



CITY OF GIDDINGS

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GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025 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 7:08 p.m. with the following present: Members presents: 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, Finance Director Heather Garner, Director of Public Services Kenny Ray, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Police Chief William Weems, Municipal Court Clerk Rachel Grube, Director of Library Jessie Akins.

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

3. Invocation and Welcome: Monica Smith with First Presbyterian Church gave the invocation and Mayor Joel Lopez welcomed all in attendance.

4. Announcements: Mayor Joel Lopez presented Lori Hamff-Diez as the new director hired for the Giddings Economic Development Corporation.

5. Presentations and Proclamations: None

6. Citizens Comments: None

7. Consent Agenda: The following items are self-explanatory by the City Council 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 for the City Council Meeting held on Monday, December 23, 2024.

A motion was made by Linda Pruitt and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem to approve the Minutes for the City Council Meeting held on Monday, December 23, 2024.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

8. New Business:

a. Discuss and take possible action to approve a set amount for the purchase of the remaining portion of the 600 block West LaGrange Street (40' x 250') from Mark Jaehne that adjoins his property located at 824 S. Ellis Street, Giddings, Texas.



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City Manager Spencer Schnieder presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. Mark Jaehne has the completed certified survey and certified appraisal. The certified appraisal value was recommended for the sale of \$1000.00. Mark Jaehne is here to answer any questions you may have. City Council Member Linda Pruitt asked Mark what are the plans for the purchase of the property. Mark stated this would be an entrance to his property to build a new home. The street was never opened to be used by the city.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to approve the sale amount of \$1000.00 for the portion of the 600 block West LaGrange Street (40' x 250') from Mark Jaehne that adjoins his property located at 824 S. Ellis Street, Giddings, Texas.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

- b. Discuss and take possible action to adopt Resolution No. 559-2025 to support the Lee County Commissioners Court in the rejection of a composting facility by Break It Down in the Lincoln Community.

City Manager Spencer Schnieder presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. Judge Malinak is requesting for the mayor and city council's support on the rejection process for Break It Down request to place a composting in the Lincoln Community.

A motion was made by City Council Member Kevin Rinn and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to adopt Resolution No. 559-2025 to support the Lee County Commissioners Court in the rejection of a composting facility by Break It Down in the Lincoln Community.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

- c. Discuss and take possible action to adopt Resolution No. 560-2025 for the City's 2025 Investment Policy.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. Heather stated there were no changes to the investment policy adopted last year.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt to adopt Resolution No. 560-2025 for the City's 2025 Investment Policy.



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Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- d. Discuss and take possible to adopt Resolution No. 561-2025, authorizing proceeding with issuance of certificates of obligation and further directing the publication of notice of intention to issue the City of Giddings, Texas combination tax and revenue certificates of obligation, series 2025.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council, with Angela Avila from McCall Parkhurst & Horton, the City's bond council, present to answer any questions. This resolution gives notice of intention to issue certificates of obligation not to exceed \$5,000,000 for water and wastewater improvements, street improvements, acquiring equipment for the City's Fire Department, including a fire truck, and payment of professional services in connection therewith including legal, engineering, architectural and fiscal fees and the costs of issuing the Certificates.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt to adopt Resolution No. 561-2025, authorizing proceeding with issuance of certificates of obligation and further directing the publication of notice of intention to issue the City of Giddings, Texas combination tax and revenue certificates of obligation, series 2025.

Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: City Mayor Joel Lopez presented a roll call vote: Jacob Janda I, Kevin Rinn I, Linda Pruitt I, Mark Muniz I, Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey I.

Nays: None

- e. Discuss and take possible action to adopt Resolution No. 562-2025, expressing official intent to reimburse for certain costs related to equipment for the city's fire department, including fire apparatus.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council, with Angela Avila from McCall Parkhurst & Horton, the City's bond council, present to answer any questions. This resolution allows for the reimbursement of the City for expenditures in connection with the bond prior to the issuance of obligations to finance the project.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to adopt Resolution No. 562-2025, expressing official intent to reimburse for certain costs related to equipment for the city's fire department, including fire apparatus.



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Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: City Mayor Joel Lopez presented a roll call vote: City Council Members: Kevin Rinn I, Jacob Janda I, Mark Muniz I, Linda Pruitt I, Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey I.

Nays: None

- f. Discuss and take possible action to authorize the City Manager to execute the bank loan agreements for the Golf Course Irrigation Construction Project.

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

First National Bank is requiring documentation from the council that allows the city manager to sign the paper work for the golf course irrigation loan.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt to authorize the City Manager to execute the bank loan agreements for the Golf Course Irrigation Construction Project.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

- g. Discuss and take possible action to approve the agreement for the 2025 Ramp Grant for the Giddings-Lee County Airport.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The Routine Airport Maintenance Program Grant agreement is one we enter every year to reimburse the airport for 90% of qualified maintenance expenses.

A motion was made City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda to approve the agreement for the 2025 Ramp Grant for the Giddings-Lee County Airport.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

- h. Discuss and take possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 900 regarding animal adoption, fees, sterilization, and microchipping for the City of Giddings Animal Shelter.
Police Chief William Weems presented this agenda item to City Council. The Ordinance was written by the Animal Shelter Staff.



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The research was done on the following regarding the animal adoption, fees, sterilization, and microchipping. City Council Member Kevin Rainn stated there is a problem with a statement in the Ordinance under Sec. 2.04.001 Microchip required, It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, or harbor any dog or cat over the age of four months within the city unless such dog or cat has been microchipped.

It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution under subsection (a) of this section that the animal has been in the city for less than thirty (30) days. City Council Member Kevin Rinn stated I cannot see how you can require everyone in the City have their animals microchipped. Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey stated he agrees with the statement from City Council Member Kevin Rinn. Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey stated there needs to be more research done on this Ordinance before it is adopted by City Council. Both Council Members stated this needs to be brought back to City Council after the research is done.

NO ACTION TAKE ON THIS AGENDA ITEM

- i. Discuss and take possible action for the 2024-2025 Appoints and Reappoints of the City of Giddings Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

City Secretary Andrea Ray presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council.

There are 4 vacancies on the above boards, commissions, and committees.

The need to appoint 3 New Members for the Parks Board and appoint 1 New Member to Planning & Zoning Commission. City Council Member Jacob Janda asked if there was board of commissions application that have not expired, Jacob stated reach out those people first and see if they are willing to fill the vacancies needed for the Boards that need appoints. City Secretary Andrea Ray stated that applications will be checked and those people will be asked to serve and will be brought back to City Council on the meeting.

NO ACTION TAKE ON THIS AGENDA ITEM

- j. Discussion only regarding safety and security issues for public events held on city property. City Council Member Kevin Rinn stated he asked for this to be put on the agenda. The concerns are the downtown area for safety concerns for our citizens. Police Chief William Weems addressed this safety concerns of City Council. Chief Weems, stated with all the events in the downtown area the security could should be in place and we allow our Police Officers to use their patrol cars if needed for security. Chief Weems stated you would have to place concrete barriers and gates; this project would get very expensive. Kevin Rinn stated could we put big trucks at the entrances.



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Of all the areas shown by Chief William Weems on a map you could not put barriers all around the Downtown Plaza Area. Mayor Joel Lopez stated could you use the Harvey Police Vehicle, for maybe a deterrent.

NO ACTION TAKE ON THIS AGENDA ITEM

9) CITY MANAGER’S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. We have made it through to the second phase of the TDA’s (CDBG) 750,000 two-phase application process. When we complete the Project Application, TDA is reserving \$750,000.00 in future funds for your grant application CDV25-0308.
2. The 2023/2024 Audit is underway. We can expect our site visit to be mid-February or the first of March.
3. First significant payment to VM Golf Services will be made this week for about half the total cost of the golf course irrigation system.
4. The new irrigation system project is going great at the golf course. They are going to line off the pipe placement for what we call the south side this week.
5. The Utility rate study is underway. Heather is in the process of sending the info NewGen has requested.
6. An agreement with Spartan Utility Services for a utility pole attachment inventory and contract negotiations has been signed. We can expect work to start on that in the next few weeks.
7. The swimming pool repair project is going great. One large leak was found on a split 2” coupling. This week the company will be addressing the bottom piping system for leaks.

10) ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Joel Lopez adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Monday, January 5, 2025.

ATTEST:


 Andrea Ray, City Secretary




 Joel Lopez, Mayor