

**MINUTES  
CITY OF GAINESVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
200 South Rusk  
Gainesville, Texas 76240  
November 6, 2012**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on November 6, 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; John Noblitt, Community Services Director;

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Greg Russell, Kit Chase, Joe McElreath, Jess Cason, Brandi Lackey, Jerry Gray

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Reverend Scott Sundbye, Faith Lutheran Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Goldsworthy led in the pledge to the flag.

**RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

**Star of North Texas Award Presentations**

Mayor Goldsworthy read Star of North Texas certificates recognizing to Jess Cason and Joe McElreath for their assistance to the City in donating their equipment, time and resources for the Gainesville Middle School site cleanup. Cason and McElreath were each presented a Star of North Texas medallion for their volunteerism in placing community first.

**REPORTS**

**City of Gainesville website**

John Noblitt, Community Services Director, reviewed the features of the new City website [www.gainesville.tx.us](http://www.gainesville.tx.us). Noblitt reported the number of hits show that people have found the website and are using it. Financial documents are accessible for government transparency and City departments are still adding content to the site. Online bill paying for city services is planned to become available soon. Updates to the website interface automatically to the City Facebook page and Twitter.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council reviewed the Minutes of the City Council Workshop Meeting of October 16, 2012, and the Minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of October 16, 2012, and approved them as written.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-06-2012 – MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS TO ENTER INTO AN INTER-JURISDICTIONAL MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES.

An Inter-Jurisdictional Mutual Aid Agreement between the City and the North Central Texas College was approved, allowing the two governmental units to work together and share critical resources during responses to natural or man-made emergencies located within or partially within the City.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-06-2012 A – RECOGNIZING 45 CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICER POSITIONS IN THE GAINESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, APPROVING, ESTABLISHING, AND RECOGNIZING 45 CERTIFIED (LICENSED) PEACE OFFICER POSITIONS OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Council officially approved for the Police Department to carry forty-five (45) certified (licensed) peace officer positions. The City Council is required to annually declare the number of licensed peace officer commissions that the city will carry.

Councilmember Hendricks **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. 11-06-2012 B – APPROVAL FOR CCAD TO RETAIN EXCESS RESERVES COLLECTED IN FY 2011**

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE COOKE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT TO RETAIN EXCESS RESERVES COLLECTED IN FY 2011.

Approval was granted for Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD) to retain the City's portion of excess reserves in their 2011 budget. The CCAD board of directors requested approval from the taxing entities to allow the district to keep the excess funds and to apply the funds to their balance with the Texas County and District Retirement System. The City's portion of the excess reserves is \$2,311.

Councilmember Keeler **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. 11-06-2012 C – APPROVE RELEASE OF LIENS AGAINST PROPERTIES TO BE SOLD AT SHERIFF'S SALE**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE RELEASE OF LIENS AGAINST PROPERTIES TO BE SOLD AT SHERIFF'S SALE.

Council approved release of City liens against four real estate properties that are scheduled to be sold at Sheriff's sale in 2013. The property locations are 700 Buck Street, 301 South Schopmeyer, 818 South Schopmeyer, and 812 Beattie Street. The City Manager said the City is currently maintaining the properties and he recommended release of the liens so the properties can be sold and put back on the tax roll. Current owners of each property will not be allowed to purchase the property at the Sheriff's sale.

Councilmember Clegg **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. 11-06-2012 D – AUTHORIZING QUITCLAIM DEED CONVEYING 1.112 ACRES OF MKT RIGHT-OR-WAY TO STANLEY WILLIS AND SHARLENE WILLIS**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A QUITCLAIM DEED CONVEYING 1.112 ACRES OF FORMER MKT RIGHT OF WAY TO STANLEY WILLIS AND SHARLENE WILLIS.

Sale of 1.112 acres of former MKT right of way located east of County Road 260 was approved to adjoining owners, Stanley and Sharlene Willis. The property is a long, narrow strip, with two adjoining land owners. The City is allowed to offer the property only to the adjoining land owners. One family declined purchase of half the property and the Willis' agreed to purchase the entire tract for the appraised value of \$4,000.

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.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1304-11-2012 – DESIGNATING TWO-WAY TRAFFIC ON NORTH DENTON STREET FROM BROADWAY TO EAST SCOTT STREET**

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS PROVIDING FOR DESIGNATION OF NORTH DENTON STREET NORTH OF BROADWAY STREET AND SOUTH OF EAST SCOTT STREET IN THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE TO BE A TWO-WAY TRAFFIC STREET; PROVIDING A PENALTY OF FINE OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) FOR VIOLATION OF ANY SECTION OF THE ORDINANCE; MAKING FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ordinance was approved and adopted designating North Denton Street, from Broadway to East Scott Street, to be a two-way traffic street. Gainesville Police Department recommended approval of the change to benefit residents in the area as well the anticipated new location of the Cooke County Boys & Girls Club.

Councilmember Clegg **moved to Suspend the Charter requirement of three readings**, seconded by Councilmember Keeler, the motion carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent.

Councilmember Clegg **moved to adopt the ordinance**. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keeler and carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 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 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kay Lunnon, City Secretary

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Jim Goldsworthy, Mayor