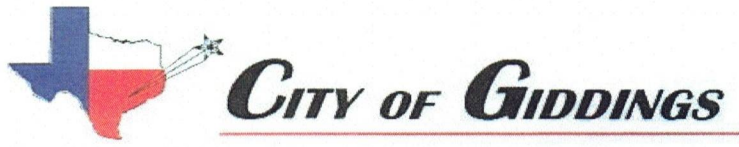


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- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Linda Pruitt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Linda Pruitt, Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey, and City Council Members Jacob Janda, Mark Muniz, Kevin Rinn, and John Dowell.
Staff Present: City Manager 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 Jessi Akins.
- 2) **PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN AND TEXAS FLAGS:** The pledges were said.
- 3) **INVOCATION AND WELCOME:** Mayor Linda Pruitt welcomed all in attendance. Pastor Bill Ellis with New Hope Baptist Church gave the invocation.
- 4) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None
- 5) **PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:**
 - a. Presentation from Jessi for the Texas Word Wrangler Book Festival
Library Director Jessi Akins gave a short presentation to the Mayor and City Council about the Books that will be presented at the Texas Word Wrangler Book Festival. Jessi invited everyone to the Festival at the Giddings Library on September 25-26, 2026. **NO ACTION TAKEN**
 - b. Receive an update from Cory Harris on the Lee County Golf Association. Rescheduled Cory's presentation.
- 6) **CITIZENS' COMMENTS:** No Citizens' Comments
- 7) **CONSENT AGENDA:**

The following items are deemed self-explanatory by this City Council and will be enacted collectively through a single motion. This item shall not be discussed separately unless a City Council Member requests otherwise.

 - a. Approval of minutes from the Monday, August 24, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting.
City Council Member Jacob Janda stated on 8a that Josh Hahn's name was misspelled.
The City Secretary will amend the misspelling.
A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to approve minutes from the Monday, August 24, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting.
- 8) **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Consider approving the Special Event Public Application submitted by the Giddings Police Department for the annual National Night Out at Veterans Park, on October 6, 2026, scheduled from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Assistant Police Chief Shane Ray presented a PowerPoint to the Mayor and City Council. National Night Out is an annual event that strengthens community bonds by fostering positive relationships between residents and local law enforcement. The event creates a lively, enjoyable environment where community members can meet with first responders, view their vehicles, ask questions, and engage directly.



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Officers will participate in games with children and distribute treats. Traditionally held across various states on the first Tuesday in August, since 1984, Texas moved its date to the first Tuesday in October starting in 2008 due to the summer heat. GPD has consistently organized a community-wide celebration featuring food and activities. The event includes invitations to GVFD, EMS, LCSO, DPS, Game Warden, LCLESO, GHS Theater Club, American Legion, local churches, youth sports organizations, KBTX radio, Jacob's Ladle, Giddings Animal Shelter, and others. Trail Life volunteers cook hot dogs for volunteer hours, with Curtis Krause providing music.

City Council Member Kevin Rinn made a motion, seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz, to approve the Special Event Public Application submitted by the Giddings Police Department for the annual National Night Out at Veterans Park on October 6, 2026, scheduled from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

b. Consider approving the Special Event Public Application submitted by Giddings Chamber of Commerce for the annual Cars and Coffee at the Downtown Plaza on October 3, 2026, scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

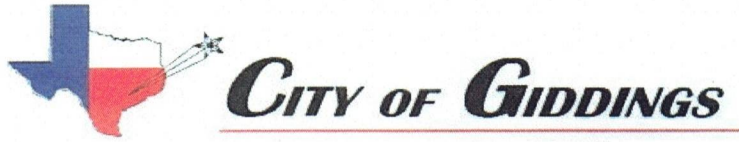
Kelita Thomas with the Giddings Visitors Center presented this agenda item to the Mayor and City Council. Cars and Coffee will be offered at no cost to the community. All participants are encouraged to bring their vehicles of all types to foster social interaction among automotive enthusiasts. The Giddings Chamber shall not sell or serve alcohol. We requested that restrooms be accessible on the day of the event and that a limited number of barricades be used to help manage traffic flow. All attendees are encouraged to explore and shop downtown and to dine at nearby restaurants. Maps and brochures will be distributed. This year, the Pop-Up Shop will be there on that Saturday morning. Kelita stated she spoke with Teresa Page; we worked out the details to coordinate both events to be held downtown. City Council Member Jacob Janda made a motion, seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz, to approve the Special Event Public Application submitted by the Giddings Chamber of Commerce for the annual Cars and Coffee at the Downtown Plaza on October 3, 2026, scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

c. Consider approving the Special Event Public Application submitted by G.I.S.D. for the annual parade and pep rally at Veterans Park on October 14, 2026, scheduled from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Ami Fromme with the Giddings Independent School District presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The Community-wide Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally for the Giddings Independent School District will be held in Veterans Park. The parade route will start at Raymond St., with reserved parking by the city pool. Raymond St. will be lined with floats from GES, GMS, GIS, and GHS students on both sides. The community is also



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encouraged to participate in the parade. The pep rally will follow the parade and be held at the pavilion. This event will showcase our community spirit across all participating schools. As in years past, we start early to finish early so school is the next day.

City Council Member John Dowell made a motion, seconded by City Council Member Kevin Rinn, to approve the Special Event Public Application submitted by G.I.S.D. for the annual parade and pep rally at Veterans Park on October 14, 2026, scheduled from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

d. Consider Resolution No. 648-2026 approving the Hotel Occupancy Tax Post-Event Report Form. Giddings Economic Director Lori Deiz, a non-voting member of the Hotel Motel Board, presented this agenda item to the Mayor and City Council. During the training session with Justin Bragiel, General Counsel and Legislative Director, it was recommended to approve the Post Event Form. The Giddings Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenue Advisory Board recommended approving the Post Event Form. Mr. Bragiel informed the board that the form will serve as a mechanism for determining the precise allocation of funds. The respective entities must complete the form and return it to the City Secretary within 90 days, after which it will be included in the HOT Board Packet. The HOT Board Task Force will meet and bring a new HOT Application process to City Council in the near future. Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey made a motion, seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz, to approve Resolution No. 648-2026, which approves the Hotel Occupancy Tax Post-Event Report Form.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

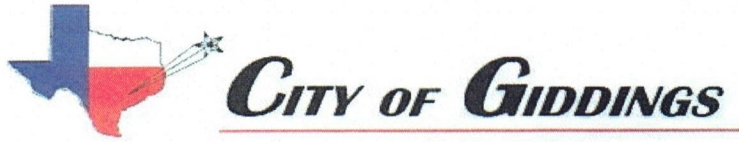
Nays: None

e. PUBLIC HEARING: Conduct a public hearing for the City of Giddings FY 2026-2027 City of Giddings Budget.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented this agenda item to the Mayor and City Council. This public hearing gives the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed budget. Mayor Linda Pruitt opened the public hearing for the City of Giddings FY 2026-2027 City of Giddings Budget at 7:26 p.m. With no one wishing to speak at the public hearing for the City of Giddings FY 2026-2027 City of Giddings Budget. Mayor Linda Pruitt closed the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

f. Consider approving the City of Giddings fiscal year 2026-2027 Budget

Finance Director Heather Garner presented this agenda item to the Mayor and City Council. Texas Local Government Code §102.007(a) requires City Council to take action on the proposed budget at the end of the public hearing. TML guidance states that Council may either adopt the budget or vote to postpone the final budget vote to a later meeting. Due to the timing of the required property tax rate and levy process, we can postpone final adoption of the budget until



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September 28th, 2026. Heather gave a PowerPoint on the following: 1. Meeting Overview 2. General Fund 3. Utility Funds 4. Capital Replacement 5. Summary 6. Public Comment. City Council Member John Dowell made the motion, seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda, to postpone the final budget vote to a later meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

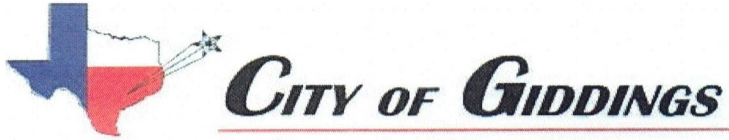
9) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

I want to open by recognizing one of our own. Carmen Arteaga, our custodian for City Hall and other City facilities, marked five years of service with the City this month. Carmen's steady, behind-the-scenes work keeps our buildings clean and welcoming for staff and residents alike, and I'm grateful for her dedication to Giddings.

The following summarizes some of the major activities within the city:

- Police Chief Search - The City has contracted with the Texas Police Chiefs Association to lead our search for a new Police Chief. This partnership brings a proven, professional process to one of our most important hires, and I will share more details in the coming weeks.
- Fall Clean-Up - This weekend's community clean-up was a strong success. Residents filled three dumpsters -roughly 120 cubic yards of material reflecting great turnout and a shared pride in keeping our city clean. My thanks to the Public Works team and everyone who participated.
- 2026 Utility & Road Improvements - We held the public bid opening on September 10 and received nine bids for this major infrastructure project. Our engineers are reviewing them now and will bring a tabulation and recommendation to Council, anticipated at the September 28 meeting.
- Texas A&M Partnership - We are developing a partnership with Texas A&M. Graduate students from the Mays Business School will provide recommendations on city marketing and branding, and the Soil & Crop Sciences division visited our golf course this week to evaluate the turf and offer management support both at little to no cost to the City.
- Giddings Public Library - The library continues its strong return. It was recently featured as a "day trip" destination in the Austin Chronicle, and staff are preparing for the Texas Word Wrangler Book Festival on September 25-26

10) ADJOURNMENT:



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Mayor Linda Pruitt adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m. on Monday, September 14th, 2026.

ATTEST:

Andrea Ray
Andrea Ray, City Secretary

Linda Pruitt
Linda Pruitt, Mayor

