

**MINUTES
CITY OF GAINESVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
200 South Rusk
Gainesville, Texas 76240
February 1, 2011**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on February 1, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. with the following persons in attendance.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Barry Sullivan, City Manager; Kay Lunnon, City Secretary; Steve Fleming, Police Chief

OTHERS PRESENT: Kit Chase, Jason Snuggs

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Manager Barry Sullivan gave the invocation. Mayor Loch led in the pledge to the flag.

REPORTS

Mayor Loch announced that Ron Sellman, Public Services Director, was not in attendance due to the icy road conditions, thus the progress reports on the Pecan Creek Project and the Street Utility Maintenance Program would be re-scheduled for the next City Council meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council reviewed the Minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of January 18, 2011 and approved them as written.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 02-01-2011 – SUSPENDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY’S REQUESTED RATE CHANGE

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE SUSPENDING THE FEBRUARY 14, 2011, EFFECTIVE DATE OF ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY’S REQUESTED RATE CHANGE TO PERMIT THE CITY TIME TO STUDY THE REQUEST AND TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE RATES; APPROVING COOPERATION WITH THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF CITIES SERVED BY ONCOR 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.

Council approved a 90-day suspension of the effective date for a rate increase submitted by Oncor Electric Delivery Company. The City Manager recommended approval of the suspension to allow time for the Steering Committee of Cities served by Oncor to review the proposed changes and determine whether it complies with the law. Oncor filed their application with the Public Utility Commission in January to increase its rates for system-wide transmission and delivery by \$353 million. According to Oncor, annual rates would increase by approximately \$60 for the average residential customer. The law permits the City to suspend the rate change for 90 days after the date the rate change would otherwise become effective (February 14, 2011). The City of Gainesville is a member of the Oncor Steering Committee.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 02-01-2011 A - CALLING A GENERAL ELECTION AND SPECIAL ELECTION FOR MAY 14, 2011 FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD BY THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS ON MAY 14, 2011; PROVIDING FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION OF COUNCILPERSONS FOR WARD 1, WARD 2, WARD 4 AND MAYOR, AND THE SPECIAL ELECTION OF A COUNCILPERSON FOR WARD 3; ADOPTING A VOTING SYSTEM AS APPROVED BY SECRETARY OF STATE; AND DESIGNATING POLLING LOCATIONS FOR EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY.

The annual General Election of Officers for the City was ordered to be held on Saturday, May 14, 2011, for the purpose of electing Councilpersons for Ward 1, Ward 2, Ward 4 and Mayor. A Special Election was also ordered to elect a Ward 3 Councilperson to complete the unexpired term. The Ward 3 position was elected and declined in May 2010 and subsequently filled by appointment of the City Council. City Charter requires that a position filled by appointment be placed on the ballot at the next annual election of officers. Candidates may file for office during the filing period February 12 through March 14. Early Voting will take place May 2 – 10 at City Hall, 200 South Rusk Street. Election Day voting will take place at the Civic Center.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council did not convene into Executive Session.

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/
Kay Lunnon, City Secretary

/S/
Glenn Loch, Mayor