

**MINUTES
CITY OF GAINESVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
200 South Rusk
Gainesville, Texas 76240
July 1, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on July 1, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. with the following persons in attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Jim Goldsworthy
Keith Clegg, Mary Jo Dollar, Carolyn Hendricks, Ken Keeler, Ray Nichols, Beverly Snuggs

STAFF PRESENT: Barry Sullivan, City Manager; Bill Harris, City Attorney; Kay Lunnon, City Secretary; Kevin Phillips, Police Chief; Dan Parker, Finance Director; Julie Smith, Community Services Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Bonnie Friedrich, Nancy O'Dell, Dean Patterson, Theary Alvarez, Margie Askew, Jan Fox, Phil Schenk, Rebecca Lawson, Rod Tyler, Ramona Tyler, Cathy Mounce, Keith King, Tony Dresser (Videographer)

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Manager Barry Sullivan gave the invocation. Mayor Goldsworthy lead in the pledge to the flag.

REPORTS

Bonnie Friedrich, President of the Cooke County Arts Council made a presentation regarding the cultural activities of the Arts Council organizations, which include the Gainesville Swing Orchestra, North Central Texas Chorale, and Gainesville Area Visual Arts (GAVA). Friedrich made a budget funding request of \$4950 for support to the Arts Council during fiscal year 2014-2015.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council reviewed the Minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of June 15, 2014, and approved them as written.

Councilmember Snuggs **moved to approve the Minutes**, and was seconded by Councilmember Clegg. The motion carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent.

ORDINANCE NO. 1347-07-2014 - RE-ZONING 401 WEST CALIFORNIA FROM (C-2) GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO (CA) CENTRAL AREA DISTRICT

SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1219-12-2008; THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, TO REZONE FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C-2) TO CENTRAL AREA DISTRICT (CA) THE ENTIRETY OF THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS 401 WEST CALIFORNIA; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND MAKING AN OPEN MEETING FINDING.

Re-zoning of the property addressed as 401 West California (0.1722 acres) from General Commercial (C-2) to Central Area District (CA) was approved and adopted by ordinance. The property is located on the northwest corner of California and Weaver Streets and fronts on California Street. City Manager Barry Sullivan advised that CA and C-2 zoning abut each other in this area. The requested zoning (CA) is more restrictive, allowing only eleven types of development, while the C-2 zoning allows forty-eight development uses. In response to Council questions from the previous meeting, Sullivan said the property owner would have to meet parking requirements for development in the CA district, however landscaping is not required in CA zoning. Sullivan said the re-zoning request is unanimously supported by the Planning and Zoning Commission and city staff also recommends approval since it is more restrictive. The Planning and Zoning Commission intends to review CA and C-2 zoning in the area for future recommendations and consideration.

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

Councilmember Nichols **moved to adopt the ordinance**. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Clegg and carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

ORDINANCE NO. 1348-07-2014 - AMENDING THE SIGN CODE FOR OFF PREMISE SIGNS IN CHAPTER 5 SECTIONS 169, 170, 171 AND 179

SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE IV SIGNS, SECTION 5-169 SIGNS REQUIRING A SPECIAL PERMIT OR CONDITIONS OF USE; SECTION 5-170 PROHIBITED SIGNS; SECTION 5-171 OFF-PREMISES SIGN REGULATIONS; AND SECTION 5-179 SIGN ILLUMINATION AND SIGNS CONTAINING LIGHTING; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FINDING THE MEETING WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Amendment to the sign code relating to off-premises sign (billboards) regulations in City Code, Chapter 5 was approved and adopted. The amendments remove an unclear clause to eliminate approval by Planning and Zoning for billboard permits, and updates zoning classifications where these signs are allowed to be placed. Language has been added to allow for off-premises digital signs. The Planning and Zoning Commission and City staff recommended approval of the amendments.

Councilmember Snuggs **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 Snuggs **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 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/
Kay Lunnon, City Secretary

/S/
Jim Goldsworthy, Mayor