

Regular Meeting Minutes of the Beautification Committee
Friday, March 21, 2025, at 11:30 a.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 @ 11:33 p.m. with the following present: Board Chairperson Miranda Hilderbrand, Vice Chairperson Tim Langham, Dawn Marshall, Pam Machac, Angie Preuss.

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

2. PLEDGES- Pledges were said.

3. INVOCATION AND WELCOME-City Manager Spence Scheider gave the invocation and Board Chairperson Miranda Hilderbrand welcomed all in attendance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS -None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

a. Consider approval of Minutes for Beautification Committee Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

A motion was made Beautification Committee Member Pam Machac and seconded by Beautification Committee Member Angie Preuss to approve the minutes for the meeting held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

a. Discussion on the Beautification Budget and Expenditure.

City Secretary Andrea Ray presented this agenda item to Beautification Committee. Andrea stated this agenda item was brought back Finance Director Heather sent an email for the Beautification Committee to help with questions from last month's meeting. The beautification line item in the refuse, or garbage, fund is budgeted for \$20,000 in FY24/25. This line item is what we have been operating the Beautification Committee from. The beautification line item was originally only for emptying the large roll off dumpsters that are used for city clean up days, and for citizens that pay a fee to dump anything other than construction materials, tires, or hazardous waste year-round. So, the Beautification Committee Budget is dependent on how often we dump these large rolls off Dumpsters. In years past, we typically only empty them 2-4 times a year for around \$1,500 each time. Heather, would like to reserve \$6,000 of the full \$20,000 line item for these expenses.

For FY24/25, we have emptied the roll off dumpsters twice for a total amount of \$3,001.38. We can expect at least one more, if not two more invoices to empty these this fiscal year. The Beautification Committee

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has spent \$750.75 to Hewitt Lone Star Lights, and \$104.00 to Hughes Manufacturing so far this year.

\$20,000.00 - Starting line-item budget

(\$6,000.00) - Reserve for roll off dumpsters

(\$854.75)- Hewitt & Hughes Expenses

\$13,145.25 - Remaining Budget

Beautification Committee Member Angie Pruess asked City Manager Spencer Scheider when the public pays to dump does the money go back into this fund? City Manager Spencer answered no those payments go into the General Fund.

NO ACTION TAKEN

b. Discuss and take possible action from Jackie Handrick regarding the TxDOT Grant and HEB Tree Planting Grant.

Jackie Handrick presented the TxDOT and HEB Tree Planting Grants to the Beautification Committee. Jackie stated in your packets you have all the information on the grants and also my fee schedule. This will be included to the contract for writing grants. The TxDOT Grant is still not open. When the Grant awards in April 1,2025 then I will receive the information and bring back to the Beautification Committee. I did want to present the Coca-Cola Grant, as you see the funding is between \$5000.00 and \$15,000.00 to be awarded. With doing projects with this grant will help with the bigger grant. Keeping Texas Beautiful you use for recycling, clean-up days. I just need to know what kind of projects you want to do with it. I can write the grants for that one and all the different projects are listed. You would need to purchase trash cans to be placed downtown. You can also buy equipment with this grant. July 31, 2025 is the due date. Miranda Hilderbrand asked City Manager Spencer where is the need for this grant for in the City. Dawn Marshall asked can we buy a lawn mower for the Veteran's Park. City Manager Spencer stated yes you can purchase lawn mowers, weed eaters and led lights. Dawn Marshall asked about the replaster the wall, to do the mural. City Manager Spencer stated that is located at 200 Block of Burleson St. You will need get permission from the build owner. Jackie stated we could include the mural too with the grant. Miranda Hilderbrand stated the ideas with the metal trash cans, the mural and equipment for the parks sounds a good use for this grant. City Manager Spencer stated the City of Giddings is doing a Sidewalk from Burleson St. to Walmart, there will be more usage of the sidewalks and metal trash cans can be used after that project is done. HEB Tree, grant I like to write this grant, I have done this one before. I need to know how many trees Where do you want the trees to go? Award amount they don't give you money, HEB gives amount in trees requested. This a match to match on volunteers. Dawn Marshall would like to have the trees go to the Lee County Court House. Jackie Handrick stated this will go through Lee County. Jackie Handrick spoke on the Conference for Texas Beautiful Conference. Jackie will email the information. This will guide the Beautification Committee for what projects they will like to do. May 5-7, 2025.

A motion was made by Beautification Committee Member Dawn Marshall and seconded by Beautification Committee Angie Pruess to hire Jackie Handrick to write HEB Tree Grant and the Coca-Cola Grant.

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Nays: None

c. Discussion and take possible action regarding the Nominations form Citizens for Business of the Quarter.

City Secretary Andrea Ray presented the nominations form filled out by citizens for Business of the Quarter. The Beautification Committee Board has received a total of 11 nominations for businesses. The Beautification Committee Board discussed the all businesses nominated and decided that Mary's Clinic as Business of the Quarter for April 1, 2025.

A motion was made by Beautification Committee Member Dawn Marshall and seconded by Beautification Committee Member Angie Pruess to approve the Business of Quarter as Mary's Clinic.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

d. Discussion and take possible action for GEDC Sign Project.

Board Chairperson Miranda Hilderbrand stated GEDC Director Lori-Diez is on board to do GEDC signs projects and GEDC President Megan Kirk said the signs were ordered. Megan is checking on the status of the signs today. Board Chairperson Miranda Hilderbrand stated she has a mock-up on her phone to look over. This will be with fake plants around all four signs. Miranda did measurement for the signs. Beautification Committee Member Dawn stated we need to come up with a cost and figured out how many signs we can do this with our budget in mind. Board Chairperson Miranda Hilderbrand stated we will get with the GEDC Director Lori-Diez get approval, second step get the cost, and third determine how many GEDC signs can be done. The person in charge of pricing, and talking to Lori-Diez will be Miranda Hilderbrand. Vice Chair-Person Tim Langham stated he will get the solar-lights donated for the signs. This will be brought back to the Beautification Committee at the next meeting.

NO ACTION TAKEN

e. Discussion and take possible action on the on projects for the Beautification Committee.

1. Planters with fake plants for the Giddings Library and other areas in town.

Vice Chairperson Tim Langham stated the placement of planters could be Hwy 290 and Hwy 77 at the corners. Place the bigger planters in that area. Beautification Committee Member Dawn stated she has pricing starting at \$377.00 for a planter that is concrete. We can buy the fake plants and the pea gravel maybe another \$100.00 for this project.

Beautification Committee Member Angie Pruess stated we could use the local nursery at Carmine Feed they do have big concrete planters there. Jackie Handrick stated they do have book can any size can be ordered.

Vice Chairperson Tim Langham stated he will talk to Giddings Nursery and get a price for the planters.

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Beautification Committee Member Dawn stated she get a price on the planters and the pea gravel.

Board Chairperson Miranda Hilderbrand stated that maybe she could get some items donated.

Jessi Akins asked to have the fake plantes in the planters front of the Giddings Library. Board Chairperson Miranda Hilderbrand stated the Giddings Library will have the fake plants for the planters.

2. Spring clean-up. City Secretary Andrea Ray Presented this agenda item to the Beautification Committee Board. Andrea stated this is a reminder for the City Spring Clean-Up Saturday April 26, 2025.

NO ACTION TAKEN

7. NEW BUSINESS-

- a. Update from Code Compliance Officer Eric Cupit.

Code Compliance Officer Eric Cupit working on letters for unsightly nuisance violations, with the Spring clean-up coming we would like this be utilized, and help to get the property cleaned up. No rain, therefor no letters on weeds. Tagged 4-5 vehicles.

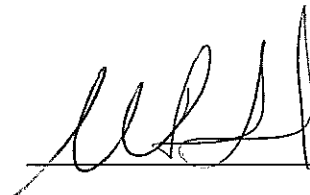
8. NEXT MEETING-The next meeting will be Monday, April 21, 2025 @ 11:30 a.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT- Board Chairperson Miranda Hilderbrand adjourned the meeting at 12:34 p.m. on Friday March 21, 2025.

ATTEST:



Andrea Ray, City Secretary



Board Chairperson Beautification Committee

