

# CITY OF GIDDINGS

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## GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**MONDAY, APRIL 13, 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 7:07 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, Assistant City Police Chief Shane Ray, Director of Library Jessie Akins,

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

### 3) INVOCATION AND WELCOME: Monica Smith with First Presbyterian Church gave the invocation and Mayor Joel Lopez welcomed all in attendance.

### 4) ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Joel Lopez read a thank-you from Beautification Committee to Interim City Manager Heather Garner and Director of Public Services Kenny Ray and his crew for having the Welcome Signs to Giddings mowed.

### 5) PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS: Presented Proclamations and Resolutions to G.I.S.D High School Weight Lifting Team for State Finals.

### 6) CITIZENS COMMENTS: Citizens were allowed to speak for 3 minutes each. Mrs. Virigina Cantu spoke on blight areas in her neighborhood and around town. Ms. Alama Wieser spoke on blight areas in her neighborhood and gave a list to the Mayor and City Council.

### 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.

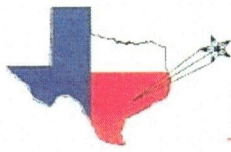
#### a. Approval of minutes from the Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 Regular City Council meeting.

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<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.

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. Discuss and take possible action to approve the Special Event “Public” Application from Tammy Overton for the Lee County Farmers Market on Saturday, May 9, 2026 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Veterans Park.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council.

Mrs. Overton would like to have the Lee County Farmers Market on Mother’s Day weekend, Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at Veteran’s Park. City Council had questions Mrs. Overton was not present and a map was not available for the set-up of the Framers Market at the Veterans Park. Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey asked for the item to be posted to next meeting. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

- b. Discuss and take possible action to approve the Special Event Public Application from St. Margaret’s Catholic Church for the Annual Spring Fling held Sunday, May 3, 2026 at the church grounds.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council.

St. Margaret’s Catholic Church is preparing for their annual spring fling on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the church. No streets will need to be closed.

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 St. Margaret’s Catholic Church for the Annual Spring Fling held Sunday, May 3, 2026 at the church grounds.

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 a request from Victor Juarez to purchase the 20’x125’ alley generally located near the residence of 420 N. Orange St. Giddings, TX. OT GIDDINGS, BLOCK 204 LOT 6, 7 & S/2 OF 8”.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council.

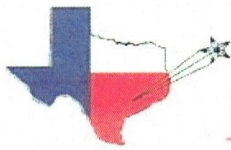
This is the first step in the alley purchase process for Mr. Juarez. David has reviewed our maps and did not find any utilities in this alley. Mr. Juarez was not present.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded City Council Member Mark Muniz to approve a request from Victor Juarez to purchase the 20’x125’ alley generally located near the residence of 420 N. Orange St. Giddings, TX. OT GIDDINGS, BLOCK 204 LOT 6, 7 & S/2 OF 8”.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.



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- d. Discuss and take possible action to approve a request from James & Lori Mitschke to purchase 20'x 75' alley generally located near the residence of 489 N. Leon St. Giddings, TX. OT GIDDINGS, BLOCK 99, LOT 5 & N/2 OF 4.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. This is the first step in the alley purchase process and a review of the maps did not find any utilities in the alley. City Council Member Linda Pruitt asked what is the reason to purchase the alley property. Mr. James Mitschke stated I have been taking care of it and mowing the alley and this would help for the maintenance. Citizens that drive in the alley make ruts when it rains. Very hard to mow after ruts are made.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey seconded by City Council Member Kevin Rinn to approve a request from James & Lori Mitschke to purchase 20'x 75' alley generally located near the residence of 489 N. Leon St. Giddings, TX. OT GIDDINGS, BLOCK 99, LOT 5 & N/2 OF 4.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays:

- e. Discuss and take possible action to approve a request from Jesus "Jessi" Lara to purchase 20'x75' alley generally located near the residence of 453 N. Leon St. Giddings, TX. OT GIDDINGS, BLOCK 99, LOT 3 & S/2 OF 4.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. This is the first step in the alley purchase process and a review of the maps and did not find any utilities in this alley. City Council Member Linda Pruitt asked what is the reason to purchase the alley property. Mr. Lara stated he lives next door to Mr. James Mitschke and also takes care of the alley behind his house and this would help with the maintenance. Mr. Lara stated about the citizens who drive and make ruts, it is also hard to mow.

A motion was made by City Council Member Mark Muniz and seconded by City Council Member Kevin Rinn to approve a request from Jesus "Jessi" Lara to purchase 20'x75' alley generally located near the residence of 453 N. Leon St. Giddings, TX. OT GIDDINGS, BLOCK 99, LOT 3 & S/2 OF 4.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- f. Consider Resolution No. 626-2026 accepting the donation of dog runs for the Giddings Animal Shelter.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. We were approached by a couple wishing to donate dog runs to our animal shelter. From the very beginning of our conversations, they have assured us they would like to cause no extra burden on the city. They will fund, construct, and help maintain and use these runs to give dogs in our shelter a chance to exercise and spend time outside. We greatly appreciate their support and look forward to working with them.



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A motion was made City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded City Council Member Mark Muniz to adopt Resolution No. 626-2026 accepting the donation of dog runs for the Giddings Animal Shelter.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

- g. Receive and review the quarterly investment report from Finance Director Heather Garner.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The quarterly investment report is part of our investment policy requirements and provides a great opportunity to review interest rates. At March 31<sup>st</sup>, the Texpool rate was 3.68% and First National is 4%.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

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

- a. **Development** - We're sitting at about 135 permits issued so far this calendar year, which keeps us right on track with our typical pace of around 500 annually. We currently have eight new homes in various stages of construction. The Cibolo Trails Subdivision is still under review with our department heads and engineers, and we'll keep you updated as that moves forward.

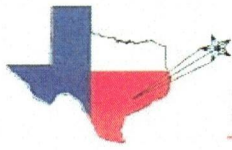
- b. **Operations** - We have seen an increase in sanitation-related concerns across town, particularly with trash and debris accumulating on private property. Over the past couple of weeks, staff has issued several notices to property owners to address these issues.

For reference, Chapter 6 of our Code of Ordinances covers health and sanitation standards and requires properties to be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. Our approach is to start with notification and give residents the opportunity to correct the issue, but continued non-compliance can result in citations.

We also have our City Clean-Up Day coming up on April 25th, which is a great opportunity and a resource for folks who may be needing to clean up larger items. We'll accept household trash, furniture, limbs and brush, and appliances that are certified free of freon.

Steps Forward Day with LCRA was another success. Last Friday, LCRA sent 21 volunteers for a project at the golf course. They paid for materials, and provided labor to paint railings around the course. A great group of people that all are eager to come back next year for another project!

- c. **Staffing** - Chris at the golf course is officially retiring after eight and a half years of service to the City, and we appreciate his hard work and dedication all this time! We currently have eight lifeguard applicants, but we do need about twelve to be fully staffed for the season. We've hired two new officers and one dispatcher, and we've extended a conditional offer to an additional officer.



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- d. **Library** - A big thank you to Kenny, Andrea, Jessi, and the Servpro team for all their hard work. The current plan is to have temporary library services set up at the EDC office by April 20th for faxing and copying. Staff is working to get that ready now. Servpro will be clearing out the affected area over the next week so abatement can begin, followed by construction.
- e. **Looking ahead** - Tomorrow we'll have our 60 percent design review meeting for the Street and Utility Improvements project. Because of that, our department head meeting has been moved to Wednesday at 9 a.m. We also have a Planning and Zoning meeting scheduled for Tuesday the 21st, which will now be held at the fire station training room. Our next council meeting on the 27th will also be at the fire station.

## 10) ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Joel Lopez adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Monday, April 13, 2026.

ATTEST:

Andrea Ray, City Secretary

Joel Lopez, Mayor

