

**MINUTES
CITY OF GAINESVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
200 South Rusk
Gainesville, Texas 76240
November 17, 2009**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on November 17, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. with the following persons in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Glenn Loch
Council Members Charles Draper, Jim Goldsworthy, Carolyn Hendricks, Ray Nichols, Vince Rippy, Beverly Snuggs

STAFF PRESENT: Barry Sullivan, City Manager; Kay Lunnon, City Secretary; Belvin Harris, City Attorney; Steven Fleming, Police Chief; Dan Parker, Finance Director; Polly Boone, Solid Waste Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT: Dee Blanton, Kit Chase, Pam Robinson, Boyd London

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Loch called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum of members present.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Father Charles Hough, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Loch led the pledge to the flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3, 2009

Council reviewed the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of November 3, 2009, and approved them as written.

Councilmember Nichols moved to **approve the Consent Agenda**, and was seconded by Councilmember Snuggs. Motion carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent.

DISCUSSION REGARDING COLOR OF POLICE PATROL VEHICLES

Police Chief Steven Fleming made a presentation in favor of implementing a new look for the Gainesville Police Department by changing the color scheme of police patrol vehicles from white back to the traditional black and white. Fleming said the black and white patrol cars are more recognizable as police cars and are more readily visible to the public. Fleming said the Medal of Honor theme would be retained and painted in gold on the rear quarter panel of the vehicles. He said the color change would be accomplished gradually over the next few years as the budget allows replacement of vehicles. Fleming said he wanted to begin the new color scheme this year with the purchase of a new patrol supervisor's SUV. Council stated they had no issues with the department changing the color scheme of the patrol vehicles.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-17-2009 - CASTING BALLOTS FOR COOKE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

A RESOLUTION CASTING BALLOTS FOR COOKE COUNTY TAX APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER FOR THE 2009-2010 TERM.

Council approved a resolution casting 539 votes for the City's nominee, Beverly Snuggs, to the Board of Directors of the Cooke County Appraisal District for the 2009-2010 term. The written

resolution must be received by the Chief Appraiser by December 1, 2009, who will tally the votes from all taxing units and declare the five nominees receiving the largest vote totals by December 10, 2009. Five directors will be elected.

Councilmember Draper moved to **approve the resolution**, and was seconded by Councilmember Nichols. Motion carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-17-2009 A – AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES FOR TWO TRUCK CABS AND CHASSIS AND TWO 30-YARD AUTOMATED SIDE LOADERS FOR THE SOLID WASTE DIVISION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES FOR PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2010 MACK LEU613 CABS & CHASSIS AND TWO (2) HEIL RAPID RAIL 30 YARD AUTOMATED SIDE LOADERS FOR THE SOLID WASTE DIVISION.

Polly Boone, Solid Waste Supervisor, recommended purchase of two (2) 2010 Mack cabs & chassis and two (2) Heil Rapid Rail 30 yard automated side loaders, stating the trucks are necessary for the automated residential garbage collection system scheduled to begin city-wide on February 1, 2010. The trucks will be set up for one-man automated collection of refuse. The combined total purchase amount is Four hundred twenty-eight thousand, five hundred eighty-two dollars (\$428,582.00), to be paid from 2008 Certificates of Obligation funds and 2009 Tax Notes. The trucks and equipment purchases are through State Purchasing Cooperatives which meet state bid requirements. The City Manager advised Council the next item on the agenda, if approved, provides the funds for purchase of these trucks.

Councilmember Goldsworthy moved to **approve the resolution**, and was seconded by Councilmember Rippy. Motion carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent.

ORDINANCE NO. 1234-11-2009 – AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF TAX NOTES, SERIES 2009

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF "CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS TAX NOTES, SERIES 2009" AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED THERETO.

City Manager, Barry Sullivan, recommended Council suspend the Charter and adopt an Ordinance authorizing issuance of \$395,000 in Tax Notes, Series 2009, in order to purchase equipment and vehicles for the Solid Waste Department. Sullivan said lease purchases and tax notes were compared to determine the best benefit to the City. Interest on a lease purchase came in higher than the tax notes. He said the tax notes provide greater flexibility at a lower rate of interest and he recommended them as the better option. Boyd London, Managing Director of First Southwest, said bids for the tax notes were submitted to local banks and a few other banks and the best interest rate was received from First State Bank for a five-year fixed rate of 3.2%. Sullivan said the goal is to pay off the notes in three years to save money on interest, but with the low fixed rate the City has the option to pay it over five years.

Councilmember Rippy **moved to Suspend the Charter requirement of three readings**, seconded by Councilmember Draper, the motion carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent.

Councilmember Rippy **moved to adopt the ordinance**. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Draper and carried by vote of 7Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent.

