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GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 24TH, 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 Linda Pruitt at 7:06 p.m., with the following present:
Members present: Mayor Linda Pruitt, Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey, City Council Members: Jacob Janda, Mark Muniz left at 7:30 p.m., Kevin Rinn- 5 minutes late. Not present: John Dowell.
Staff present: City Manager Guillermo Garcia, Finance Director Heather Garner, Director of Public Services Kenny Ray, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Assistant City Police Chief Shane Ray, Director of Giddings Library Jessie Akins.

2) PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN AND TEXAS FLAG: Were Said

3) INVOCATION AND WELCOME:

Josh Hahn, Immanuel Lutheran Church, gave an invocation, and Mayor Linda Pruitt welcomed all in attendance.

4) ANNOUNCEMENTS: GEDC Director Lori H. Diez addressed a meeting with TxDOT and invited Mayor and City Council.

5) PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS: None

6) CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Jerry Mathis addressed immigration
Edith Mireles addressed ICE in the community

7) CONSENT AGENDA: The following items are considered to be self-explanatory by this City Council and will be enacted with one motion. This Council will not discuss this item separately unless a City Council Member requests it.

a) Approval of minutes from the Monday, August 10th, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting.

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 for Monday, August 10th, 2026.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

8) NEW BUSINESS:

a. Consider the Special Event Application submitted by Immanuel Church for its annual Truck-or-Treats event scheduled for Saturday, October 31, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Immanuel Church parking lot.

Pastor Josh Jahn presented this agenda item to the Mayor and City Council. Josh said this is a major event we hold every year. We are placing the barricades on Friday, where needed, to close off the block of 300 N. Grimes St. between the church and its parking lot.



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A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to approve the Special Event Application submitted by Immanuel Church for its annual Truck-or-Treats event scheduled for Saturday, October 31, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

b Consider approving the Special Event Public Application submitted by Teresa Page to reschedule the event to Saturday, September 12, for a Pop-Up Shop in Downtown Giddings.

Ms. Teresa Page presented this agenda item to the Mayor and City Council. She intended to reschedule the Downtown Pop-Up Shop because the Labor Day Holiday weekend falls on the first weekend. Consequently, the Downtown Pop-Up Shop will revert to its original schedule, with events held on the first Saturday of each month, as previously planned.

A motion was made by City Council Member Kevin Rinn and seconded by Mark Muniz to approve the Special Event Public Application submitted by Teresa Page to reschedule the event to Saturday, September 12, for a Pop-Up Shop in Downtown Giddings.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

c. Consider Resolution No. 645-2026, which approves the Hotel Occupancy Tax Board recommendation to allocate the Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds for FY 2025-2026.

City Manager Guillermo Garcia presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. Finance Director Heather recommended \$225,000.00 for the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund. The Hotel Occupancy Tax Board disbursed only \$210,000.00, retaining a portion for the subsequent year. The decision followed a report from the Finance Director, Heather, on the amount of funds remaining for the following year.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to approve Resolution No. 645-2026, which authorizes the allocation of the Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds for FY 2025-2026 in accordance with the Hotel Occupancy Tax Board's recommendation.

Motion carried by the following vote:

City Council Member Kevin Rinn recused himself

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

Nays: None

d. Consider Resolution No. 646-2026, authorizing the Mayor to execute a Tax Collection Agreement with Lee County.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented this agenda item to the Mayor and City Council. The City of Giddings wishes to enter into an agreement with Lee County for the assessment and collection of ad valorem taxes on property located within the City's corporate limits and within



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Lee County for FY 2026-2027. The number of parcels has increased to 3,594 at \$2.36.

Lee County agrees to charge \$8,481.84, and this amount was budgeted.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey to approve Resolution No. 646-2026, authorizing the Mayor to execute a Tax Collection Agreement with Lee County.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

e. Receive presentation of the City of Giddings fiscal year 2026-2027 proposed budget.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented the initial draft of the proposed 2026-2027 budget to the Mayor and City Council via PowerPoint. The presentation covered the following topics: 2026 Certified Taxable Values, Certified Values, New Exemptions, Tax Levy Comparison, NNR Rate vs. Revenue, Current Rate vs. Revenue, and Budget Comparisons and Budget Options. Heather answered City Council questions about the FY 2026-2027 Budget.

NO ACTION TAKEN

f. Consider Resolution No. 647-2026, amending Resolution No. 642-2026 to change the date of the public hearing on the proposed property tax rate and the date for final adoption of the proposed property tax rate; Providing for savings and severability; and providing an effective date.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented this agenda item to the Mayor and City Council. At this meeting, we did not hold a budget public hearing. This will be at the next City Council Meeting. The final meeting will include a tax rate hearing to adopt the budget and set the tax rate. There are new nuances with the tax rules.

A motion was made by City Council Member Kevin Rinn and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda to approve Resolution No. 647-2026, amending Resolution No. 642-2026 to change the date of the public hearing on the proposed property tax rate and the date for final adoption of the proposed property tax rate; Providing for savings and severability; and providing an effective date.

Motion carried by the following vote:

City Council Member Kevin Rinn recused himself

Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Janda, Rinn

Nays: None

9) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

It's been just under a month since I started as City Manager of Giddings. In my 30-60-90-day and yearly plan, I've met with all of you, city staff, and numerous community leaders, and I will keep doing so. As part of this plan, I will also submit a formal letter detailing my initial impressions of the city.



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One of the initial changes we have implemented is the introduction of our Council Agenda Report (CAR). This tool will help us provide the council and the community with an executive summary of the items to be presented at a council meeting.

The following summarizes the major activities within the city:

1. Cibolo Trail Subdivision - Issued Phase 1 construction approval to DR Horton.
2. The sign at 1058 E. Austin now complies with regulations. A new sign permit will be applied for to install a different sign. Early discussions suggest that the permit application will be submitted within two weeks.
3. Code Compliance has been busy tagging junk vehicles throughout the city. In the last two weeks, they have identified 35 vehicles.
4. Human Resources held open enrollment for the new fiscal year.
5. The golf course was shut down on Tuesday for aeration, and a little over 6,000 golf balls were pulled from the pond by the vendor.
6. Traffic from the high school seems to be improving. TXDOT lengthened the HWY 77 timing cycle. We also continue to ask residents to avoid turning left onto Independence during the morning and afternoon rush hours.

10) ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Linda Pruitt adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m. on Monday, August 24th, 2026.

ATTEST:

Andrea Ray, City Secretary

Linda Pruitt, Mayor