



CITY OF GIDDINGS

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GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 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, Police Chief, William Weems, Director of Library Services, Jessie Akins, Finance Director, Heather Garner, Human Resource Director, Angie Stanfield.

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

3) INVOCATION AND WELCOME: Reverend Ellis from New Hope Baptist Church gave the invocation and Mayor Joel Lopez welcomed all in attendance.

4) ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were no announcements.

5) PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS: There were no presentations or proclamations.

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, May 12, 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 on Monday, May 12, 2025.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discuss and take possible action to approve the Lee County Appraisal District's 2026 Budget.



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City Manager, Spencer Schneider introduced James Orr, Chief Appraiser for the Lee County Appraisal District to talk about the 2026 budget and answer any questions that the City Council may have. He briefly disclosed expense increases in personnel, supplies, administration, and contractual expenses. Mr. Orr indicated a 5.8% increase in the budget from the 2025 tax year.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to approve the Lee County Appraisal District's 2026 budget.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

- b. Discuss and take possible action to appoint Matt Gruetzner to the Giddings/Lee County Airport Board and approve Robert Nitsche as the Giddings/lee County Airport Board Chairman.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council and stated that Jeff Kennedy was stepping down as the Giddings/Lee County Airport Board Chairman. Robert Nitsche will be appointed the new Giddings/Lee County Airport Board Chairman and Matt Gruetzner will be appointed as a member of the Giddings/Lee County Airport Board.

A motion was made by City Council Member Mark Muniz and seconded by City Council Member Kevin Rinn to approve the appointment of Matt Gruetzner to the Giddings/Lee County Airport Board and also approve Robert Nitsch as the Giddings/Lee County Airport Board Chairman.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

9) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Discussion about the TDA grant, 1-million-dollar revitalization grant. Met last Wednesday, construction to begin June 16. Scheduled 120 days to completion. Completion date, October 14.
- 2) Information presented about the golf course
 - a. Have reached 325 member maximum with approximately 14 on a waiting list so far
 - b. Increase in membership dues from \$57.50 to \$77.50 in September
 - c. Repair of the cart path
 - d. Discuss the possibility of having a course marshal work nights and weekends
 - e. 3 golf tournaments planned



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- 3) Parking lot at Dime Box Distillery (Lake Spencer). Discuss the different options that could be used to repair the issues at this location. We are talking with Elliott at this time.
- 4) Application for Juneteenth special event will need to be presented to Council in a special called City council meeting to have it approved. Meeting will be scheduled for June 16, 2025 at 6:00pm.

10) RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Joel Lopez adjourned the Regular Session at 7:38 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 9:28 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Session, stating that no final actions, decisions, or votes were had during the Executive Session

No action taken

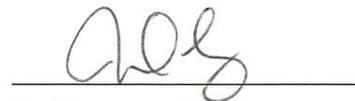
12) ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Joel Lopez adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m. Monday, June 9, 2025.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary




Joel Lopez, Mayor