



CITY OF GIDDINGS

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GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 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 Joel Lopez at 7:01 p.m. with the following present:

Members present: Mayor Joel Lopez, Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey, City Council Members: Linda Pruitt, Jacob Janda, Mark Muniz, Kevin Rinn 5-minutes late.

Staff Present: Interim City Manager/Finance Director Heather Garner, Director of Public Services Kenny Ray, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Code Enforcement Officer Eric Cupit, City Police Chief Bill Weems, Human Resource Angie Stanfield, 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 Bill Ellis from New Hope Baptism Church gave the invocation and Mayor Joel Lopez welcomed all in attendance.

4) ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ricky Rodriguez with the Giddings Fiesta thanked the City of Giddings for helping making the Fiesta a success this year.

Mayor Joel Lopez read two thank letters from a citizen for the Street Department.

Mayor Joel Lopez read a letter from the Lagrange Hospital will be reopening soon.

5) PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS: Proclamation for Shen Yun Performing Arts

6) CITIZENS COMMENTS: Each citizen was allowed to speak for 3 minutes each.

1. Ed Johnson-stated on information of a grant for overpass over the railroads in Texas.

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, September 8th, 2025.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to approve the City Council Regular Minutes held on Monday, September 8th, 2025.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.



8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discuss and take possible action regarding Zoning Change Application filed by Mark Jaehne of J-Mar Community Park LLC, requesting that Block 277, lots 1,2, 8 thru 10 located on S. Waco and S. Titus St., be rezoned from Residential (R-1) to Manufactured Housing (MH) in order to expand his mobile home park.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this to Mayor and City Council. Heather stated Mr. Jaehne has submitted a letter to request an extension for the J-MAR Trailer Park. City Council Member Linda Pruitt asked if this agenda item goes on the next City Council Meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey stated that all of City Council has spoke to him one on one. We have given Mark Jaehne a list of improvements need on the property. Mark would like to resubmit after he gets all the things on the list done. Mark Jaehne had positive out look on the request for the clean up by the P&Z. Mark would like to bring this property back to the Planning and Zoning Commission at a later date.

Mayor Joel Lopez asked for a motion he stated no motion was made the motion has died. No City Council Member set forth or made a motion or offered a vote the motion dies. Mayor Joel Lopez stated this will be brought to City Council in the future.

- b. Pursuant to Section 252.022(a)(2) of the Texas Local Government Code, discuss and take possible action to adopt Resolution No. 585-2025 authorizing the mayor to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Lee County and Lee County EMS, Inc. for emergency medical services.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this to Mayor and City Council The City's current 3-year interlocal agreement with Lee County and Lee County EMS is set to expire this year. The proposed updated agreement here is similar to the previous contract, with updates to pricing. The payments to LCEMS have increased, and the updated amount has been incorporated into the adopted budget.

A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda to adopt Resolution No. 585-2025 authorizing the mayor to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Lee County and Lee County EMS, Inc. for emergency medical services.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

- c. Discuss and take possible action to adopt Resolution No. 586-2025 to authorize the City Manager to execute Task Order No. 25-03 with Strand Associates Inc. for Professional Engineering Services related to 2026 Utility and Road Improvements located in the city limits.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this to Mayor and City Council. This task order engages the City Engineer, Strand Associates, for work related to the 2026 Utility and Road Improvements Project. This is the large-scale project funded through the issuance of Certificates of



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Obligation (CO Bonds). Willaim Huebner with Strand is here to present a mock-up of the planned projects included in the scope. Approval of the task order will allow the project to move forward with design and preparation. William Huebner presented the map for the infrastructure plan. William stated the map is colored on the different streets for the proposed work to have done. This project will cost \$10 Million dollars to complete.

Green color will be replacement of Sanitary Sewer with roadway reconstruction.

Dark Blue is water line replacement only.

Light Blue is water line replacement and roadway reconstruction.

Red is water line and sanitary sewer replacement with roadway reconstruction.

William stated the project is a good place to start with infrastructure for the City of Giddings.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to adopt Resolution No. 586-2025 to authorize the City Manager to execute Task Order No. 25-03 with Strand Associates Inc. for Professional Engineering Services related to 2026 Utility and Road Improvements located in the city limits.

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 30-day extension of the Escondido Oaks Preliminary Plat, generally located east of the Whispering Oaks Subdivision, near the intersection of Acorn Street and Sunrise Avenue.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this to Mayor and City Council. The developer has requested a 30-day extension on the preliminary plat approval for the Escondido Oaks Subdivision. The extension will allow additional time for the Planning and Zoning Commission to meet and assign zoning to the annexed property. Following P&Z's zoning recommendation, the City Council will hold a public hearing to approve or disapprove that recommendation. Once zoning is established, the preliminary plat, which has been approved by P&Z, can proceed to the next step in the process.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Kevin Rinn to approve a 30-day extension of the Escondido Oaks Preliminary Plat, generally located east of the Whispering Oaks Subdivision, near the intersection of Acorn Street and Sunrise Avenue.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

- d. Discussion only regarding zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, and building code updates.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this to Mayor and City Council. This item is for discussion only. Similar to the previous meeting, Council will have the opportunity to discuss potential updates to the
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City's zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, and building codes. Council may provide direction on any changes or updates they would like staff to incorporate into future drafts.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey asked Heather for a workshop to be scheduled with the Planning and Zoning Commission, next and month to help correct what needs to be updated.

9) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. Projects

- i. HWY 77 Bridge Replacement – TxDOT has experienced delays. Dianna Schulze anticipates inviting us to a pre-construction meeting later this year.
- ii. RED Grant – Bandstand construction should begin soon. The ponding issues in the lot are currently being addressed.
- iii. GLO Resilient Communities – The application process is underway. This is a 100% funded grant (no match required) that could support an updated comprehensive plan, updated building codes, and additional flood damage prevention measures.
- iv. LCRA CDPP – The new restrooms are complete and open to the public. A minor flushing issue was identified but has since been resolved.

b. Finance - The fiscal year is coming to a close, and I am working diligently to ensure the process goes smoothly. Sales tax collections are projected to finish about 5% (\$262,000) over budget. One final payment will arrive early next month, reflecting September collections by the state.

c. Community Update

The Fall Clean-Up was a great success, with residents filling five roll-off dumpsters.

d. Upcoming Dates

- i. Word Wrangler Festival – Friday & Saturday, September 26–27
- ii. National Night Out – Tuesday, October 7, 6–8 PM
- iii. Planning & Zoning Public Hearing and Meeting – Thursday, October 9, 6 PM
- iv. Parks Board Meeting – Tuesday, October 14, 6 PM
 1. Special City Council Meeting – Tuesday, October 14, 7 PM (rescheduled due to the Columbus Day holiday)
- v. City Hall Closure – Monday, October 13 (Columbus Day)
- vi. TML Conference – Andrea and I will attend October 29–31

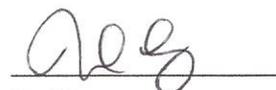
10) ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Joel Lopez adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Monday, September 22nd, 2025.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary




Joel Lopez, Mayor

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