

**MINUTES
CITY OF GAINESVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
200 South Rusk
Gainesville, Texas 76240
November 2, 2010**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on November 2, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in accordance with the posted agenda and with the following persons in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Glenn Loch
Council Members Carolyn Hendricks, Jim Goldsworthy, Philip Neelley, Ray Nichols, Vince Rippy, Beverly Snuggs

STAFF PRESENT: Barry Sullivan, City Manager; Bill Harris, City Attorney; Kay Lunnon, City Secretary; Dan Parker, Finance Director; Steven Fleming, Police Chief; Ron Sellman, Public Services Director; Polly Boone, Solid Waste Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT: Delania Trigg, Kit Chase, Rod Tyler, Steve Schmitz

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Loch called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. with all members present.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Jerry Elliott, First Assembly of God, gave the invocation. Mayor Loch led the pledge to the flag.

RECOGNITION

Zookeeper Melissa Sooter was recognized as the November 2010 City Employee of the Month. Barry Sullivan read and presented a Certificate recognizing Melissa for dependability, excellent work ethics, and increasing responsibilities. Sooter also received a redeemable certificate for one day off with pay.

REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Goldsworthy announced expansion of the Children's Playground in Leonard Park which is scheduled for March 8 through 12, 2011, and sponsored by Community Parks of Gainesville, Inc. He said the project would nearly double the size of the current playground, which was also a community build project in 1999, and urged volunteers to come together again for this new project. A powerpoint presentation was viewed showing photo memories of the 1999 build. Donations and sponsorships of playground components will fund the expansion project. Name pickets are also available for purchase and will be used for the fencing around the playground. Expansion of the playground will be a community build project and there are plenty of volunteer opportunities.

City Secretary Kay Lunnon reported that the Cohen Scholarship Board has awarded a scholarship to Issac Contreras in the amount of \$1,000 for the academic year 2010-2011. Contreras is a 2009 graduate of Gainesville High School, and a full time student at the University of Texas at Austin.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2010 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of October 19, 2010 were reviewed and approved as written.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-02-2010 – APPOINTMENTS TO ZONING APPEALS BOARD

Jess Cason, Linda Ritchey, and Lynn Sanches (alternate) were re-appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals, each to a terms extending through October 2012.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-02-2010 A – APPOINTMENT TO PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tracy Holman was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Board, to fill the position vacated by Philip Neelley. Ms. Holman's term extends through March 2012.

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

OTHER ITEMS CONSIDERED

RESOLUTION NO. 11-02-2010 B – APPROVING GEDC FUNDING INCENTIVE FOR SES HOLDINGS LLC

SECOND READING OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING ACTIONS OF THE GAINESVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WHICH VOTED TO APPROVE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE FOR SES HOLDINGS, LLC OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS.

Council approval for the decision of the Gainesville Economic Development Corporation in designating SES Holdings, LLC of Gainesville as an Economic Development Project, eligible for incentive financing. The GEDC Board of Directors approved the company's proposed construction of a new corporate headquarters in Gainesville as an economic development project, along with a \$1,000,000.00 cash incentive payable in installments of \$250,000 per year for four years. The first installment payment will be disbursed after the company receive its Certificate of Occupancy from the City.

Councilman Neelley filed an affidavit with the City Secretary and abstained from voting. Councilmember Nichols moved to **approve the Resolution**, and was seconded by Councilmember Goldsworthy. Motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-02-2010 C – APPROVING FEES FOR SOLID WASTE COMMERCIAL RECYCLING

A RESOLUTION APPROVING REVISION OF THE SOLID WASTE COMMERCIAL RECYCLING FEE SCHEDULE FOR CITY OF GAINESVILLE SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Revisions to the commercial recycling solid waste fee schedule was approved. Polly Boone, Solid Waste Supervisor, said service is now available to commercial businesses for recyclables including glass, cardboard and plastics, and on review of the 2010-2011 Solid Waste rates, the charges for the commercial commingled recycling needed to be realigned to reflect charges for container sizes and service schedules. In the past, commercial customers were provided cardboard recycling options only. Several customers currently receive service three times a week, and the revised fee schedule will reflect the charge for this service.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:54 p.m. Mayor Loch announced that Council would convene into Executive Session for discussion under Government Code §551.087 Economic Development.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Council reconvened into open session at 7:22 p.m. Mayor Loch announced that no action was taken in Executive Session.

ORDINANCE NO. 1262-11-2010 - ADOPTING GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR GRANTING TAX ABATEMENT

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR GRANTING TAX ABATEMENT IN A REINVESTMENT ZONE CREATED WITHIN THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETING FINDING.

New guidelines and criteria for granting tax abatement in a reinvestment zone created within the City of Gainesville were approved and adopted on first reading of the ordinance. The guidelines have been updated to allow for tax abatements in both enterprise zones and reinvestment zones. The guidelines expire after two years. They can be changed at any time during the effective dates with a three-fourths vote of the City Council.

Councilmember Goldsworthy **moved to suspend the Charter requirement of three readings**, seconded by Councilmember Nichols. Motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent, 1 abstention (Neelley).

Councilmember Goldsworthy **moved to adopt the ordinance**, seconded by Councilmember Nichols. Motion carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent, 1 abstention (Neelley).

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/
Kay Lunnon, City Secretary

/S/
Glenn Loch, Mayor