

**MINUTES
CITY OF GAINESVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
200 South Rusk
Gainesville, Texas 76240
August 21, 2012**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on August 21, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. with the following persons in attendance.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Barry Sullivan, City Manager; Kay Lunnon, City Secretary; Bill Harris, City Attorney; Dan Parker, Finance Director; Lynette Pettigrew, Chamber of Commerce Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Ron Melugin, Rod Tyler, Jim Swartz, Errol and Laverne Harrison, Kit Chase, Greg Russell, Karen Cook

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Goldsworthy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All Council members were present.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Reverend Hubert Wright (retired), gave the invocation. Mayor Goldsworthy led in the pledge to the flag.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Rod Tyler expressed opposition to the proposed lease for use of Locke Field, stating his opinion the location has value far greater than the proposed initial payment of twenty-five thousand dollars and one hundred dollars annually for fifty years. Tyler said the view of the area from I-35 would not be a good image for the City if apartments were built as proposed. Tyler urged City Council members to re-consider the proposed use before the public hearing and decision is made at their meeting on September 18.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council reviewed the Minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of August 7, 2012 and approved them as written.

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

DISCUSSION REGARDING CAREFLITE MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL FOR GAINESVILLE

James Swartz, President/CEO of CareFlite, made a presentation proposing a CareFlite membership program for all city water utility customers for \$1 per month. The program includes a voluntary opt out for those who do not need or want the coverage. Membership would protect

all family members living in a covered household against out of pocket costs for medically necessary air and ground transports provided by CareFlite. All costs not covered by resident's/employee's health insurance are absorbed by the membership program. Persons without other health insurance coverage would have costs covered at 50% for their membership discount. Medicaid residents of households are not eligible by state regulation. Standard pricing for this CareFlite coverage is \$49 per year per household per year.

Swartz said the membership program would be billed through the City utility system and all customers would be billed the \$1 per month unless they opted out. Notice would be given to all water customers in their water bills two (2) billing cycles prior to implementation of the program. The CareFlite membership proposal will be considered for action by the City Council at a future meeting.

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FY 2012

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE OF \$0.647 PER \$100 VALUATION FOR CITY OF GAINESVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013.

City Manager Barry Sullivan introduced the proposed tax rate of \$0.647 and stated the rate is the same tax rate as for the current year and the past several years. Mayor Goldsworthy opened the Public Hearing at 6:55 p.m. and called for public comment regarding the proposed tax rate of \$0.647 per \$100 valuation.

No person came forward to speak either for or against the proposed tax rate. With no further discussion, Councilmember Clegg **moved to close the Public Hearing**. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hendricks, and carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:57 p.m.

Mayor Goldsworthy announced the City Council will vote to set the tax rate at their regularly scheduled meeting on September 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 200 South Rusk Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-21-2012 – APPROVING GEDC ACTIONS IN ADOPTING BUDGET FOR FY 2012-2013

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ACTIONS OF THE GAINESVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, WHICH VOTED TO ADOPT THE FY 2012-2013 GEDC BUDGET.

Action of the Gainesville Economic Development Corporation was approved for their adoption of the GEDC budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 at the meeting on June 23, 2012. The budget forecasts revenues in the amount of \$1,389,656 and total budgeted expenses and commitments in the amount of \$1,389,406.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 08-21-2012 A - APPROVING SALE OF ALCOHOL IN THE 100-200 BLOCKS OF COMMERCE DURING DEPOT DAYS ON OCTOBER 12, 13 & 14, 2012

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE SALE OF ALCOHOL IN THE 100 & 200 BLOCKS OF COMMERCE STREET BY THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE MAIN STREET PROGRAM DURING DEPOT DAY ON OCTOBER 12, 13, & 14, 2012.

Gainesville Main Street Program received Council approval to sell alcohol during Depot Days on October 12, 13 & 14 in the 100 and 200 blocks of Commerce Street. A free music concert is scheduled for Friday evening, and the 26th Annual Depot Days Festival will take place Saturday in the downtown area, encompassing approximately twelve city blocks. Saturday events will

include a large car show, arts and crafts vendors, children's activities in the Kidz Zone, festival foods, and live entertainment on the outdoor stage. A Disco Bike Rally event, hosted by the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held on Saturday, October 13, beginning in Leonard Park at 8 a.m. On Sunday morning, the Gainesville ISD Education Foundation will host a 5 mile and 10 mile run that will take place in the historic South Gainesville District and the downtown. This event will begin at 8:00 a.m. in the historic downtown and go through the historic residential district and end in the 100 block of South Commerce. Concessions including alcohol will be sold for fund raising purposes by Gainesville Main Street on Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. and on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the 100 & 200 block(s) of Commerce Street and from Dixon to Weaver. On Saturday the perimeter of the entire festival will be from Weaver St. to Denton Street to Elm Street to Pecan Street. All Depot Days events will end by approximately 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 08-21-2012 B - APPROVING SALE OF ALCOHOL IN THE FRANK BUCK ZOO DURING ZOOBILEE ON OCTOBER 6, 2012

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE SALE OF ALCOHOL IN THE FRANK BUCK ZOO LOCATED AT 1000 WEST CALIFORNIA STREET BY THE FRANK BUCK ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY DURING ZOOBILEE ON OCTOBER 6, 2012.

Sale of alcohol was approved during Zoobilee on October 6, 2012, in the Frank Buck Zoo. The Frank Buck Zoological Society will sell alcohol during the gated event in the Frank Buck Zoo located at 1000 West California Street. Zoobilee is an annual event in its 13th year to foster attendance, revenues and awareness for the Frank Buck Zoo.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 08-21-2012 C - APPROVING THE COOKE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT (CCAD) FY 2012-2013 BUDGET

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE PROPOSED COOKE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT 2012-2013 BUDGET

Council approved the CCAD Budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 for assessment and collection of ad valorem taxes. The budget was approved by the CCAD Board of Directors on August 9, 2012, totals \$1,246,049 which is a combined total of \$980,830.00 for appraisals and \$265,219.00 for collections. Each tax unit under contract with the CCAD pays an allocated a portion of each budget. The allocated portion for the City of Gainesville is a combined total of \$116,125.51 for appraisals and collections.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 08-21-2012 D - APPROVING PLACEMENT OF HISTORIC MARKER IN FAIRVIEW CEMETERY AT GRAVESITE OF G. H. RAGSDALE

A RESOLUTION APPROVING PLACEMENT OF AN HISTORIC MARKER SPONSORED BY COOKE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION AT FAIRVIEW CEMETERY AT THE GRAVESITE OF G.H. RAGSDALE.

Request was approved for the Cooke County Historical Commission (CCHC) to place an official Texas Historical Marker in Fairview Cemetery at the gravesite of G. H. Ragsdale. CCHC has

approved application to the Texas Historical Commission (THC) for the marker, and requested the City's approval for placement in Fairview Cemetery. With approval from the property owner, CCHC will forward the application and payment to the Texas Historical Commission for the official marker. Ron Melugin, Chairman of CCHC, presented the request to the City Council. Melugin said Ragsdale was a self-taught ornithologist and naturalist, and served as Cooke County Surveyor from 1868-1870 and 1872-1876. The THC marker is to be placed at the head of his grave located on the front row in Division 1 of Fairview Cemetery.

Councilmember Snuggs **moved to approve the Resolution**, and was seconded by Councilmember Keeler. 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 was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/
Kay Lunnon, City Secretary

/S/
Jim Goldsworthy, Mayor