

**MINUTES
CITY OF GAINESVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
200 South Rusk
Gainesville, Texas 76240
January 16, 2007
6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on January 16, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. with the following persons in attendance:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Woodrow Williams

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Land, City Manager; Kay Lunnon, City Secretary; Bill Harris, City Attorney; Carl Dunlap, Police Chief; Ron Sellman, Public Services Director; Vince Nelson, Airport Manager

VISITORS PRESENT: Kathy Floyd, Jan Russell, Earl Russell, Mike McKenzie, Nancy Brannon, Eddie Chennault, Tricia West, Melissa Hillis, Ginger Herrmann, Terry Herrmann

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Loch called the meeting to order. A quorum of members was present.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Eddie Chennault, Temple Baptist Church, gave the invocation. Councilmember Snuggs led in the pledge to the flag.

REPORTS

Council received an update from Airport Board Chair, Nancy Brannon, who said the April 2006 storm caused many months of repair and recovery for airport. Brannon introduced the new Airport Manager, Vince Nelson, who joined City staff in October. Brannon said the City is fortunate to have his experience and expertise. Brannon said the Board is concentrating on accessing and utilizing available TXDOT funding for facility upgrades, repairs and maintenance, and on the drainage project at the south end of the airport. The need for development of utility infrastructure on the east side of the airport has been identified as necessary to facilitate economic development growth at the airport. Earl Russell, Airport Board member, added his comments that construction of additional hangar space should be considered important to prepare for expansion and future growth in domiciling aircraft and generating fuel sales. Council expressed interest in economic development efforts at the airport, and was assured that the airport manager and the GEDC executive director have met on several occasions and will continue working cooperatively on economic development opportunities for the airport.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council reviewed the Minutes of the January 2, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting and approved them as written.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-16-2007 - APPOINTMENTS TO GEDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Charles Brown, Frank Morris, Charles Woolfolk, were re-appointed and Keith Clegg was recommended and appointed to two-year terms expiring August 2008. JoAnn Powell resigned from the Board and was designated as Ex Officio.

Councilmember Draper **moved for approval of the Consent Agenda**, and was seconded by Councilmember Goldsworthy. The motion carried by vote of :

Ayes: Draper, Goldsworthy, Hendricks, Loch, Rippy, Snuggs.

Nays: None.

Absent: Williams.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-16-2007 A – CITY PARTICIPATION IN STREET SMART PROGRAM WITH COOKE COUNTY YOUTH CENTER

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FOR CITY PARTICIPATION IN THE STREETSMART PROGRAM WITH THE COOKE COUNTY YOUTH CENTER.

Mike Land recommended partnering with the Cooke County Youth Center for one program module of the Street SMART Program, a nationally recognized gang awareness and resistance program for youth at the elementary level. The cost of the module is approximately three thousand dollars (\$3,000). Gainesville Police Department will participate with the Youth Center to help facilitate program presentations. The program is nine one-hour sessions, concluding in a community meeting to allow parents to learn more about what their children have learned.

Councilmember Draper **moved for approval of expenditure to participate**, and was seconded by Councilmember Snuggs. The motion was approved.

Ayes: Draper, Goldsworthy, Hendricks, Loch, Rippy, Snuggs.

Nays: None.

Absent: Williams

RESOLUTION NO. 01-16-2007 B – EASEMENT TO TXDOT FOR POWERLINE

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TO EXECUTE A NON-EXCLUSIVE POWER LINE EASEMENT TO TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON A 0.138 ACRE TRACT OF LAND.

A non-exclusive powerline easement was granted to Texas Department of Transportation on a 0.138 acre tract of land at the location of the former watershed facility. Land said the easement is necessary in conjunction with the I-35 frontage improvements by TXDOT from California Street, North to U S Hwy 82.

Councilmember Hendricks **moved for approval**, and was seconded by Councilmember Goldsworthy. The motion carried.

Ayes: Draper, Goldsworthy, Hendricks, Loch, Rippy, Snuggs.

Nays: None.

Absent: Williams.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-16-2007 C – GENERAL ELECTION CALL FOR MAY 12, 2007

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD BY THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS ON MAY 12, 2007, PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF COUNCILPERSONS FOR WARD 1, WARD 2, WARD 4 AND MAYOR;

**ADOPTING A VOTING SYSTEM AS APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE;
DESIGNATING POLLING LOCATIONS FOR EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY.**

The General Municipal Election was called for the City of Gainesville, Texas, to be held on Saturday, May 12, 2007, for election of councilpersons for Ward 1, Ward 2, Ward 4 and Mayor. The Municipal Building at 200 South Rusk, was designated as the consolidated polling location for Early Voting for all City Wards, from April 30 to May 8. The Gainesville Civic Center, 311 South Weaver, was designated as the consolidated polling location for voting on Election Day, May 12, 2007.

Councilmember Goldsworthy **moved for approval**, and was seconded by Councilmember Draper. The motion carried.

Ayes: Draper, Goldsworthy, Hendricks, Loch, Rippey, Snuggs.

Nays: None.

Absent: Williams.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council did not convene into executive session.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Mike Land reminded Council members to give their code enforcement pictures to City staff.

The annual City employee luncheon was announced for January 25 at the Civic Center. Mr. Chris Ried will speak at the noon luncheon and again at the Chamber of Commerce banquet that evening.

TXDOT is holding a presentation at the Civic Center tonight, with a display of options for the widening of I-35 in Cooke County. Land said written comments are due to TXDOT within the next ten days.

Work on the I-35 / US Highway 82 interchange began January 8 and actual construction on the interchange is anticipated to begin in May or June.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Loch declared the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration a success, and was well attended despite cancellation of the parade due to inclement weather. Mayor commended Councilmember Carolyn Hendricks for her part in the events.

Council members were urged to review and comment on the TXDOT I-35 widening project plans, if they haven't already done so.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Glenn Loch, Mayor

Attest:

Kay Lunnon, City Secretary