



# **CITY OF GIDDINGS**

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## **GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, APRIL 28, 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 7:00 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. Not present City Council Member Kevin Rinn.

Staff Present: City Manager Spencer Schneider, Director of Public Services Kenny Ray, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Police Chief William Weems, Municipal Court Clerk Rachel Grube, Municipal Court Judge Robert Lee, Director of Library Jessie Akins.

### **2) PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN AND TEXAS FLAG:** 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:** City Secretary Andrea Ray reminded Mayor and City Council about the Lee County Fair Parade, Mattie Davis 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Saturday May 3, 2025 and Library Book Between the Lines.

### **5) PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:** Mayor Joel Lopez presented the Proclamation to be read at Mattie Davis 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Saturday, May 3, 2025.

### **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, March 24, 2025.

b. Approval of the City Council Special Meeting Minutes held on Monday, April 14, 2025.

A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alan Casey to approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes on Monday, March 24, 2025 and City Council Special Meeting Minutes held on Monday, April 14, 2025

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.



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### **8) NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Discuss and take possible action to approve the Special Event “Public” Application for the Relay For Life of Lee County to be held on Saturday, October 18, 2025 at the City of Giddings Veteran’s Park.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council and stated this is an annual event.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve the Special Event “Public” Application for the Relay For Life of Lee County to be held on Saturday, October 18, 2025 at the City of Giddings Veteran’s Park.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

- b. Discuss and take possible action to approve the Special Event “Public” Application for the Giddings Fiesta to be held on Saturday, September 20, 2025 at the Giddings Downtown Plaza.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council and stated this is an annual event. Spencer stated we have Jessica and Ricky Rodriguez representatives from Giddings Fiesta to speak to Mayor and City Council. Ricky stated the Giddings Fiesta has purchased signs to be placed on the light fixtures at the Downtown Plaza area two months before the event. Ricky then asked for permission for the signs to be placed. City Council gave the approval for the signs to be placed. City Manager Spencer Schneider will help to assist with the placement of the signs.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to approve the Special Event “Public” Application for the Giddings Fiesta to be held on Saturday, September 20, 2025 at the Giddings Downtown Plaza.

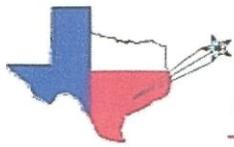
Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

- c. Discuss and take possible action regarding the reappointment of Judge Robert Lee for the City of Giddings Municipal Court for a two-year term.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council and stated this appointment happens every other year for Judge Robert Lee of the City of Giddings Municipal Court. Judge Robert Lee stated to Mayor and City Council it is an honor and privilege to serve the City of Giddings. Judge Lee stated I would like to say a Thank You to the staff in Municipal Court, they do an outstanding job.



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A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda to reappointment of Judge Robert Lee for the City of Giddings Municipal Court for a two-year term.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

- d. Receive and review the 2025 investment reports from Finance Director Heather Garner.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council and stated the City of Giddings holds NO investments at this time.

### NO ACTION TAKEN

- e. Discuss and take possible action to adopt the recommendation of the Selection Review Committee to award by Resolution No. 568-2025 to Strand Associates, Inc. for Engineering Services related to the US 290 Sidewalk Improvements and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Giddings.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The City of Giddings is required to procure an engineer for this project. There were 7 engineering firms that applied for this project. The selection review committee is recommending Strand Engineering for the US 290 Sidewalk Improvements.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt to adopt Resolution No. 568-2025 to Strand Associates, Inc. for Engineering Services related to the US 290 Sidewalk Improvements and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Giddings.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

- f. Discuss and take possible action to adopt Resolution No. 569-2025 to award ML Contracting, Inc services related to the Rural Economic Development (RED GRANT 2) Downtown Improvements Project and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Giddings.



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City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. After numerous conversations with the Strand Engineering, EDC Staff, Grant Administrator, City Attorney, and City Staff, we are recommending that ML Contracting be the contractor of record for the Red 2 Grant project.

The recommendation is to approve the base bid plus alternative bid (band stand) # 3.

We are going to negotiate with the contractor to reduce the cost of the band stand so that we can come back to council and possibility construct alternative bid (Brewhouse parking lot) # 1.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to adopt Resolution No. 569-2025 to award ML Contracting, Inc services related to the Rural Economic Development (RED GRANT 2) Downtown Improvements Project and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Giddings.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

## 9) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) We only have 5 applications as of right now for life guards at the pool. We need at least 10 guards to open the pool on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- 2) The splash pad will open on May 26.
- 3) As of this past Saturday, we now have 324 members at the golf course.
- 4) The city had a clean-up day this past Saturday. The City of Giddings filled 3, 40-yard dumpsters.
- 5) Department Heads are now starting to work on their 2025-2026 budgets.
- 6) The Parks Board will hold a meeting on April 29, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. They will be appointing a new chairman and discussing the future goals for the Giddings Parks System.
- 7) The property tax preliminary values are in from Jamie Orr.
- 8) Discuss the possibility of administrative staff approving Special Public Events that are at least 3 years old and have had no negative concerns or issues in the past. The City Manager, Director of Public Services and the Police Chief will sign off on the event.



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10) RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Joel Lopez adjourned the Regular Session at 7:40 p.m. and reconvened the Executive Session to Pursuant to Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, Personnel Matters, to wit: discussion only regarding City Manager Search Process.

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11) RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Joel Lopez adjourned the Executive Session at 8:21 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Session, stating that no final actions, decisions, or votes were had during the Executive Session

12) ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Joel Lopez adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Monday, April 28, 2025.

ATTEST:

  
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Andrea Ray, City Secretary

  
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Joel Lopez, Mayor