

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

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Glenn Loch
Council Members Ray Nichols, Vince Rippy, Beverly Snuggs

MEMBERS ABSENT: Charles Draper, Jim Goldsworthy, Carolyn Hendricks

STAFF PRESENT: Barry Sullivan, City Manager; Kay Lunnon, City Secretary; Bill Harris, City Attorney; Steven Fleming, Police Chief;

OTHERS PRESENT: Dick Sparkman, Natalia Jones, Kit Chase

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Brother Bill Black, Grand Avenue Baptist Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Loch led the pledge to the flag.

REPORTS

City Manager Barry Sullivan demonstrated the new Code Enforcement Program that is being used by City Inspectors. The inspectors post pictures of code violations by address, document the violation issues and the steps taken by the City to correct the problem. Sullivan said the program helps with consistency in reporting and in documenting the facts of each case with specifics as to the corrections that are needed by the property owner or tenant. The program also features a request form that would allow the public to report code issues. The City plans to launch the online request feature of the program in the next few weeks.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2009 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Council reviewed the Minutes of the City Council Meeting of March 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 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 3 absent (Draper, Goldsworthy, Hendricks).

FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION REGARDING THE GAINESVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FINANCING THE CIVIC CENTER EXPANSION PROJECT

FIRST READING OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING ACTIONS OF THE GAINESVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WHICH APPROVED FINANCING FOR

THE CIVIC CENTER PROJECT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$650,000.00 CONTINGENT ON CITY OF GAINESVILLE APPROVING REIMBURSEMENT OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF EXISTING 0.434 ACRES IN THE B.F. CARPENTER SURVEY ABSTRACT 228 CITY OF GAINESVILLE, COOKE COUNTY, TEXAS AT A PRICE AGREEABLE TO BOTH THE GEDC AND THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE AND FURTHER CONTINGENT ON GAINESVILLE CHAMBER TRANSFERRING LEASE TO NEW FACILITY.

Mayor Loch read the caption of the resolution. Sullivan explained that the GEDC Board approved financing for the Civic Center expansion project in an amount not to exceed \$650,000.00 to add office space at the Civic Center for the GEDC and Chamber of Commerce. GEDC financing is contingent upon the City approving reimbursement of proceeds from the sale of the current Chamber location of 0.434 acres and upon the Chamber of Commerce transferring their lease to a new facility. Sullivan said the City would set up a lease agreement with the GEDC at a rate that would reimburse them for financing the expansion project. Per state law, the City Council considers approval of GEDC expenditures in two readings, and takes action only on the second reading. Second reading of the resolution will be on April 7, 2009.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-17-2009 - AGREEMENT FOR TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CALIFORNIA STREET ON APRIL 4 FOR THE MEDAL OF HONOR

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, RECOGNIZING MEDAL OF HONOR HOST CITY PARADE IN THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE AND REQUESTING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF CALIFORNIA STREET IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

The resolution officially recognizes the Medal of Honor parade scheduled for the morning of April 4 and approves an agreement with TXDOT for temporary closure of California Street between Weaver Street and Depot Lane from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for the parade.

Councilmember Snuggs moved to **approve the Resolution**, and was seconded by Councilmember Rippy. Motion carried by vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 3 absent (Draper, Goldsworthy, Hendricks).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Loch announced at 6:45 p.m. that Council would convene into Executive Session under Government Code §551.071, Consultation with Attorney

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Council reconvened into open session at 6:09 p.m.

No further action was taken.

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

/S/

Glenn Loch, Mayor

Attest:

/S/

Kay Lunnon, City Secretary