

**MINUTES  
CITY OF GAINESVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
200 South Rusk  
Gainesville, Texas 76240  
September 27, 2007  
6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in special called session on September 27, 2007 at 7:00 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, Woody Williams

**STAFF PRESENT:** Dan Parker, Interim City Manager; Kay Lunnon, City Secretary; Bill Harris, City Attorney; Ron Sellman, Public Services Director; Steven Fleming, Interim Police Chief; Steve Boone, Fire Chief; David Vinton, Airport Manager; Leah Gore, Human Resources Director; Roy Lewis, Building Official; John Noblitt, Planning Technician; Chris Cypert, Municipal Court Judge; Polly Boone, Solid Waste Supervisor;

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Kathy Floyd, Andy Hogue

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Loch called the meeting to order with a quorum of members present.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 BUDGET**

Dan Parker, Interim City Manager, presented the proposed budget with charts of revenues and expenditures in a powerpoint presentation. He said most capital equipment purchases in the department supplemental requests will be financed by a bond issuance. Public Assistance funding for the Texoma Area Paratransit System was increased to four thousand dollars in the proposed budget and Parker stated it may be possible, with approval of Council, to use hotel motel occupancy tax revenues for TAPS.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON 2007-2008 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS TO AGENCIES RECEIVING HOTEL/MOTEL AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUNDING.**

The Mayor announced the public hearing at 7:52 p.m. and called for comments either for or against budget appropriations that third party agencies are to receive in the proposed budget. No person came forward to speak either for or against hotel motel or public assistance budget appropriations.

Councilmember Goldsworthy **moved to close the Public Hearing**, and was seconded by Councilmember Williams. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:53 p.m. by unanimous vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON 2007-2008 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CITY OF GAINESVILLE**

The Mayor announced the public hearing at 7:54 p.m. and called for comments either for or against the proposed City budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. No person came forward to speak either for or against the proposed budget.

Councilmember Snuggs **moved to close the Public Hearing**, and was seconded by Councilmember Draper. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:55 p.m. by unanimous vote.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1183-09-2007 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2007-2008**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT, MAINTENANCE, BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR FROM OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2008 AND REVISING THE BUDGET FOR OCTOBER 1, 2006 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2007; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND SUSPENDING THE CHARTER PROVISION REQUIREMENT OF READING ON THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS; AND MAKING AN OPEN MEETING FINDING; AND PROVIDING FOR RATIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 OPERATING BUDGET BY SEPARATE VOTE.

There was no further discussion regarding the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Councilmember Goldsworthy **moved for Suspension of Charter**, and was seconded by Councilmember Williams. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Councilmember Draper **moved to adopt the ordinance**, and was seconded by Councilmember Goldsworthy. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1184-09-2007 RATIFYING INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAX REVENUES IN FY 2007-2008 BUDGET**

AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE CITY'S FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 OPERATING BUDGET.

Parker explained that ratification is a new requirement in the budget adoption process that became effective September 1 this year for adoption of a budget that raises more property tax revenue than was generated the previous year. Prior to calling for the vote Mayor Loch clarified that even though the adopted budget will generate an increase in property tax revenues over last year's budget, the tax rate is actually a decrease from last year.

Councilmember Snuggs **made the motion to ratify the increase in property tax revenue as reflected in the FY 2007-2008 Budget**. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Draper, and carried by unanimous vote.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1185-09-2007 ASSESSING TAX LEVY FOR FY 2007-2008**

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING, ASSESSING AND FIXING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS GENERAL FUND AND INTEREST AND SINKING FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR FROM OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2008; APPROPRIATING EACH LEVY FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF ALL ANNUAL OCCUPATIONAL TAXES PROVIDED BY LAW; REQUIRING PUBLICATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND SUSPENDING THE CHARTER PROVISION REQUIREMENT OF READING ON THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS AND MAKING AN OPEN MEETING FINDING.

Councilmember Snuggs **moved for Suspension of Charter**, and was seconded by Councilmember Williams. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

