

**MINUTES
CITY OF GAINESVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
200 South Rusk
Gainesville, Texas 76240
October 21, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on October 21, 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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Beverly Snuggs

STAFF PRESENT: Barry Sullivan, City Manager; Bill Harris, City Attorney; Kay Lunnon, City Secretary; Kevin Phillips, Police Chief; Dan Parker, Finance Director; Polly Boone, Solid Waste Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Craig Evins, Cathy Mounce, Keith King, Dillon Aston, Tony Dresser (Videographer)

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Goldsworthy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with six council members present. Council Member Beverly Snuggs was absent.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Manager, Barry Sullivan gave the invocation. Mayor Goldsworthy led the pledge to the flag.

RECOGNITIONS

Employee of the Month, October 2014

James Huckabee was named October 2014 Employee of the Month and recognized for his assistance to the garage department. He was instrumental to the success of the Lean Six Sigma massive garage clean-up project completed earlier this year. Huckabee regularly assists garage staff by repairing equipment for the solid waste division which helps the garage in their workload and decreases equipment downtime. He serviced the oil container air lines which resulted in more efficient operation of the oil containers. City Manager Barry Sullivan read and presented the recognition certificate to Huckabee along with a certificate for an additional one day of vacation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council reviewed the Minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of October 7, 2014, and approved them as written.

Councilmember Keeler **moved to approve the Consent Agenda**, and was seconded by Councilmember Dollar. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-21-2014 – DECLARE OUT OF SERVICE YOUTH SOCCER GOALS AS SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AND APPROVE TRANSFER TO VALLEY VIEW

A RESOLUTION DECLARING TWO SETS OF YOUTH SOCCER GOALS LOCATED IN KENETESO PARK AS SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AND AUTHORIZING TRANSFER TO THE CITY OF VALLEY VIEW.

Two sets of out of service youth soccer goals were declared as surplus property and approval given for the equipment to be transferred to the City of Valley View at no cost. City staff recommended approval of the transfer to City of Valley View for their repair and use.

Councilmember Hendricks **moved to approve the resolution.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Clegg and carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-21-2014 A – APPROVE ACTIONS OF STANFORD CHARITABLE CORPORATION IN SELECTION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE STANFORD HOUSE

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE STANFORD CHARITABLE CORPORATION SELECTING AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STANFORD HOUSE.

Council approved action of the Board of Directors of the Stanford Charitable Corporation in selecting Kathi Kirby for the Executive Director position at the Stanford House.

Councilmember Nichols **moved to approve the resolution.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Clegg and carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-21-2014 B – ADOPTING EMPLOYEE GROUP BENEFITS WELLNESS PROGRAM AND INCENTIVE PROGRAM EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EMPLOYEE GROUP BENEFITS WELLNESS PROGRAM AND INCENTIVE PROGRAM, WHICH BECOMES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015.

An Employee Group Benefits Wellness and Incentive Program for City employees was adopted and will become effective as of October 1, 2015. City Manager Sullivan advised the City is currently paying 100% of the cost of employees' health coverage (medical plan benefits/insurance). With adoption of the new program, beginning January 1, 2016, the City will pay 80% of the cost of employee health coverage and employees will pay 20%. However, employees may voluntarily participate in the City's Wellness and Incentive Program in order to receive an incentive that will result in the City paying 100% of an employee's health coverage. To receive the wellness incentive, employees must 1) participate in the Healthy Initiatives Program by completing age and gender specific biometric screenings and the online Health Power Assessment, for which they receive a \$150 incentive check; and also 2) submit a tobacco use affidavit, and/or attend a City-sponsored tobacco education/cessation program. Sullivan said the new policy is to encourage City employees to manage their health while lowering the cost of health coverage for the City.

Councilmember Dollar **moved to approve the resolution.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keeler and carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

TABLED GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR TAX ABATEMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR GRANTING TAX ABATEMENT IN A REINVESTMENT ZONE CREATED WITHIN THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE;

PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETING FINDING.

Council tabled consideration of Guidelines and Criteria for Tax Abatement in the City of Gainesville until needed. Sullivan advised that the current guidelines were adopted in 2012 and are expiring per State law. However, the City has no applications filed for tax abatement at the present time, and guidelines can be adopted at a later date whenever an application is filed.

Councilmember Clegg **moved to table the ordinance.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nichols and carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-21-2014 C – APPOINTING CAITLYN HUDDLESTON AS CITY SECRETARY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL APPOINTING CAITLYN HUDDLESTON AS CITY SECRETARY FOR THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015.

Council appointed Caitlyn Huddleston to the position of City Secretary, to be effective January 1, 2015. Huddleston will replace Kay Lunnon, who is retiring from the City of Gainesville.

Councilmember Hendricks **moved to approve the resolution.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keeler and carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:42 p.m. Mayor Goldsworthy announced that Council would convene into Executive Session in compliance with Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, Government Code, Chapter 551 (Open Meetings Act), to discuss the following:

Under Government Code §551.072 Real Property

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Council reconvened into open session at 7:10 p.m. and Mayor Goldsworthy announced no action was taken during 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