

**MINUTES
CITY OF GAINESVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
200 South Rusk
Gainesville, Texas 76240
May 5, 2009**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on May 5, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. with the following persons in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Glenn Loch
Council Members Charles Draper, Jim Goldsworthy, Ray Nichols,
Vince Rippey, Beverly Snuggs

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carolyn Hendricks

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Nita Boardman, Johnny Boardman, Ashley Grewing, Rod Tyler, Sarah Arend, Dean Smith, Dee Blanton, Natalia Jones, Kit Chase, Mr. & Mrs. Erroll Harrison,

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Richard Way, Associate Pastor of Crossroads Baptist Church. Mayor Loch led the pledge to the flag.

PROCLAMATIONS

May 2009 was proclaimed National Historic Preservation Month by a Proclamation read and presented by Mayor Loch to Lucy Haverkamp, Chairman of the Main Street Advisory Board.

REPORTS

Pat McCoy, U. S. Census Bureau in Dallas, made a presentation on Census 2010, discussing why a census is performed, how it is done, and what the local community can do to help get a complete count. McCoy finished by asking Council to form a Complete Count Committee that would help to increase the response rate of citizens and target the census awareness campaign in the community.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Nita Boardman, 2209 Mesquite in Gainesville, requested that Council pursue all options to fix the drainage problem in the Creek Subdivision. She said every time it rains it floods her yard two or three feet deep and then gets into her garage.

William Hodgkinson spoke regarding the overflow of Pecan Creek. He said he owns rent houses on Schopmeyer Street and Cummings Street. Mr. Hodgkinson stated that structures that have been built along the creek have forced overflow to the west floodplain of Pecan Creek. He also reported that a large tree is stuck under the Scott Street bridge and blocks the flow of the creek.

Mark Williams came forward to say he has put work into his mother's home on Schopmeyer Street after the flood but they would like to know if they are just wasting their time and money making repairs.

Following comments from the public Mayor Loch gave a brief history of the Pecan Creek Flood Project since the voters approved the bond proposal in 2002, and described the City's efforts in getting federal funds allocated in 2007 to the Corps of Engineers for the project. Loch said the City has tried to expedite the project in every way possible and if it could have been done quicker, it would have been done quicker. Loch explained that he understands how it feels to have your home flooded, his home was also flooded in the June 2007 event, and he is eager to get the improvements project underway.

City Manager Barry Sullivan added that to date the City has spent 2.5 million dollars on engineering and property acquisitions for the Pecan Creek Flood Project. He said relocation of water and sewer lines along Pecan Creek will begin in June and then the bridge replacements construction will begin. Sullivan anticipates completion of the project will take eighteen to twenty-four months. Sullivan reminded residents that the name of the project is the Flood Damage Reduction Project and that the improvements will help reduce damage caused by flooding, but he said people who live in the hundred-year floodplain need to remember they can still be flooded.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2009 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Council reviewed the Minutes of the City Council Meeting of April 21, 2009 and approved them as written.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 05-05-2009 – AFFIRM SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP WITH 2010 CENSUS

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING CITY OF GAINESVILLE SUPPORT OF AND PARTNERSHIP WITH THE 2010 CENSUS.

Mayor Loch said the City would form a committee for census awareness as requested by the Census Bureau. This resolution affirms Council support of the goals for the 2010 Census to achieve an accurate and complete count by raising overall awareness of the 2010 Census and encouraging participation in the Census among all populations.

Councilmember Draper moved to **approve the Resolution**, and was seconded by Councilmember Nichols. Motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent (Hendricks).

RESOLUTION NO. 05-05-2009 A – AWARD BID 2009-7 FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AWARING BID NO. 2009-7 FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND SYSTEMS SUPPORT FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION.

Sullivan recommended approval of a contract with Spinnaker Technology Group, LP to provide information technology and systems support for the Public Safety Division. The work was bid as an hourly contract for 36 hours per month, with an additional rate for any special projects. Service was quoted on a nine-hour weekly basis at the rate of \$100.00 per hour for each hour

