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CITY OF GIDDINGS

GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026 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 7:04 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, City Police Chief Bill Weems, Director of Library Jessie Akins, Golf Course Supervisor Jason Kessler, Golf Course employees: Charles Grube, Perry Cervantes.

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

3) **INVOCATION AND WELCOME:** Rev. Bill Ellis with New Hope Baptist Church gave the invocation and Mayor Joel Lopez welcomed all in attendance.

4) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

5) **PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:** None

6) **CITIZENS COMMENTS:** Citizens were allowed to speak for 3 minutes each. Dexter Wilson spoke about questioning leadership for the City of Giddings.

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 minutes from the Monday, March 9, 2026 Regular City Council meeting.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Linda Pruitt to approve the City Council Regular Minutes held on Monday, March 23, 2026.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Pruitt, Janda, Muniz, Rinn.
Nays: No

8) **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Discuss and take possible action to approve the Special Event "Public" Application from John Schiedeck for a Dodge/Ram Diesel Truck Show to be held on April 25, 2026 at the Giddings Downtown Plaza from 8:00-4:00 p.m.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. This event is intended to be a small, informal gathering for Dodge Ram diesel truck enthusiasts.

People would come and go throughout the afternoon. City Council Member Jacob Janda stated this will be for older model Dodges and Rams. No representative was available at the meeting.

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 from John Schiedeck for a Dodge/Ram Diesel Truck Show to be held on April 25, 2026 at the Giddings Downtown Plaza from 8:00-4:00 p.m.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Pruitt, Janda, Muniz, Rinn.
Nays: None.

b. Discuss and take possible action to approve the Special Event "Public" Application from Juneteenth Celebration Team to hold a Juneteenth Block Party at the Giddings Downtown Plaza from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The Juneteenth Celebration Team would like to host their block party in the downtown plaza on Saturday, June 20th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m.
President Elvis Lewis stated this will be a bigger event this year. We have a zydeco band and would like to have vendors. We putting this on for the Community and hope everyone will come out and enjoy the day. We hope to have events at different times to keep this June Celebration exciting for the people who attend. Elvis was advised to get with Director of Public Services Kenny Ray and work out the details with him.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to approve the Special Event "Public" Application from Juneteenth Celebration Team to hold a Juneteenth Block Party at the Giddings Downtown Plaza from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Pruitt, Janda, Muniz, Rinn.
Nays: None.

c. Discuss and take possible action to approve the Special Event "Public" Application for Giddings from Juneteenth Celebration Team to hold a parade starting and ending at N. Burleson St. at 10:00 a.m. on June 20th, 2026.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The Juneteenth Celebration Team would also like to have a parade on Saturday, June 20th at 10 am. There is a map in your packet. Michele Manigult is here to answer any questions. Director of Public Services Kenny Ray advised Mayor and City Council with the route of the Juneteenth Celebration there will a City Employee standing at the Rail Road Tracks for safety of all participants in the parade.

A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded City Council Member Kevin Rinn to approve the Special Event "Public" Application for Giddings from Juneteenth Celebration Team to hold a parade starting and ending at N. Burleson St. at 10:00 a.m. on the June 20th, 2026.

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 request from Diane and Martin Rangel to purchase the alley located at 145 E. Bryan Street, OT GIDDINGS, BLOCK 165, LOT E24' OF S36' OF 6.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. Mr. Rangel would like to purchase the alley adjacent to his property to incorporate it into his property and maintain it. This would begin the alley purchase process.

A motion was made by City Council Member Mark Muniz seconded by City Council Member Kevin Rinn to approve a request from Diane and Martin Rangel to purchase the alley located at 145 E. Bryan Street, OT GIDDINGS, BLOCK 165, LOT E24' OF S36' OF 6.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Pruitt, Janda, Muniz, Rinn
Nays:

e. Receive and discuss presentation from Cory Harris with the Lee County Golf Association.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this agenda item Mayor and City Council. Mr. Cory Harris is here to discuss LCGA and the Giddings Golf Course.
Cory Harris President of the Lee County Golf Association stated to Mayor and City Council Thank -You for the Heather and her team are doing all the hard work, I must say working with Heather, Kenny Ray, Jason Kessler is a great team to work with. Cory stated we would like to be consults for the golf course and help raise money for the update state of art golf course. We are working on some projects for the 325-members on a 9-whole track. We would like to have a course marshal for the weekends to help make sure all rules being followed. We are asking the Golf Course to implement tee times. I know the computer system can do this. The course really could use this tee times for the Friday thru Saturday and holidays for sure. We would like to work with golf course to have green sand mixture. The turf management are on the fairways and tee boxes for irrigation. We have placed a new ball washer for member to use. We would to help behind the scenes and make this a great golfing experience. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

f. Discuss and take action to adopt Resolution No. 625-2026 to approve and adopt the By-Laws for the Public Parks and Playgrounds Board.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this agenda item Mayor and City Council. This resolution would establish a set of by-laws for the Parks Board to provide more structure and guidance. The Parks Board has approved the by-laws and would like for City Council to approve them. City Secretary Andrea Ray stated she was asked a question about the by-laws and could never find any, so I asked the Parks Board to look over some

samples of by-laws, write them and then send to the by-laws to the City Attorney and then on the City Council for approval.

A motion was made Mayor Pro -Tem Alan Casey and seconded City Council Member Kevin Rinn to adopt Ordinance No. 921 establishing reasonable limits on the amount of personnel time spent responding to PIA requests and imposing costs on requestors who exceed the established time limits.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Pruitt, Janda, Muniz, Rinn.
Nays: None.

g. Consider an ordinance for partial tax exemptions for historically significant sites.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this agenda item Mayor and City Council. There is a draft ordinance in your packet to establish partial tax exemptions for historically significant sites. We can discuss how council might want to customize this for our City. Heather stated we had a citizen reach out to us and would like to file a partial tax exemption on their property. City Council Member Jacob Janda asked for a City Council Workshop on this agenda item. Jacob stated we need to do more research on the historically significant sites for the city. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

h. Receive update on city manager hiring process.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this agenda item Mayor and City Council. We have added the link to the SGR application to our website, and SGR has also provided an expected timeline. Mayor and City Council looked over the SGR timeline with no questions or discussion. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

9) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. We are in the early stages of getting our next P&Z meeting scheduled. I will let you all know when that happens.
b. The 6th grade Gifted and Talented class is working on a Sustainable City of the Future project and has reached out to ask some questions about challenges cities face.
c. The street sweeper was sweeping today!

10) ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Joel Lopez adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Monday, March 23, 2026.

ATTEST:

Andrea Ray

Andrea Ray, City Secretary

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Joel Lopez, Mayor