



CITY OF GIDDINGS

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GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025 AT 7:00 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 118 E. RICHMOND ST. GIDDINGS, TEXAS 78942

1) CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey at 7:00 p.m. with the following present: Members presents: Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey, City Council Members: Jacob Janda, Mark Muniz, Kevin Rinn. Not Present: Mayor Joel Lopez, City Council Member: Linda Pruitt.

Staff Present: City Manager Spencer Schneider, City Attorney Tyler Stevens, Director of Public Services Kenny Ray, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Finance Director Heather Garner, Assistance Police Chief Shane Ray, Municipal Court Clerk Rachel Grube, Director of Library Jessie Akins.

2) PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN AND TEXAS FLAG: Were said.

3) INVOCATION AND WELCOME: Pastor Diane Herlitz with First Assembly Church gave the invocation and Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey welcomed all in attendance

4) ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

5) PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS: None:

6) CITIZENS COMMENTS: None:

7) CONSENT AGENDA: The following items are considered to be self-explanatory by this City Council and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of this item unless a City Council Member so requests.

a. Approval of the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes held on Monday, February 10, 2025.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Kevin Rinn to approve the City Council Minutes held on Monday, February 10, 2025.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.



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8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discuss and take possible action to approve the request from Ryan Noack to purchase the 20' x 250' alley on block 192 located at 544 W. Independence Street, Giddings, Texas.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor Pro-Tem and City Council. Mr. Noack owns both sides of the alley. There are no city utilities in the alley.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to approve the request from Ryan Noack to purchase the 20' x 250' alley on block 192 located at 544 W. Independence Street, Giddings, Texas.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- b. Discuss and take possible action to approve the Special Event "Public" application for St. Margaret's Catholic Church annual Spring Fling held on Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. This event will be held at 276 E. Bellville St. Giddings, Tx.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor Pro-Tem and City Council. This has become an annual event. City staff is requesting that council approve the application.

A motion was made by Kevin Rinn and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to approve the Special Event "Public" application for St. Margaret's Catholic Church annual Spring Fling held on Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. This event will be held at 276 E. Bellville St. Giddings, Tx.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- c. Discuss and take possible action to approve the Special Event "Public" application for the Lee County Fair Parade to be held on Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor Pro-Tem and City Council. The Lee County Fair Association is requesting to change the parade location from the Veteran's Park to S. Grimes, E. Hempstead, and E. Industry Street. City staff is requesting the council not to approve the new parade location and route E. Hempstead Street and E. Industry Street because these are very well traveled streets at any time.



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City staff feels that there would be multiple traffic concerns if they were to use the new location and parade route. One of the biggest problems is multiple cross streets along E. Hempstead and E. Industry Streets to S. Orange Street. Susan Poulsen presented the application and asked for the route to be changed, Lee County Fair Association would like to try to have the parade closer to the Lee County Court House. Susan Poulsen stated the parade was moved up the Saturday before the Lee County Fair at a request from citizens so more could participate. Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey stated the route that is requested cannot be done due to high amount of traffic on the back streets and the City would not have enough cones and barricades to provide for all the street closers. City Council Member Jacob Janda stated he lives on Hempstead St. and with number of cars that come by he doesn't let his children play in the front yard. This road is used by our local citizens to avoid the traffic on Hwy 290. Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey asked Susan come back with a different route for the parade at the next City Council Meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey postponed this agenda item to the next City Meeting. No action taken.

- d. Discuss and take possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 903, canceling the Saturday May 3, 2025 General Election declaring the unopposed candidates as elected.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor Pro-Tem and City Council Members. The General Election set for Saturday, May 3, 2025 can be canceled if no one signed up for council other than the incumbent's, there is no need for the city council election. City Manager Spencer Schneider stated the Special Election can still happen but, it would cost the City of Giddings around estimate of \$16,000.00. With information provide Mayor Pro-Tem and City Council asked City Attorney Tyler Stevens if we could cancel the Special Election and maybe have it next year? City Attorney Tyler Stevens stated he would check into it and let Andrea Ray, City Secretary know for sure and write up an ordinance to cancel the Special Election.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Kevin Rinn to adopt Ordinance No. 903, canceling the Saturday May 3, 2025 General Election declaring the unopposed candidates as elected.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- e. Discuss and take possible action to approve Jeff Kennedy as the Giddings / Lee County Airport Board Chairman as nominated by the airport board.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor Pro-Tem and City Council Members. It is documented in the Code of Ordinances that the city council approves the appointment of the Airport Board Chairperson from the airport board.



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A motion was made by Kevin Rinn and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to approve Jeff Kennedy as the Giddings / Lee County Airport Board Chairman as nominated by the airport board.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- f. Discuss and take possible action to adopt Resolution N0. 565-2025, authorizing the mayor to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Centre Township, Indiana for the purchase of a fire truck.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor Pro-Tem and City Council Members. Tyler Stevens, our city attorney, states that it is part of the procurement process. The interlocal agreement will be signed by the City of Giddings and Centre Township for the purchase of the fire apparatus.

9) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. City staff had a meeting this afternoon with TX DOT regarding the 290 South Side Sidewalk Project. This is an 80% / 20% grant package. The cost of the project is \$2,271,848. The city's 20% portion of the cost will be \$454,370.00. The funds will come from the 2017 revenue bond package.
2. The new irrigation system project is going great at the golf course. They are going to be finished for the line installation by the end of March of 2025.
3. The electrical department is replacing all of the street lights on the northwest side of Giddings with LED lights.
4. We are averaging 2 to 3 water leaks a week, along with numerous water and sewer taps.
5. The Cemetery / Parks department is power washing numerous city structures and power washing concrete parking areas at the library. The Fire Station will be next.
6. The swimming pool repair project is almost complete. All of the concrete re-placement has been completed. All 5 Multiple port valves have been replaced. Currently, the pool is holding water. There is some work to be performed in the pump room.



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7. LCRA Step Forward Day will be On April 11, 2025. They will be here to paint all of the railing at the Veteran's Park.

10) RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey closed the Regular Session at 6:11 p.m. to convene into Executive Session Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code Section 551.072 – Real Property, to wit: Possible Ligation regarding water line easement.

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11) RECESS INTO REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey adjourned the Executive Session at 7:52 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Session, stating that no final actions, decisions, or votes were had during the Executive Session.

- a. Discuss and take possible action regarding Section 551.072, Texas Government Code, Real Property, to wit: Possible Litigation regarding water line easement.

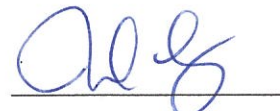
12) ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Monday, February 24, 2025.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary




Joel Lopez, Mayor