

**MINUTES
CITY OF GAINESVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
200 South Rusk
Gainesville, Texas 76240
April 21, 2009**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on April 21, 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 Rippey, Beverly Snuggs

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Natalia Jones, Kit Chase, Lyndon Lee, Charlie and Wanda Palmore, Myrtle Thomas, Betty and John Gage, Jimmy Gossett, Neil and Betty Tibbetts

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Eddie Chennault, Temple Baptist Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Loch led the pledge to the flag.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Loch read and presented a Proclamation declaring May 8, 2009 as Gainesville Special Citizens Day in the city. Receiving the proclamation on behalf of the Cooke County Special Citizens (CCSC) was Lyndon Lee, Jimmy Gossett, Myrtle Thomas, Betty and John Gage, Neil and Mary Tibbetts, and Charles and Wanda Palmore. CCSC is an organization of volunteers and clients who work to provide services and activities for mentally and physically handicapped. CCSC has planned a Special Citizens awareness day in Gainesville with activities and recognition of their clients, special citizens and guests. The event will be held on May 8, 2009 at the Buried Treasure Thrift Store on Yates Street.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2009 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Council reviewed the Minutes of the City Council Meeting of April 7, 2009 and approved them as written.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 04-21-2009 – RELEASE OF CITY LIENS AGAINST PROPERTIES TO BE SOLD AT SHERIFF’S SALE IN MAY 2009

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO

EXECUTE RELEASE OF LIENS AGAINST PROPERTIES TO BE SOLD AT SHERIFFS SALE IN MAY 2009.

Barry Sullivan, City Manager, recommended release of liens held by the City on properties ordered by the District Court to be sold at Sheriff's sale in May. Sullivan said the dollar amount of liens on the properties is more than the value of the properties, and he recommends release of the liens to facilitate sale of the properties to get them back on the tax roll. The demolition and mowing liens are held on properties located at 404 East Elm, 902 Gordon, 404 Throckmorton, and 1516 East Broadway. Current owners of the properties will not be allowed to purchase the property at the Sheriff's sale.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON CITY PARTICIPATION IN JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

Police Chief Steven Fleming described the Justice Assistance Grant Program requirements and how the department intends to use the funds. He said a requirement of the grant is that the expenditure cannot be for an item currently budgeted. Fleming said the grant funds will be used to replace a public safety dispatch console.

Mayor Loch opened the Public Hearing at 6:43 p.m. and called for public comment regarding the City's participation in the Justice Assistance Grant Program.

No person came forward to speak either for or against participation in the grant program. With no further discussion, Councilmember Snuggs **moved to close the Public Hearing**, and was seconded by Councilmember Nichols. Motion carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:44 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-21-2009 A – AUTHORIZED PARTICIPATION WITH COOKE COUNTY IN JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH COOKE COUNTY FOR PARTICIPATION IN A JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT.

The City and County have been approved for funding in the Federal Justice Assistance Grant Program. Federal regulations require a joint application (City/County) for the funding and an interlocal agreement that provides for how the funds will be spent. The City will act as the applicant and fiscal agent for the program. The City will receive \$48,643 and the County will receive \$25,379. The City plans to replace a public safety dispatch console with the grant monies.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1223-04-2009 – PROVIDING FOR MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS ON FM 1306 AND FM 51 (CALIFORNIA STREET)

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT AT FM 1306, FM 51 (CALIFORNIA STREET); AUTHORIZING THE ERECTION OF SIGNS AT THE LOCATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING

