

**MINUTES
CITY OF GAINESVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
200 South Rusk
Gainesville, Texas 76240
August 5, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on August 5, 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; Ron Sellman, Public Services Director; Craig Evins, Streets Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT: Reverend Jerry Jones, Judy Fullylove, Elizabeth Phillips, Serena Evins, Larry Lewis, Keith King, Cathy Mounce, 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

Reverend Jerry Jones, Whaley Methodist Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Goldsworthy lead in the pledge to the flag.

REPORTS

211 Presentation

Judy Fullylove, Texoma Council of Governments 211 Program Manager, presented information on 2-1-1 resource services and activities available in the Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson County Area.

Lean Six Sigma Project Report on Air tanks

Craig Evins, Streets Supervisor, gave a report on a Lean Six Sigma Project he completed this summer that saves the City over \$3000 annually. The project evolved from his investigation of his department's rental cost for oxygen and acetylene tanks used for welding, and expanded into an initiative that included all city departments, and resulted in restructuring tank rentals from daily rates to annual rates with separated billing by department and a reduced number of tanks in service. Evins was praised for taking the lead to eliminate waste, ensure safety and save money for the City.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Larry Lewis, 1217 Hillside Drive, spoke to Council about flooding on Hillside Drive and Summa Streets when it rains a lot or rains hard. Lewis expressed his concern and asked what action could be taken to correct the problem. He said the water does not have a place to go.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council reviewed the Minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of July 15, 2014, and the Budget Workshop Minutes of July 19, 2014, and approved them as written.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-05-2014 – APPOINTMENT TO GAINESVILLE MAIN STREET BOARD

Approved appointment of Joanie Price to the Gainesville Main Street Board to a term through December 2016. Ms. Price will fill the vacancy created by Paige Davidson who reached term limit of two consecutive terms on the board.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-05-2014 A – APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Approved appointment of Emmanuel Albarado to the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Marcus Parkhill, who resigned. The appointed term expires April 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-05-2014 B – RE-APPOINTMENTS TO AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Approved re-appointment of Mike McKenzie, Richard Lira, and Nancy Brannon, each to two-year terms on the Airport Advisory Board, expiring July 2016.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1349-08-2014 – ADOPTING AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF “CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2014”.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE CITY’S GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2014; APPROVING THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT, PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT AND ENGAGING BOND COUNSEL; PROVIDING FOR THE PLEDGE OF FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE BONDS.

Ordinance was adopted, approving and authorizing issuance of General Obligation Bond, Series 2014, in the amount of \$5,000,000. City Manager Barry Sullivan reported the twenty-year bonds were sold the morning of August 5, 2014, for \$5,000,000 with an interest rate of 3.01%. He said the City received a bond rating upgrade from Standard and Poors (S & P) and Moody’s Investor Service to AA-/Aa3. This upgrade lowered the interest rate and eliminated the need to purchase insurance for this issuance. Boyd London, First Southwest Company, said the upgraded rating reflects S & P’s and Moody’s opinion of the City’s strong management and strong budgetary performance. The issuance of \$10 M in bonds was approved by public vote in May 2014 for funds to be used for street improvements and related infrastructure.

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

Councilmember Nichols **moved to adopt the ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of the City of Gainesville, Texas General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014 and approving all other matters incident thereto**. This motion was seconded by Councilmember Snuggs and carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-05-2014 C – AUTHORIZING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH TXDOT FOR AN OBSTRUCTION SURVEY AT RUNWAY 35 AT GAINESVILLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TX, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A GRANT TO CONDUCT AN OBSTRUCTION SURVEY TO RWY 35 AT THE GAINESVILLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

The Mayor was authorized and approved to enter into an airport participation grant agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to conduct an obstruction survey to Runway 35 at the Gainesville Municipal Airport in order to develop an instrument approach to the runway from the south. The survey must be performed to identify all obstructions to the flight approach path before the instrument approach can be developed. The cost of the survey is approximately \$120,000 of which the City's portion is \$12,000 (from the Airport Fund) and TXDOT will pay \$108,000. The southern approach to RWY 35 will allow aircraft to land at the airport during inclement weather conditions. City Staff and the Airport Advisory Board recommended approval of the project as it will improve airport reliability, increase aircraft operations, and promote fuel sales.

Councilmember Hendricks **moved to approve the resolution.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keeler and carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

RECORD VOTE TO CONSIDER A PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FY 2015

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON A PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015.

Council voted to consider a Tax Rate of \$0.69089 for the City of Gainesville for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. State law requires a record vote on the proposed tax rate if the rate exceeds the rollback rate (\$0.80400) or the effective rate (\$0.65670). City Manager Barry Sullivan said the reason for the tax rate increase is because of the bond issuance, which received voter approval in May and the public was informed that the tax rate would increase. Sullivan said Council's record vote to consider a tax rate of \$0.69089 does not require them to adopt this rate in September. Council can adopt a tax rate lower than proposed \$0.69089, but it cannot adopt a rate higher than \$0.69089. He said because the bond issuance came in a little lower than anticipated, he may be able to shrink the proposed tax rate slightly and the tax rate Council considers in September may be lower than the proposed rate of \$0.69089.

Councilmember Nichols **made a motion to consider a tax rate of \$0.69089 per \$100 of property value for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keeler and carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, and 0 Absent.

SCHEDULED TWO PUBLIC HEARING DATES ON PROPOSED 2015 TAX RATE

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON SETTING PUBLIC HEARING DATE(S) FOR THE PROPOSED 2015 TAX RATE.

Council scheduled dates for two public hearings (as required by State law) on the proposed 2015 tax rate, to be held on August 19 and September 2, 2014, at Gainesville City Hall, 200 South Rusk Street at 6:30 p.m.

Councilmember Snuggs **made a motion to schedule public hearings on the proposed tax rate for August 19, 2014 and September 2, 2014, to be held at Gainesville City Hall, 200 South Rusk at 6:30 p.m.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dollar, and carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent.

SCHEDULED DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2014-2015

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR THE PROPOSED 2014-2015 BUDGET.

Council set the date of September 2, 2014 for a Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2014-2015 Budget to be held at Gainesville City Hall, 200 South Rusk Street at 6:30 p.m.

Councilmember Snuggs **made a motion to schedule a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget for September 2, 2014 at Gainesville City Hall, 200 South Rusk at 6:30 p.m.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dollar, and carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-05-2014 D - APPROVE CONTRACT WITH PATRICIA ADAMS FOR MUNICIPAL COURT ATTORNEY SERVICES

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH PATRICIA ADAMS FOR MUNICIPAL COURT ATTORNEY SERVICES; SAID AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS STATED THEREIN IN A FORM ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH PARTIES.

Renewal of the contract with Attorney Patricia Adams was approved for Municipal Court Attorney services. Sullivan said the prosecutor contract is \$1000 per month for two years and is set up to run concurrently with the Municipal Judge's elected term. He said Adams does a good job for the court and he recommended approval of the contract.

Councilmember Hendricks **moved to approve the resolution.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keeler and carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-05-2014 E – GRANTING USE OF GAINESVILLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT SEPTEMBER 12 – 14, 2014 TO NORTH TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION, INC FOR A BALLOON SPECTACULAR FESTIVAL EVENT AND SALES OF ALCOHOL AT THE EVENT

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE NORTH TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION, INC. FOR USE OF THE GAINESVILLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, SEPTEMBER 12-14, 2014, FOR A BALLOON SPECTACULAR FESTIVAL EVENT AND TO SELL ALCOHOL AT THE EVENT.

The North Texas Medical Center (NTMC) Foundation, Inc. received permission to hold its third annual hot air balloon festival event at the Gainesville Municipal Airport, September 12 – 14, 2014, and to sell alcohol at the event. The festival will feature traditional balloon activities, musical entertainment, air show, merchandise and food vendors, and children's activities. A "Champagne and Propane" Ball for sponsors and special guests will be held in the one of the airport hangars. The fundraiser benefits the NTMC Foundation.

Councilmember Keeler **moved to approve the resolution.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dollar and carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-05-2014 F – SUMMITTING THE NOMINATION OF LEAH GORE AS A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE MULTISTATE INTERGOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL SUBMITTING NOMINATION OF LEAH GORE AS A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE FOR THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE MULTISTATE INTERGOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Council voted their approval of the nomination of Leah Gore, Human Resources Director of the City of Gainesville, as a qualified candidate for the Board of Trustees of the Texas Municipal

League Multistate Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool (TML Multistate IEBP). Gore meets all requirements for the nomination as a candidate and was highly recommended for approval by City Staff.

Councilmember Keeler **moved to approve the resolution.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dollar 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 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/
Kay Lunnon, City Secretary

/S/
Jim Goldsworthy, Mayor