

**MINUTES
CITY OF GAINESVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
200 South Rusk
Gainesville, Texas 76240
March 20, 2012**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on March 20, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. with the following persons in attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Jim Goldsworthy
Carolyn Hendricks, Ken Keeler, Ray Nichols, Vince Rippy,
Beverly Snuggs

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Philip Neelley

STAFF PRESENT: Barry Sullivan, City Manager; Kay Lunnon, City Secretary; Bill Harris, City Attorney; Dan Parker, Finance Director; Ron Sellman, Public Services Director;

OTHERS PRESENT: Jordan Dietz, Laura Cervantes, Jim Seeds, Sarah Palacio, Patti Baugh, Doug Pohli, Chris Baugh, Carlos Fabrow, Greg Russell, Kit Chase, Reverend Charles Aaron, Jim Bleything, Kevin Phillips, Dale Sissney

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Goldsworthy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Councilman Neelley was absent.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Reverend Charles Aaron, Whaley United Methodist Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Goldsworthy led in the pledge to the flag.

RECOGNITIONS

City Employee of the Month, March 2012

Chris Baugh, crew leader and GIS technician in the Public Services Department, was recognized as City Employee of the Month for March 2012. City Manager Barry Sullivan read and presented Baugh a Certificate recognizing him for continuing to learn by completing numerous hours of training on the GIS mapping program and on construction inspection, and for assuming many additional duties that assist his department. As Employee of the Month, Baugh also received a certificate for one extra day of paid vacation.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Bill Barnett, who lives at 4 Fox Hollow, suggested that the city should look into developing a national cemetery for veterans in this area. He cited the success of the City's Medal of Honor Host City Program and said that Gainesville needs to move up if we are going to call ourself the star of North Texas. Barnett suggested the Camp Howze area as an ideal location for the cemetery.

Jim Seeds, Seeds Jewelry, 201 West Highway 82, voiced his concerns for the harmful effects of the newly adopted pawnshop ordinance to local business. Seeds cited loss of privacy regarding confidential business records and said the electronic data entry process will require more employees.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council reviewed the Minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of March 6, 2012, and approved them as written.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-20-2012 – APPOINTMENTS PARKS BOARD

The following appointments to the Parks Board: re-appointment of Patty Haayen and Tracy Holman, and appointment of Jerry Don Henderson, to two-year terms expiring March 2014.

Councilmember Nichols **made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda**, and was seconded by Councilmember Keeler. Motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, and 1 Absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-20-2012 A - APPROVING GEDC ACTIONS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR GAF

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ACTIONS OF THE GAINESVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WHICH APPROVED GAF AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL INCENTIVE.

Council completed second reading of the resolution and approved the decision of the Gainesville Economic Development Corporation to adopt GAF as an economic development project with financial incentives for an amount up to \$355,000. The approved funding is to be used for the acquisition of land, relocation of existing utility lines and professional services including legal, engineering and surveying as needed. GAF is a roofing materials manufacturer located on Corporate Drive and currently employs 31 individuals at the Gainesville plant. The company plans to expand their present facility and increase the number of employees.

Councilmember Nichols **moved to approve the Resolution**, and was seconded by Councilmember Keeler. Motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, and 1 Absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-20-2012 A – APPROVING ACTIONS OF TEXOMA AREA SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY FOR ISSUANCE OF REGIONAL SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL CONTRACT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2012

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FORM OF RESOLUTION OF THE TEXOMA AREA SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF REGIONAL SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL CONTRACT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2012; APPROVING THE FORM OF OFFERING DOCUMENT TO BE USED IN THE MARKETING OF SUCH BONDS; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.

Decision of the Board of Directors of Texoma Area Solid Waste Authority (TASWA) was approved, authorizing issuance of regional Solid Waste Disposal Contract Revenue Bonds, Series 2012. Dale Sissney, General Manager of TASWA, said they expect to reach capacity on the current cell at the landfill in 2013 and need to issue bonds to finance construction of a new cell in order to be operational during the next year. The financing period for the bonds is five years and is set up to match the usable life of the cell. City Manager Barry Sullivan said as a member city of TASWA, Gainesville is required to approve the bonds. TASWA is a regional landfill developed by the cities of Gainesville, Sherman and Denison. Mayors from each city and the county judges from Cooke and Grayson counties comprise the TASWA Board of Directors. Sullivan added that Gainesville will need to increase solid waste fees next fiscal year by 3%, which equates to \$0.52 per month for a residential account.

Councilmember Snuggs **moved to approve the Resolution**, and was seconded by Councilmember Keeler. Motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, and 1 Absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-20-2012 B – APPROVING ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION REPORTS AND REVIEWS BY THE CITY COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SCHEDULE OF REPORTS AND REVIEWS OF CITY FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR CITY COUNCIL AND MANAGEMENT FOR THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE.

Barry Sullivan recommended adoption of a Schedule of Reports and Reviews of City Financial Information for City Council and Management for the City of Gainesville. Sullivan said adoption of the schedule formalizes the City's financial management reporting and review practices and demonstrates that the Council and city management regularly monitor the information to deal with any issues that arise during the fiscal year. This is another step towards improving the City's bond rating. The adopted schedule lists the minimum monthly reporting required by the City Council and management, including monthly financial reports, quarterly performance measures review, bond disclosure report review, update and review of the Capital Improvements Program, Five-Year Budget, adoption of annual budget, and annual audit review and acceptance.

Councilmember Keeler **moved to approve the Resolution**, and was seconded by Councilmember Nichols. Motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, and 1 Absent.

ORDINANCE NO. 1290-03-2012 - CANCELLING THE GENERAL ELECTION CALLED FOR MAY 12, 2012; FINDING THAT ALL CANDIDATES ARE UNOPPOSED; AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS RECEIVING THE CERTIFICATION OF THE CITY SECRETARY RELATING TO THE REGULAR GENERAL ELECTION CALLED FOR MAY 12, 2012; FINDING THAT THE CANDIDATES WHO HAVE FILED FOR A PLACE ON THE BALLOT ARE UNOPPOSED; DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION; FINDING AND DETERMINING THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS PASSED TO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND SUSPENDING THE CHARTER REQUIREMENT OF THREE SEPARATE READINGS AND MAKING AN OPEN MEETING FINDING.

Council approved cancellation of the General Election called for May 12, 2012 due to all candidates for office being unopposed, and with no propositions on the ballot. The City Secretary certified that all positions to be elected, City Council Wards 3, 5, and 6 and Municipal Judge received one applicant only. The ordinance makes the finding that candidates for Wards 3, 5, and 6 and Municipal Judge are unopposed; cancels the election and declares Philip Neelley, Ray Nichols, Vince Rippy, and Christopher Cypert to be elected to office for two-year terms that will begin May 15. The oath of office will be administered to the newly elected officials at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on May 15.

Councilmember Snuggs **moved to Suspend the Charter requirement of three readings**, and was seconded by Councilmember Keeler. The motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent.

Councilmember Snuggs **moved to adopt the ordinance**. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hendricks and carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council did not convene into executive session.

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/
Kay Lunnon, City Secretary

/S/
Jim Goldsworthy, Mayor