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GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 08, 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 7:00 p.m. with the following present:

Members present: Mayor Joel Lopez, Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey, City Council Members: Jacob Janda, Mark Muniz, Kevin Rinn. Not Present: Linda Pruitt.

Staff Present: Interim City Manager/Finance Director Heather Garner, Director of Public Services Kenny Ray, City Secretary Andrea Ray, City Police Chief Bill Weems, Human Resources Angie Stanfield, Director of Library Jessie Akins.

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

3) INVOCATION AND WELCOME: Mayor Joel Lopez gave the invocation and welcomed all in attendance.

4) ANNOUNCEMENTS: City of Giddings Library annual Christmas Open House Friday, December 12 ,2025 with festivities from 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

5) PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS: None

6) CITIZENS COMMENTS: Each citizen was allowed to speak for 3 minutes each. 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, November 10, 2025.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Kevin Rinn to approve the City Council Regular Minutes held on Monday, November 10, 2025.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

8) NEW BUSINESS:

a. First reading for Resolution No. 600-2025 for the Giddings Economic Development Corporation Program Expenditure to Made for You Tees in the amount of \$15,000.00.



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This will be the first reading of Resolution No. 600-2025. City Council Member Jacob Janda presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council on behalf of the GEDC. This expenditure will help with equipment purchases for Made for You Tees.

NO ACTION TAKEN

b. First reading for Resolution No 601-2025 for the Giddings Economic Development Corporation Program Expenditure to L&M Drywall in the amount of \$40,000.00.

This will be the first reading of Resolution No. 601-2025. City Council Member Jacob Janda presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council on behalf of the GEDC. L&M Drywall is relocating to Giddings. This expenditure will help with remodeling the old Texas Republic building and help with fences the purchases for the supplies will come from Goodson Lumber Yard.

NO ACTION TAKEN

c. First reading for Resolution No. 602-2025 for the Giddings Economic Development Corporation Program Expenditure to Shoppa's Farm Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$79,000.00.

This will be the first reading of Resolution No. 602-2025. City Council Member Jacob Janda presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council on behalf of the GEDC. The expenditure will be for the new paved parking lot, if you have seen the building Shoppa's has done some painting and moved equipment around. Jacob stated in the near future Shoppa's will expand to a hub for assembly of equipment.

d. First reading for Resolution No. 603-2025 for the Giddings Economic Development Corporation Program Expenditure to The City of Giddings Parks in the amount of \$17,110.00.

This will be the first reading of Resolution No. 603-2025. City Council Member Jacob Janda presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council on behalf of the GEDC. The City of Giddings Parks requested the funds to use for the update of the press boxes for new windows painting the rails. The Press-boxes do have the Military murals painted, to go along with the theme of the field.

e. Discuss and take possible action to approve the Special Event "Public" Application for Relay for Life of Lee County to be held on Saturday, October 17, 2026 at the Giddings Downtown Plaza.

Janet Birnbuam and Lisa Teinert represented the Relay for Life. We now have younger members that have joined our organization and have brought new ideas. Relay for Life would like to move our October event to the Downtown Plaza area. We feel there be better exposure for our organization and bring more attention to who we are and what we do for the Lee County Community for stand against Cancer. Janet stated the event is held to celebrate cancer survivors. We will have a survivor dinner from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Venue on Main followed by the Relay. The we have a silent auction and the 3rd Annual Cornhole Tournament. The event is held to celebrate cancer survivors. Food will be available to purchase and there will be kid activities.



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Please understand we loved having it the Veteran's Park the park accommodated our needs. We feel that the spot light will bring more attention to our cause for cancer survivors to help ones here in Lee County that need our services when they have cancer. We have provided rides to treatment, housing for the ones with cancer. Our Relay for Life was started by Charles Etta Francis and Ruth Jatzulau many years ago.

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 Relay for Life of Lee County to be held on Saturday, October 17, 2026 at the Giddings Downtown Plaza.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

f. Discuss and take possible action to approve the Special Event "Public" Application for Lee County ARES to be held on Saturday, January 24, 2026 at the Giddings Downtown Plaza.

Marida FdC Borrromeo with Lee County ARES presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The Lee County ARES would like to set up a Winter Field Day, and make this an annual event for amateur radio operators that offers us an opportunity to set up field operations, enabling us to connect with other participants worldwide. The event will enable us and others to practice emergency portable communications. We do have a generator that we could use, but we also like to park by electrical outlets. We will come with our 16' Emergency Communications Trailer and will have trucks to work out of as well. City Council member Jacob Janda stated you need to get with our Director of Public Services Kenny Ray and he can show were to set-up.

A motion was made by City Council Member Kevin Rinn and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to approve the Special Event "Public" Application for Lee County ARES to be held on Saturday, January 24, 2026 at the Giddings Downtown Plaza.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

g. Receive an update from the Giddings Volunteer Fire Department by Fire Chief Charlie Brown.

Fire Chief Charlie Brown could not make the meeting.

NO ACTION TAKEN

h. Discuss and take possible action on the City of Giddings Golf Course policies.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. In your packet is an agreement signed by Jason for Benchcraft to provide benches, ball washers, and score cards at no cost to the city by soliciting sponsorships from local businesses.



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Mayor Pro Tem Alan Casey would like to discuss the Lee County Golf Association and their role with advertising, sponsorships, and recommendations to the golf course and council. The current score cards have a 3-year contract for free scorecards. (up in March 2027)

Mayor Pro Tem Alan Casey stated we need to see what can be done to cancel the contract with Benchcraft. Our city attorney needs to be contacted and the contract needs to be taken care of since a member of management like the City Manager or Mayor did not sign the contract.

Mayor Pro Tem Alan Casey stated this is why we have the Lee County Golf Association to help the City of Giddings Municipal Golf Course. The association has raised a lot of funds to help with new water well and irrigation system. This is why the association was formed to help improve our golf course. The members that play golf and would like to help any way they can to make our golf course better for everyone to use.

NO ACTION TAKEN

- i. Discuss and take possible action for the 2025-2026 Appoints and Reappoints for City of Giddings Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The City has several reappointments included in your packet. Vacancies include 2 alternates for the board of adjustments, one member for the planning and zoning commission, and one parks board member. At this time, I have a board application from John Booth to serve on the Board of Adjustments as an alternate. There is an opening on the Parks Board and the City Secretary is waiting for Temka Kelly to bring her application in. The city has an opening on the Planning & Zoning Commission Board. If, Mayor or City Council knows someone that would like to serve please refer them to the City Secretary for the P&Z Board.

A motion was made by City Council Member Kevin Rinn and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda to approve the 2025-2026 Appoints and Reappoints for City of Giddings Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- j. Discuss and take possible action to adopt Resolution No. 597-2025 authorizing the Interim City Manager to issue a purchase order to TYMCO, Inc. for the lease/purchase of a Model 600 street sweeper.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. As discussed during 2025/2026 budget preparations, our current street sweeper is severely aged and requires costly repairs. In order to have a street sweeper ready for the 2026/2027 budget cycle, one will need to be ordered now. The City intends to use Tymco's financing option for leasing the equipment.

Director of Public Services Kenny Ray stated we are piecing and welding together some parts. The sweeper is 7 years old. For a new one the cost would be \$364,000.00. The City can lease it for 7 years then turn around and trade it in for a newer model.



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Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

k. Discuss and take possible action to adopt Resolution No. 598-2025 acknowledging receipt of the final report from the 2025/2026 Charter Review Committee.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The charter review committee met on Tuesday, December 2nd to update their recommendations to council for the upcoming election. Since the election last year was cancelled, we were advised by our attorney to have this charter meeting for updated recommendations before calling an election. Like last time, this resolution is only to receive the final report. Discussion about the recommendations can happen with the next line item.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda to adopt Resolution No. 598-2025 acknowledging receipt of the final report from the 2025/2026 Charter Review Committee.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

l. Discuss and take possible action regarding the recommendations of the Charter Review Committee for amendments to the Charter and other amendments proposed by the City Council.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. Mayor and council may discuss the recommendations received in the last line item.

No discussion from City Council City on the agenda item.

Mayor Joel Lopez asked for a motion in regarding the recommendations or amending the City of Giddings Charter. Mayor Joel Lopez stated the motion will die to no response from Giddings City Council

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m. Discuss and take possible action to adopt Resolution No. 599-2025 for the Office of the Texas Governor FY 2026 Bullet-Resistant Components for Law Enforcement vehicles Project Grant.



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Chief Bill Weems presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. This grant from the Office of the Governor to provide funding for bullet resistant windshields for patrol vehicles. LECLESO is busy helping all the other departments in the Lee County and has given money for the bullet resistant windshields before. The bullet resistant windshields due work and another layer of protection to the police vehicles. City Council Member Mark Muniz asked about the lease program and how does this work do the bullet resistant windshield go with the car when returned to the lease company. Chief Bill Weems stated no they will be replaced with a normal windshield when returned.

A motion was made Mayor Pro Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to adopt Resolution No. 599-2025 for the Office of the Texas Governor FY 2026 Bullet-Resistant Components for Law Enforcement vehicles Project Grant.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

n. Discuss and take possible action to adopt Resolution No. 600-2025 for the Giddings Economic Development Corporation Program Expenditure to Made for You Tees in the amount of \$15,000.00.

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Nays: None

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Nays: None

p. Discuss and take possible action to adopt Resolution No. 602-2025 for the Giddings Economic Development Corporation Program Expenditure to Shoppa's Farm Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$79,000.00.



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A motion was made Mayor Pro Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to adopt Resolution No. 603-2025 for the Giddings Economic Development Corporation Program Expenditure to the City of Giddings Parks in the amount of \$17,110.00.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

r. Discuss and take possible action to adopt Resolution No. 604-2025 amending hiring incentive pay for the Giddings Police Department.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. Currently, the City of Giddings Police Department has a hiring incentive agreement that pays \$4,000 to new officers once they complete field training. The agreement also requires repayment of the incentive pay if the officer leaves the department within a given time frame. City of Giddings Police Department would like to restructure this program to a hiring incentive acknowledgement where the money is earned over time and not required to be paid back. The way the acknowledgement reads right now is that the officer would earn \$1,000 upon completion of field training, another \$1,000 at year 1, and \$1,000 at year 2. Currently outstanding/in process of collecting are 7 officers in various stages of repayment.

A motion was made City Council Member Kevin Rinn and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda to adopt Resolution No. 604-2025 amending hiring incentive pay for the Giddings Police Department with the amendment of \$1000 after 6 months of continuous service instead of completion of field training.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



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9) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. TML and Texas City Management Association both have resources for outsourcing the City Manager hiring process to an executive recruitment firm. I hope to have some options for you all at the next council meeting.
- b. The first phase of the library's technology grant has been completed, with three new Sharp-brand printers installed for public printing. The second and final phase of the project is expected to begin in January and should conclude in the first quarter of 2026. That phase will replace all 21 public computers and add 2 public scanners. This grant was part of a larger nationwide effort to provide the modern technology infrastructure needed to enable communities to access critical services. The \$73,000 grant was funded by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services.
- c. Projects:
 - i. RED Downtown Improvements – more parking lot work is being done and they are working on wrapping up the pavilion. The change order/grant amendment has all been approved so we are good to proceed. The TDA is thrilled with this project and has requested pictures from events like Oktoberfest and Fiesta.
 - ii. EDA 290 Waterline/Parking lot – There were concerns about closing this grant with enough time to ensure funding. The change order has finally been approved by the EDA (the federal shutdown slowed that down some) and we are still waiting to get a date approved for construction of the railroad bore.
 - iii. TDA CDBG Firetruck – we were awarded a \$750,000 grant for a firetruck. The GVFD will be funding the matching portion of this grant in order to get a much-needed truck for the department. We have done great things for the fleet this year.
- d. We had a meeting with the developers interested in the old elementary school property last week. Everyone seemed easy to work with and we hope to have something to present to the P&Z soon.
- e. Christmas party is this Friday! As well as the Merry Christmas Mile and the St. Margarets Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- f. Beautification committee meeting – Monday, December 15th at 11:30; GES Carolers at City Hall – Tuesday, December 16th at 9am; Parks Board Meeting – Tuesday, December 16th at 6pm.

10) ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Joel Lopez adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m. Monday, November 10th, 2025.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary


Joel Lopez, Mayor

