

**MINUTES
CITY OF GAINESVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
200 South Rusk
Gainesville, Texas 76240
March 5, 2013**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on March 5, 2013 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; Dan Parker, Finance Director; Mary Jarvis, Controller; Kent Sharp, Executive Director, GEDC; Tony Dresser, Videographer

OTHERS PRESENT: Aaron Smith, Gregg Russell, Tim Hitchcock, Mark Hitchcock, Billy Lemons, Walt DeRonde, Kit Chase

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 Mark Loewen, First Christian Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Goldsworthy led in the pledge to the flag.

REPORT ON CITY WEBSITE LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR GOVERNMENTAL TRANSPARENCY FROM TEXAS STATE COMPTROLLER

City Manager Barry Sullivan made a report on the City's Gold Leadership Circle Award from the Texas State Comptroller under its governmental transparency program guidelines for posting key financial documents on the website, including annual budgets, annual financial report, and check registers. The state comptroller's leadership circle spotlights local governments that set the bar with their transparency efforts. Council was navigated to the City of Gainesville website homepage (www.gainesville.tx.us), to the financial transparency link, and to the page where the City's financial documents can be viewed and/or downloaded. The City has posted the current fiscal year budget and previous fiscal year budgets back to 2009/2010; comprehensive annual financial reports (CAFR) 2008 through 2012; monthly check registers (October 2012 through January 2013); and summary payroll information by fund (October 2012 through January 2013). Sullivan said the State Comptroller's Gold Circle Award is the top level of recognition under the program.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Aaron Smith, 111 Haight Street, said he came on behalf of Ms. Mary Sue Nutter, who spoke to Council at the previous meeting. Smith requested an exception from city ordinance to allow Ms. Nutter to move an older home onto her lot on Anthony Street.

Tim Hitchcock, 7994 FM 902, Collinsville, Texas, said he is a house mover in Cooke County. He said city ordinance should be amended to allow homes to be moved into Gainesville and required to be brought up to city code. Hitchcock said he moved a house for Ms. Nutter in 2009 and she had contacted him recently to relocate a house to 1406 Anthony Street, but current ordinance does not allow it.

Mark Hitchcock, 398 Hitchcock Lane, Argyle, Texas, said he operates a house moving service. He said the city ordinance is too restrictive and does not allow any house moving in Gainesville. Other cities he works in allow homes to be relocated and require inspections during the process, much like building a new home. Hitchcock said the City should reconsider without just saying no across the board.

Billy Lemons, 1206 Anderson Road, Whitesboro, Texas, said he has been in the home moving business in this area for fifty years. He requested amending the city ordinance to allow houses to be moved into Gainesville. Lemons said he hoped legal action would not be necessary.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council reviewed the Minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of February 19, 2013, and approved them as written.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-05-2013 – APPOINTMENT OF CITY REPRESENTATIVE TO MEDAL OF HONOR BOARD

Appointed Bobby Balthrop to the Medal of Honor Board of Directors to complete an unexpired term through October 2014. Balthrop replaces Scott Richardson as the city representative on the board.

Councilmember Hendricks **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. 03-05-2013 A - DECLARING SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AND DIRECTING SALE BY INTERNET AUCTION

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN EQUIPMENT TO BE SURPLUS; FINDING THAT THE ITEMS MAY BEST BE SOLD AT AUCTION OVER THE INTERNET; AND DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TO SELL THEM ACCORDINGLY, DEPOSITING THE PROCEEDS OF SALE INTO THE FUND THAT PROVIDED THE FUNDING.

Council approved a resolution declaring certain City equipment to be surplus and authorizing sale of the surplus property through auction over the internet. City departments compiled a list of equipment no longer economical to operate and recommended sale of the equipment. The City Manager recommended approval of auction over the internet, using the firm of Renee Bates, whom the City has used successfully for several years. Funds generated from sales of equipment will go back to the fund that provided for purchase of the equipment.

Councilmember Clegg **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. 03-05-2013 B – AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING OF AN AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READER FOR THE CITY MARSHAL

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, FOR FUNDING TO BE

USED FOR PURCHASE OF AN AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READER FOR THE CITY MARSHAL.

Council approved submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for funding in the amount of \$21,120 to be used for purchase of an automatic license plate reader for the City Marshal to locate people with warrants.

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.

FIRST READING CONSIDERATION OF GEDC ACTIONS ADOPTING THE GISD NEW BASEBALL FIELD AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND APPROVING FUNDING INCENTIVE

FIRST READING OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING ACTIONS OF THE GAINESVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WHICH VOTED TO APPROVE THE GAINESVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S NEW BASEBALL FIELD AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND TO APPROVE FUNDING AN INCENTIVE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000.

First reading was held on a resolution for Council approval of the Gainesville Economic Development Corporation Board's adoption of the Gainesville Independent School District's new baseball field as an economic development project and approval of incentive funding in the amount of \$200,000. Executive Director, Kent Sharp, said the GEDC approved to help fund the GISD's new baseball facility, after their lease was ended with the city for the original Locke Field which is scheduled to be demolished. Councilman Rippy questioned the appropriateness of one tax unit providing funding to another tax unit, and stated that each should remain separate and budget for their own financial needs. Councilman Nichols said the school district is one of the biggest indicators of growth of the community and he feels it is important that City and GEDC partner in that progress. Mayor Goldsworthy praised the GEDC funding as a fitting partnership of entities working together for the betterment of the community. He said the GEDC commitment is from funds they had designated for a park project and is a wise investment for economic growth in the community.

No action was taken on first reading of the resolution in accordance with state law. Council's second reading consideration and action will take place at the next regularly scheduled meeting on March 19, 2013.

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 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/
Kay Lunnon, City Secretary

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Jim Goldsworthy, Mayor