

**MINUTES  
CITY OF GAINESVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
200 South Rusk  
Gainesville, Texas 76240  
August 18, 2009**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on August 18, 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; Bill Harris, City Attorney; Steven Fleming, Police Chief; Dan Parker, Finance Director

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Natalia Jones, Stephen Monahan, Kit Chase, Kevin Phillips

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Loch called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Reverend Scott Sundbye, Faith Lutheran Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Loch led the pledge to the flag.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2009 AND AUGUST 4, 2009**

Council reviewed the Minutes of the Council Budget Workshop Meeting on August 1, 2009 and Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 4, 2009, and approved them as written.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FY 2009-2010**

Mayor Loch opened the Public Hearing at 6:34 p.m. and called for public comment regarding the proposed tax rate of \$0.647 per \$100 valuation for the City of Gainesville Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

No person came forward to speak either for or against the proposed tax rate. With no further discussion, Councilmember Goldsworthy **moved to close the Public Hearing**, and was seconded by Councilmember Nichols. Motion carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:35 p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-18-2009 - AUTHORIZING OFFER TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES AS PART OF THE PECAN CREEK FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION PROJECT.**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE OFFER TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES AS PART OF THE PECAN CREEK LOCAL FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION PROJECT.

The City Manager recommended approval of the resolution authorizing him to make offers to property owners for purchase of nine (9) parcels of real estate properties and easements that are needed for the Pecan Creek Flood Project. Appraisals of each property were completed by Merit Appraisals and have been approved by the Corps of Engineers for acquisition. Purchase offers are based on the appraised value for each parcel. The total appraised value for the nine parcels is \$54,020.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 1228-08-2009 – TWO HOUR PARKING ZONES AND RESTRICTED PARKING ZONE IN 100 AND 200 BLOCKS OF EAST AND WEST MAIN**

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCES 271-12-85 AND 875-10-2000 DESIGNATING TWO HOUR PARKING AND RESTRICTED PARKING ZONES IN THE 100 AND 200 BLOCKS OF EAST AND WEST MAIN STREET; AUTHORIZING SIGNAGE AT THE RESTRICTED PARKING ZONE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND MAKING AN OPEN MEETING FINDING.

An ordinance was adopted on first reading designating two hour parking and restricted parking zones in the 100 and 200 blocks of East and West Main Street. The areas are designated as Two Hour Parking on both sides of the street, except for the North side of the 100 block of East Main alongside the new Courthouse Annex, which is designated Restricted Parking for use only by law enforcement vehicles for inmate transport.

Councilmember Snuggs moved to **suspend the Charter requirement of three readings**, and was seconded by Councilmember Draper. Motion carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent.

Councilmember Snuggs moved to **adopt the Ordinance**, and was seconded by Councilmember Draper. Motion carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1229-08-2009 – FOUR WAY STOP AT INTERSECTION OF MAIN STREET AND DENTON STREET**

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, DESIGNATING THE INTERSECTION OF MAIN STREET AND DENTON STREET IN THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, AS A FOUR-WAY STOP INTERSECTION TO BE CONTROLLED BY STOP SIGNS; AUTHORIZING SIGNAGE AT THE INTERSECTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND MAKING AN OPEN MEETING FINDING.

An ordinance was adopted on first reading designating the intersection of Main Street and Denton Street as a four-way stop intersection. A study was conducted by the Gainesville Police Department and determined the need for the four-way stop due to the volume of traffic at that intersection and limited visibility for vehicles. The City Manager recommended adoption of the ordinance on first reading for the safety of the community.

Councilmember Draper moved to **suspend the Charter requirement of three readings**, and was seconded by Councilmember Snuggs. Motion carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent.

