, Hilderbrand, Machac, Marshall

Nays: None

A motion was made by Beautification Committee Member Dawn Marshall and seconded by Beautification Committee Member Pam Machac to approve the signs to be made and purchased by the Beautification Committee.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Beautification Committee Members: Langham, Pruess, Hilderbrand, Machac, Marshall

Nays: None

- b. Discussion only for the installation of the two Giddings Signs.

Beautification Committee Members discussed many locations for the two Giddings Signs to be placed. Mayor Joel Lopez stated to place the one on the North of Giddings Downtown Plaza that faces Hwy 77 North And Mayor Joel Lopez stated the other sign could placed on the side of the Old Depot for the view of Hwy 290. City Manager Spencer Schneider stated the Cemetery and Parks Department could place the sign on the that faces Hwy 77 North. Mayor Joel Lopez stated Sixth Street Sprits would need to be asked to hang the Old Depot Building on the West side.

NO ACTION TAKEN

7. NEW BUSINESS-

- a. Discussion on Transformation of Empty Storefronts in the Giddings Downtown District.

City Secretary Andrea Ray presented this to the Beautification Committee. This agenda item had been asked to put on the agenda. This could be a project that could be worked on and maybe development in the near future. Beautification Committee Members discussed different options for the project. Beautification Committee Member Dawn Marshall still would like to work with the art students to work on maybe decorating the windows for the businesses. Beautification Committee Member Dawn Marshall asked for Beatification Members to come with ideas and think on this agenda item and to bring it item back on to the next meeting.

- b. Discussion on the aesthetic criteria for businesses on the main roads. (Hwy 290 & Hwy 77)

Board Chairperson Miranda Hilderbrand presented this agenda item to the Beautification Committee Members to maybe bring ideas for a criterion for business on the main roads. City Manager Spencer Schneider stated at this time the City of Giddings can not tell the owners of the property what to do with their property.

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c. Update from Code Compliance Officer Eric Cupit.

Code Compliance Officer Eric Cupit presented this agenda item to the Beautification Committee. Court case with the backhoe went to court was fine \$1300.00 then has thirty days to clean the property up. Some court cases they have applied to clean the property, had one as no show, and of course not paying taxes on the property. There are some more coming up for court on the November 18, 2024. Code Enforcement is still dealing with high grass & weeds and hoping to knock all this out before winter. Junk vehicle 50 has been tagged 45 have been moved. Some owners are asking for more time and we trying to work with them with a time limit. Eric and Davis have discussed being timelier on these cases. Tim Lanham asked about the van on Independence Street if it, doesn't run and have an inspection it should be removed. Eric stated the vans does run, the van has to be broke down and not run and not inspection sticker. This would be classified as a junk vehicle. This the state law, Eric stated. Beautification Committee Member Angie Pruess asked about the Steve Hughes cars parked in that property. Code Compliance Officer Eric Cupit stated this issue will be addressed as long with Stehpen car's across the street. This has been placed on the list. Beautification Committee Member Dawn Marshall asked about the property on Caldwell Street. Eric stated he is working on property with Secretary of State.

Mayor Joel Lopez asked for the Saturday, November 16, 2024 to have a clean up property. City Manager Spencer Schneider stated the City of Giddings can clean up the property and send a bill to the known property owner and then file a lien if not paid. Code Compliance Officer Eric Cupit stated he has talked to City Attorney about this property and the he gave a list to go by, but we have to follow all the steps. Then once list is complete then we can have it demolished.

8. **NEXT MEETING-** Chairperson Miranda Hilderbrand stated next meeting will be Monday, September 16, 2024 at 11:30 p.m.
9. **ADJOURNMENT-** Board Chairperson Miranda Hilderbrand adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m. on Tuesday, October 29, 2024.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary




Board Chairperson Beautification Committee