

**MINUTES
CITY OF GAINESVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
200 South Rusk
Gainesville, Texas 76240
September 4, 2012**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on September 4, 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,
Beverly Snuggs

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vince Rippy

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: Kit Chase, Greg Russell, Shun Onodera, Takashi Harada, Yasuki Ito, Hiroyuki Kikuta, Chie Morizuka, Aki Ogata, Erina Sato, Migumi Kumagai, Asuka Kikuta, Ayaka Kikuta, Ai Chilba, Onodera Taisei, Kyosuke Kashiwa, Rikimara Abe, Motonari Suzuki, Saori Vunezu, Bob and Barbara Bloom, Don Yeager, Sharon Nichols, Kent and Marilyn Wooldridge, Tim Jones, Richard and Linda Lira, David Nichols, Rickey Nichols, Jim Swartz, Edna Slater, Laura Stiles, Lynn Stiles

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Goldsworthy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum of members present. The absence of Councilman Rippy was noted.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Reverend Don Yeager, First United Methodist Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Goldsworthy led in the pledge to the flag.

PROCLAMATION

Proclamation for Japan Week, August 28 – September 3, 2012

Mayor Goldsworthy read a proclamation honoring Japanese students who are guests attending the 22nd Japan-America Grassroots Summit in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area during the past week. The Summit aims to strengthen peaceful relationships between Japan and the United States by fostering friendships at the grassroots level. Twelve Japanese students and four chaperones representing Kesennuma, Japan stayed in Gainesville as guests of local sponsors. Mayor Goldsworthy presented each student and chaperone with the proclamation and a Star of North Texas medallion as a token of friendship from the City of Gainesville. The group expressed appreciation for their Gainesville sponsors and local hospitality. Saori Vunezu presented the City a Japanese silk flag with symbolic characters which translate as “good luck is coming to you”.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council reviewed the Minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of August 21, 2012 and approved them as written.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-04-2012 – APPOINTMENT TO MEDAL OF HONOR HOST CITY BOARD

Appointment of Scott Richardson to the Medal of Honor Host City Board of Directors was approved. The appointment is two years, October 2012 thru October 2014.

Councilmember Clegg **moved to approve all items on the Consent Agenda**, and was seconded by Councilmember Snuggs. Motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, and 1 Absent (Rippy).

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY 2012-2013 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE

Mayor Goldsworthy opened the Public Hearing at 6:53 p.m. and called for public comment on the proposed City budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

No person came forward to speak either for or against the proposed budget. With no further discussion, Councilmember Snuggs moved to close the Public Hearing, and was seconded by Councilmember Clegg. Motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, and 1 Absent. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:54 p.m.

Mayor Goldsworthy announced that Council will consider and take action to adopt the budget at their regularly scheduled meeting on September 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 200 South Rusk Street.

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2012 TAX RATE

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. There was no discussion, and Councilmember Keeler moved to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nichols, and carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:56 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.

FIRST READING OF GEDC ACTIONS FOR PURCHASE OF BNSF RIGHT OF WAY

FIRST READING OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING ACTIONS OF THE GAINESVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, WHICH VOTED TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF RIGHT OF WAY FROM BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE (BNSF) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$94,500.

First reading was introduced on a resolution to approve decision of the Gainesville Economic Development Corporation for expenditure of \$94,500 to Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway for purchase of right-of-way for Highway 82/I-35 frontage improvements. The area can be used to help develop the corner of I-35 and Hwy 82. Per State law, the GEDC project must receive two readings by the City Council prior to approval. Second reading of the resolution is scheduled for the September 18, 2012 City Council meeting.

FIRST READING ON GEDC ACTIONS APPROVING EXPENDITURE FOR EXPANSION OF WEBER AIRCRAFT PARKING FACILITIES

FIRST READING OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING ACTIONS OF THE GAINESVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WHICH APPROVED EXPENDITURE FOR EXPANSION OF WEBER AIRCRAFT, LLC PARKING FACILITIES.

First reading was held on a resolution to approve decision of the Gainesville Economic Development Corporation in approving expenditure for expansion of parking facilities for Weber Aircraft at the Gainesville Municipal Airport. The City will build an approximately 57,000 s.f. gravel parking lot on airport property. The GEDC has approved \$27,119 for materials for the project. City Manager said the improvements are a City investment on City land. Council took no action on this first reading of the resolution. Second reading consideration and action on the resolution is scheduled for the September 18, 2012 City Council meeting.

FIRST READING OF GEDC ACTIONS APPROVING INCREASE OF FINANCIAL INCENTIVE AMOUNT FOR GAF

FIRST READING OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING ACTIONS OF THE GAINESVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WHICH APPROVED INCREASING THE ECONOMIC INCENTIVE FOR GAF TO \$600,000.

First reading was completed on a resolution approving decision of the Gainesville Economic Development Corporation to increase the economic development incentive for GAF for an amount up to \$600,000. Earlier this year GAF was approved by the GEDC for financial incentives up to \$355,000. GEDC Director, Kent Sharp, explained that the State of Texas changed some formulas in the GAF contract, increasing the threshold for the minimum qualifying investment. He said the GEDC Board of Directors felt the project was too important to Gainesville and increased their original incentive amount to prevent the project from stalling out. Council took no action on this first reading of the resolution. Second reading and action on the resolution is scheduled for the September 18, 2012 City Council meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-04-2012 A – CONTRACT FOR CAREFLITE MEMBERSHIP FOR GAINESVILLE UTILITY CUSTOMERS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CAREFLITE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A CAREFLITE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM FOR CITY OF GAINESVILLE WATER UTILITY CUSTOMERS.

The City Manager was authorized to execute a contract with CareFlite to implement a membership program for all city water utility customers. The program includes a voluntary opt out for those who do not need or want the coverage. The optional membership will cost utility customers one dollar (\$1.00) per month per household. Membership covers all family members living in the household. All costs that are not covered by the resident's/employee's health insurance are absorbed by the membership program. Persons without other health insurance coverage have costs covered at 50% of CareFlite's standard rate. People on Medicaid are not eligible for this program by state regulation. The membership fee will be billed through the City utility system to customers who do not opt out of the program at \$1 per month. All water customers will receive notice of the program in their water bills prior to the start of the program.

Councilmember Hendricks **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. 09-04-2012 B – CASTING BALLOTS FOR THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RISK POOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, CASTING BALLOTS FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RISK POOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Approved the City of Gainesville ballot for election of Larry Gilley for Place 11 on the Board of Trustees for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool. As a member city of the TML Risk Pool, Gainesville is entitled to vote for Board of Trustee members.

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.

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 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/
Kay Lunnon, City Secretary

/S/
Jim Goldsworthy, Mayor