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GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 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 Joel Lopez at 7:00 p.m. with following present:

Member 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, Director Of Public Services Kenny Ray, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Police Chief Bill Weems, Human Resources Director Angie Stanfield, Library Director Jessi Akins.

2. PLEDGES TO THE U.S AND TEXAS FLAGS: Pledges were said.

3. INVOCATION AND WELCOME: City Manager Spencer Schneider gave the invocation and Mayor Joel Lopez welcomed all in attendance.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

5. PRESENTATION AND PROCLAMATIONS: Council Member Linda Pruitt was presented a 10 year of service plaque.

6. CITIZEN'S 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 the City Council Special Meeting held on Monday, December 9, 2024.

A motion was made mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to approve the minutes from the City Council Regular Meeting held on Monday, December 9, 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 Buffalo Bazaar Market Days to be held downtown from March 8, 2025 to November 8, 2025.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. This is an annual event that Genny Wildebrandt is wanting to continue. She is here to tonight to answer any questions for you at this time. Genny asked for any idea's the Mayor or City Council may have that she could include to the Buffalo Bazaar Market Days. Genny stated she would like to give back to the community as well have market days.

A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by Council Member Kevin Rinn to approve the Special Event “Public” application for the Giddings Buffalo Bazaar Market Days to be held downtown from March 8, 2025 to November 8, 2025.

Motion carries by the flowing vote:

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

Nayes: None

- b. Discuss and take possible action to approve the request from Manheim Homes LLC, (Dentyn Blasig) to purchase the alley (20' X 100') between 410 N. Grimes and 411/427 N. Leon St.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. Mr. Blasig has requested that this item be brought back to council for possible action. The first time this was presented, this item died for lack of a motion. Dentyn Blasig is here to tonight to answer any questions for you at this time. Dentyn stated where he would like to purchase the alley and showed the location on a map provided on the T.V. in the Council Chambers. The property adjoining has enough room to build another house. He is asking for the alley for more room with the second house. City Council Member Mark Muniz asked you will build this house weather or not the alley is purchased. Dentyn stated yes there is enough room.

A motion was made by City Council Member Kevin Rinn and seconded by Council Member Mark Muniz to approve the request from Manheim Homes LLC, (Dentyn Blasig) to purchase the alley (20' X 100') between 410 N. Grimes and 411/427 N. Leon St.

Motion carries by the flowing vote:

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

Nayes: None



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- c. Discuss and take possible action to adopt Resolution No. 557-2024, to present a candidate to the Lee County Appraisal District's Board of Directors for appointment.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. Because Mr. Organ passed away during his term as a board member, the appraisal board will appoint a new member for their board from the choices given to them by all the Lee County taxing entities. No, City Council member had a candidate.

A motion was made Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Kevin Rinn to adopt Resolution No. 557-2024, with no candidate to present to the Lee County Appraisal District's Board of Directors for appointment.

Motion carries by the flowing vote:

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

Nayes: None

- d. Discuss and take possible action to approve the Employment Agreement for the City Manager Position.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The mayor will present this item and answer any questions or concerns you may have. Mayor Joel Lopez stated the contract agreement is something we have not done before. Human Resources Director Angie Stanfield stated she would like to review this agreement contract with the City Attorney Tyler Stevens and maybe remove some of the wording in the agreement contract and review this with the City Manager's Committee at the next meeting on January 9, 2025.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS ANGEDA ITEM

- e. Discuss and take possible action to approve the Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. Police Chief Bill Weems will present this item and answer any question or concerns you may have.

Police Chief Bill Weems stated the amounts of the Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year as beginning the balance of \$57,280.75. Amount seized \$2146.00 Amount forfeited to and received \$2,394.60. Equipment purchases computers \$26,338.90. The ending balance is \$34,834.38.

A motion was made Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve the Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.

Motion carries by the flowing vote:

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

Nayes: None



f. Discuss and take possible action to approve the proposed lateral transfer vacation policy from the Giddings Police Department.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. I sent you an e-mail last week outlining this agenda item. It is also in your agenda packet. Police Chief Bill Weems is here to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Police Chief Bill Weems stated it is hard to get employees and is hard not give raises or keep employees when another city pays more than we do. Chief Bill Weems asked to give the employees with the experience with the job more vacation. This would cause to budget more overtime for next year.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey stated we need to have options for the police officers to want to stay in and work and live in Giddings. Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey stated as of now all of the City of Giddings property taxes go toward the Giddings Police Department to finance it. We as a governing body need to come up with ways to attract a younger generation to Giddings. As the City of Giddings, we need to exhaust all of our options before we go this extreme. The Police Officers need to have a residence here in Giddings. This helps show the tax payers where the property taxes are being spent. Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey asked to postpone the agenda item until further research is done, and stated we need new tools to market the police department.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS ANGEDA ITEM

g. Discuss and take possible action to approve the proposed amendment to the take-home vehicle policy for the Giddings Police Department.

No discussion on this agenda item. Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey asked for City Council Agenda line-item g. to be postpone until further research is done.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS ANGEDA ITEM

h. Discuss and take possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 897 to add 13.02.005 to the City of Giddings Code of Ordinances (Termination of Utility Services).

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The city attorney has made a correction during his research of our city ordinance regarding the second notice process for delinquent utility payments. What we currently have in our ordinance is correct. This new ordinance addresses by law the right of the utility customer to request a hearing regarding their utility bill.

A motion was made City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz adopt Ordinance No. 897 to add 13.02.005 to the City of Giddings Code of Ordinances (Termination of Utility Services).

Motion carries by the flowing vote:

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

Nayes: None



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9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The new irrigation system project is going great at the golf course. The water well is in the completion stage. The irrigation system on the north side is almost complete. All of the pipe for that section is in and covered.
2. The CDBG grant application preliminary scores came in, and Giddings scored 199.6 out of 200 points. We contacted our grant consultant, and he states we will probably receive the \$750,000 grant. The grant will be for the fire department for one of the fire apparatus purchases.
3. Heather and myself are going forward with second phase of the Certificate of Obligation Bonds for street reconstruction, water, waste water line replacement, and a new fire apparatus purchase. We will be bringing this item back to council when we have more information from our bond consultant.
4. The Charter Review Committee is making progress with the review process. They will meet again on January 09, 2025. When finished with the review process, they will bring a recommendation back to council with recommended changes. Once the council approves the changes, the changes will go on the general election ballot on May 03, 2025 for adoption.

10. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Joel Lopez adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Monday, December 23, 2024.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary




Joel Lopez, Mayor