

**MINUTES
CITY OF GAINESVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
200 South Rusk
Gainesville, Texas 76240
July 15, 2008**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on July 15, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. with the following persons in attendance:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Goldsworthy

STAFF PRESENT: Barry Sullivan, City Manager; Kay Lunnon, City Secretary; Bill Harris, City Attorney; Dan Parker, Finance Director; Steven Fleming, Police Chief; Kent Sharp, GEDC Executive Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Sabrina Taylor, Hollis Parsons, Merle Currie, Betty Kay Schlesinger, Rod Tyler, Stephen Monahan, Kathy Floyd, Aaron Davis

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Loch called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum of members present. The absence of Jim Goldsworthy was noted.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Reverend Hollis Parsons, Tabernacle Baptist Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Loch led the pledge to the flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council reviewed the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 1, 2008 and approved them as written.

Councilmember Draper **moved to approve the Consent Agenda**, was seconded by Councilmember Snuggs. Motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, and 1 Absent (Goldsworthy).

RESOLUTION NO. 07-15-2008 - DEED 1410 JEAN STREET TO CITY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TO ACCEPT THE DEED FOR REAL ESTATE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 1410 JEAN STREET.

Council approved acceptance of the deed to 1410 Jean Street as requested by John Beck. The property location is one of seven properties included in a re-development program in 2006. Beck has built houses on two of the lots, but the houses have not yet sold. Beck requested to return this property to the City. City Manager Barry Sullivan recommended approval because he said Beck had made a good faith effort to build affordable housing.

Councilmember Nichols **moved to approve**, seconded by Councilmember Rippy. The motion carried by vote 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, and 1 Absent (Goldsworthy).

RESOLUTION NO. 07-15-2008 A – DEED 718 MYRTLE STREET TO CITY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TO ACCEPT THE DEED FOR REAL ESTATE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 718 MYRTLE STREET.

Acceptance of the deed to 718 Myrtle Street was approved as requested by John Beck. This location was also included in the 2006 re-development program, and Mr. Beck is not able to build on it. He requested to return the property to the City. Approval was recommended by the City Manager.

Councilmember Nichols **moved for approval**, seconded by Councilmember Draper. The motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, and 1 Absent (Goldsworthy).

RESOLUTION NO. 07-15-2008 B – STANDING STEERING COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH ONCOR

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE ONCOR CITIES STANDING STEERING COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT.

Membership on a steering committee composed of cities in the Oncor Electric Delivery Company service area was recommended by the City Manager. The coalition of cities work together to participate in the regulatory process to assure that electric rates charged for electric transmission and distribution rates are just and reasonable. Steering Committee membership provides the opportunity for substantial involvement in the effort to control the electric costs charged to Cities and their residents. The fee is \$.10 per capita based on current City population.

Councilmember Snuggs **moved to approve**, seconded by Councilmember Draper. The motion carried by vote 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, and 1 Absent (Goldsworthy).

RESOLUTION NO. 07-15-2008 C – SUSPEND EFFECTIVE DATE OF ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY REQUESTED RATE CHANGE

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE SUSPENDING THE AUGUST 8, 2008, EFFECTIVE DATE OF ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY REQUESTED RATE CHANGE TO PERMIT THE CITY TIME TO STUDY THE REQUEST AND TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE RATES; APPROVING COOPERATION WITH ONCOR CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE TO HIRE LEGAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES AND TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ANY NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE.

The August 8, 2008 effective date for a rate increase submitted by Oncor Electric Delivery was suspended for 90 days to permit time for the Steering Committee to review the proposed changes and determine reasonable rates. Approval of the suspension was recommended by the City Manager.

Councilmember Draper **moved to approve**, seconded by Councilmember Nichols. The motion carried by vote 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, and 1 Absent (Goldsworthy).

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

City Manager Barry Sullivan read aloud the Public Hearing Notice, announced the dates of publication, the location and posting of the notices, and confirmed that the notices met

the seventy-two hour publication and posting requirement. A list of the agencies that were mailed the public notices was read aloud. The list of types of project activities eligible under the program was read aloud. Sullivan said the public hearing is required before the City can apply for a grant under the Community Block Grant Program. Local agencies are notified so they can have input into the process. He said the City would apply for funding in the 2009-2010 grant cycle. Sullivan stated that, historically, the water, sewer, street and drainage projects score the highest for grant funding.

Mayor Loch opened the Public Hearing at 6:41 p.m. and called for public comment.

Merle Currie, representing the Cooke County Meals on Wheels and the Tri County Senior Nutrition Project, stated his attendance at the Public Hearing was to learn what the program was about.

Betty Kay Schlesinger, representing the Cooke County Family Crises Center, requested and was provided a copy of the list of eligible project activities.

No person came forward to propose a specific project for the program.

With no further discussion, Councilmember Hendricks **moved to close the Public Hearing**, and was seconded by Councilmember Snuggs, the motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, and 1 Absent (Goldsworthy). The Public Hearing was closed at 6:44 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council did not convene into executive session.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Sullivan announced the Public Hearing with the Corps of Engineers regarding the Pecan Creek Drainage Reduction Project is scheduled for July 22 at the Civic Center at 6:30 p.m. Detailed project maps will be displayed. The public will have opportunity for questions and answers following the presentation by the engineers.

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Glenn Loch, Mayor

Attest:

Kay Lunnon, City Secretary