



# CITY OF GIDDINGS

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## GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**MONDAY, MAY 12, 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, Kevin Rinn.

Staff Present: City Manager Spencer Schneider, Director of Public Services Kenny Ray, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Code Compliance Official Eric Cupit, City Police Chief Bill Weems, Municipal Court Clerk Rachel Grube, Golf Course Maintenance Charles Grube, Director of Library Jessie Akins.

### 2) PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN AND TEXAS FLAG: Pledges were said.

### 3) INVOCATION AND WELCOME: Invocation was given by Yuri Carralero from First Methodist Church and Mayor Joel Lopez welcomed all in attendance.

### 4) ANNOUNCEMENTS: Tony Francis announced AAU will be held here in Giddings at the Giddings High School Track and Field on Saturday, June 7, 2025 stated this maybe the place for the meet for the next 10 years. Mayor Joel Lopez read a letter of recognition from TxDOT to the Giddings Police Department for the hard work they did to keep our TxDOT employees safe during the repaving project.

### 5) PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS: Mayor Joel Lopez presented Giddings Good Samaritan Honoree to Golf Course Maintenance City Employee Charles Grube for rendered aid to a local citizen.

### 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, April 28, 2025.
- b. Approval of the City Council Special Meeting Minutes held on Thursday, May 8, 2025.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes held on Monday, April 28, 2025 and approve City Council Special Meeting Minutes held on Thursday, May 8, 2025.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: none



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## 8) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Administer Oaths of Office to Elected Officials and issue certificates to the Three City Council Members.

City Secretary Andrea Ray, administer Oaths of Office to the following Elected Officials:

City Council Members as follows: Alan Casey, Jacob Janda, Kevin Rinn. Mayor Joel Lopez presented and issue the certificates to City Council Members as follows: Alan Casey, Jacob Janda, Kevin Rinn.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

- b. Discuss and take possible action on the appointment of the Mayor Pro-Tem for 2025-2026.

Mayor Lopez presented this agenda item to City Council. Every Election Cycle City Council will vote on the position of Mayor Pro-Tem. The Mayor Pro-Tem will have the same responsibilities as the Mayor in case of his absence.

A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to appoint City Council Member Alan Casey for 2025-2026 Mayor Pro-Tem.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: none

**PUBLIC HEARING:** The City Council will hold a Public Hearing regarding a Zoning Change Application filed by Jennifer Duncan, Vice President of PCB 77, LLC, requesting that Blocks 4, lot 5 & E 21' of 4 located at the corner of Decker Dr. and Cactus Dr. be re-zoned from Light Manufacturing (LM) to General Commercial (GC).

**Mayor Joel Lopez opened the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m.**

Code Compliance Official Eric Cupit presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council Members. Eric stated the Planning & Zoning Commission met on Thursday, May 7, 2025. Eric stated the letters that are required of a hundred feet of the property were sent out and no rejection letters was received by the City of Giddings. Mayor asked the for anyone to speak, at this time no one spoke on the rejection for the public hearing.

**Mayor Joel Lopez closed the Public Hearing at 7:18 p.m.**

- c. Discuss and take possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 906 rezoning Block 4, Lots 5 & East 21' of Lot 4 located at the corner of Decker Drive and Cactus Drive from District LM (Light Manufacturing) to GC (General Commercial).

Code Compliance Official Eric Cupit presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council Members. Eric stated the Planning & Zoning Commission approved the recommendation to approve to the City Council regarding the application, filed by Jennifer Duncan, Vice President of PCB 77, LLC, to request



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that Blocks 4, lots 5 & E21' of 4 located at the corner of Decker Dr. and Cactus Dr. be re-zoned from Light Manufacturing (LM) to General Commercial (GC). This will need to be passed by Ordinance No. 906 for the rezoning.

A motion was made by City Council Member Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Kevin Rinn to adopt Ordinance No. 906 rezoning Block 4, Lots 5 & East 21' of Lot 4 located at the corner of Decker Drive and Cactus Drive from District LM (Light Manufacturing) to GC (General Commercial).

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: none

- d. Discuss and take possible action to approve a set amount for the purchase from Manheim Homes LLC, (Dentyn Blasig) to purchase the alley (10' X 100') between 410 N. Grimes and 411/427 N. Leon St.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to the Mayor and City Council. The council approved the sale of the above-mentioned alley. You have the appraisal and survey in your packet. The appraisal price is \$1,000. At this time, we have Dennis Green Sr. here to speak on behalf Nellie Crayton the adjacent neighbor to the alley that is being purchased. Dennis stated Mrs. Nellie Crayton did receive proper notice that the alley was being sold. City Secretary Andrea Ray stated the letter of notices were sent certified mail. Andrea stated the address used to send the notice is from the Lee County Appraisal. Dennis stated the signature was not signed by Mrs. Nellie Crayton. Dennis asked for sale the above not to go through. Neal Zweifel the adjacent neighbor spoke at this time and stated he not receive proper notice as well. Mayor Joel Lopez stated the notices were mailed out and the postal service is not under our control. Dentyn Blasig of Manheim Homes LLC, stated the only part of the alley he is purchasing is ten feet but, I am purchasing it for \$1000.00. This would not affect the adjacent neighbor's property.

A motion was made was made by City Council Member Kevin Rinn and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve the set amount of \$1000.00 for the purchase from Manheim Homes LLC, (Dentyn Blasig) for the alley (10' X 100') between 410 N. Grimes and 411/427 N. Leon Street.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: none

- e. Discuss and take possible action to approve the Special Event "Public" Application for the Giddings Chamber Chamber Commerce to hold the annual July 03, 2025 Freedom Fest at Veterans Park / Honor Park from 6:30pm-10:00pm.



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City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to the Mayor and City Council. This is an event has been held multiple years. It has been a great event since it started. Director of Public Service Kenny Ray and the Giddings Police Chief Bill Weems requesting the event to be approved. Chamber Director Denice Harlan is here if you have any questions.

A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by City Council Member Kevin Rinn to approve the Special Event "Public" Application for the Giddings Chamber Commerce to hold the annual July 03, 2025 Freedom Fest at Veterans Park / Honor Park from 6:30pm-10:00pm.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: none

- f. Discuss and take action to approve the City of Giddings Parks 5-year plan for the expenditure request from the Giddings Economic Development Corporation.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to the Mayor and City Council. Spencer asked for the item to be postponed, the Giddings EDC meeting was canceled and will need to go in front the Giddings EDC before we make and discussions. The Giddings EDC will make an recommendation and bring back to City Council. Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey asked for the postponed of agenda line-item f till the next meeting.

- g. Discuss and take possible action to re-appoint the current members and recommend a new member for the of the HOT Tax Board to replace Lori Diez.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to the Mayor and City Council. When Mrs. Diez became the EDC Director; she is on the HOT Tax Board by default because of the HOT Tax Board bylaws. Mrs. Diez was chosen by Council person Jacob Janda. Mr. Janda will need to choose another person to be appointed. City Council Member Jacob Janda stated he has Edith Morales he would like to nominate. Chamber Director Denice Harlan stated that Edith Morales serves on the Chamber Board and this would be conflict of interest. City Council Member Jacob Janda stated he search some more and bring this back to the next City Council Meeting.

A motion was made by City Council Member Kevin Rinn and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey to re-appoint members of the Hot Board as follows: Stephen Ashan, John Dowell.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: none



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- h. Discuss and take possible action to re-appoint the current members and recommend a new member for the Beautification Committee to replace Angie Preuss.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to the Mayor and City Council. Mrs. Preuss is no longer wanting to serve on the committee. She has served on the committee for two years. Mrs. Preuss was chosen by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey. Mr. Casey will need to choose another person to be appointed. Mayor Pro-Tem has concerns about the committee, he has been told some members feel like their services has not been warranted, they believe the City Council and the Staff are not taking the Beautification Committee and the Members seriously. If we appoint citizens to the boards, we need to consider their time and efforts. The junk vehicles is a major concern. As of City Council it is our reasonability to make sure the recommendations, if we approve them, we follow through with it and do what they are asking. Next meeting ordinance on junk vehicles brought back to discuss. We have not made much progress on the junk vehicles. The following agenda will be brought back to the Mayor and City Council.

A motion was made by City Council Member Kevin Rinn and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to re-appoint members of the Beautification Committee as follows: Dawn Marshall and Pamlea Machac.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: none

- i. Discussion only regarding the Lee County Golf Association.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to the Mayor and City Council. Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey would like the Council to have a discussion about the future of the Golf Course. Thanks to the efforts of then Director of Public Services and now City Manager and several local Business Leaders, the Lee County Golf Association was created back in 2017 to assist the City with membership, marketing, fundraising and improvements to the City's Golf Course.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey stated the Lee County Golf Association has been serving the City Golf Course from 2016 or 2017 over that period of time they have raised over \$100,000.00 and all that has gone back into the City Golf Course. All T-Boxes have been replaced expect 1 and 2 no need to replace these.

The bridge was replaced between number 3 & 4 so the carts can utilize the cart path. The engineering costs were paid by the Lee County Golf Association for the new water well and irrigation system, this was presented to the City Council. They are doing a great job and helping to improve the City Golf Course, I would like the Council to consider making the association board an official City committee or a consulting organization to assist the City with Policies and Operations for the Golf Course. The association board has proven to be a valuable



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partner for our Golf Course resource. The association could give us updates and feed back one a quarter on the Golf Course and they met once a month and they some ideas for to recommend for the city to focus on. The Lee County Golf Association would like to have more input and communication with City Council. City Manager Spencer Schnieder suggested to get with our City Attorney Tyler and have a meeting on the purposed Lee County Golf Association to become a City of Giddings Official Board.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

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

1. Lee County Golf Association will be having a meeting tomorrow evening with elections of officers. They will also be having a discussion regarding membership and golf fees.
2. We now have 8 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>.
3. The Parks Board met on April 29, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. They appointed new officers and agreed on a 5-year plan for the \$50,000 EDC funding. This 5-year funding plan for the parks system will be presented to the Giddings EDC and City Council in the near future.
4. 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.

**10) RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Joel Lopez adjourned the Regular Session at 8:13 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.

- a) Pursuant to Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, Personnel Matters, to wit: discussion only regarding City Manager Search Process.

**11) RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION:**

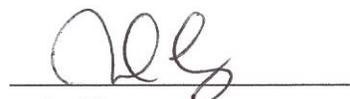
Mayor Joel Lopez adjourned the Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Session, stating that no final actions, decisions, or votes were had during the Executive Session. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

**12) ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Joel Lopez adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Monday, May 12, 2025.

ATTEST:

  
 Andrea Ray, City Secretary

  
 Joel Lopez, Mayor

