

**MINUTES  
CITY OF GAINESVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
200 South Rusk  
Gainesville, Texas 76240  
February 17, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on February 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. with the following persons in attendance.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mayor Jim Goldsworthy

**STAFF PRESENT:** Barry Sullivan, City Manager; Bill Harris, City Attorney; Caitlyn Huddleston, City Secretary; Kevin Phillips, Police Chief; Dan Parker, Finance Director.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Cathy Mounce, Kim Reiter, Dale Reiter, Duke Dowling, Tony Dresser (Videographer)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Ray Nichols called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Reverend Duke Dowling, Southside Baptist Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Pro Tem Nichols led the pledge to the flag.

**RECOGNITIONS**

**Employee of the Month, February 2015**

Kim Reiter was named February 2015 Employee of the Month and recognized for her exceptional teamwork and dependability within the Administrative Services and General Services Solid Waste Divisions. Kim coordinates and manages all of the City's auctions including the planning and organizing of the event and gathering and preparing all necessary documentation and postings. She is very compassionate with all customers and is thoughtful and responsive to employees at all levels. City Manager Barry Sullivan read and presented the recognition certificate to Reiter along with a certificate for an additional one day of vacation.

**REPORTS**

**Annual Racial Profiling Report, Chief Kevin Phillips**

Police Chief Kevin Phillips reviewed the annual racial profiling report that the Police Department is required to submit. Per Chief Phillips, compared to the Census, the report shows no outstanding disparities and everything is in line. The Police Department issues a press release each year encouraging citizens to report suspected profiling as this matter is taken very seriously and is investigated.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council reviewed the Minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of February 3, 2015, and approved them as written.

**RESOLUTION NO. 02-17-2015 – APPROVE APPOINTMENT TO THE GAINESVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD FOR THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS.**

Appointment of Cooke County Judge Jason Brinkley to the Gainesville Economic Development Corporation Board was approved. The appointment is to term a currently in effect of two years expiring in August 2015.

Councilmember Clegg **moved to approve the Consent Agenda**, seconded by Councilmember Snuggs, the motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 02-17-2015 A – ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR GRANTING TAX ABATEMENT IN A REINVESTMENT ZONE CREATED WITHIN THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETING FINDING.**

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR GRANTING TAX ABATEMENT IN A REINVESTMENT ZONE CREATED WITHIN THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETING FINDING.

Council approved the establishment of Guidelines and Criteria for Tax Abatement in the City of Gainesville. The current guidelines were adopted in 2012 and are expiring per State law. Staff included new language to allow tax abatements to be provided to multi-family residential developments.

Councilmember Keeler **moved for approval of the resolution**, seconded by Councilmember Dollar, the motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 02-17-2015 B - APPOINTING THE PRESIDING JUDGE AND ALTERNATE JUDGE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD MAY 9, 2015 AND ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF PAY FOR ELECTION WORKERS.**

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE PRESIDING JUDGE AND ALTERNATE JUDGE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD MAY 9, 2015 AND ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF PAY FOR ELECTION WORKERS.

Election Officials for the General Election ordered to be held on May 9, 2015 were appointed. On Election Day, Charles Woolfolk will serve as Presiding Judge, and Jane Dudley will serve as Alternate Judge at the combined polling location at the Civic Center. Early voting clerks are Caitlyn Huddleston, City Secretary, and Jo Ann Mendez, as Deputy Clerk. Council also approved an increase in the rate of pay for the election judges and clerks from \$10 and \$8, respectively, to \$12 and \$10.

Councilmember Hendricks **moved for approval of the resolution**, seconded by Councilmember Keeler, the motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 02-17-2015 C – AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH COOKE COUNTY TO PROVIDE VOTING MACHINE(S) FOR THE MAY 2015 GENERAL ELECTION.**

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH COOKE COUNTY TO PROVIDE VOTING MACHINE(S) FOR THE MAY 2015 GENERAL ELECTION.

Council authorized a lease agreement between the City and Cooke County for rental of voting machine(s) as required by law for the City's election in May 2015. The County charges no rental fee to the City for use of the voting machine.

Councilmember Keeler **moved for approval of the resolution**, seconded by Councilmember Dollar, the motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 02-17-2015 D – AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GAINESVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE NORTH TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER AND THE NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE TO SHARE A POLLING LOCATION IN CERTAIN VOTING PRECINCTS FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION ON MAY 9, 2015.**

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANGAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GAINESVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE NORTH TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER AND THE NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE TO SHARE A POLLING LOCATION IN CERTAIN VOTING PRECINCTS FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION ON MAY 9, 2015.

Council authorized an agreement to share the polling location at the Civic Center between the City, GISD, NTMC, and NCTC for Elections to be held on May 9, 2015. The agreement allows for use of the shared location at no charge by the City to the GISD, NTMC and NCTC. City Manager Barry Sullivan advised that combining the polling locations makes it easier for citizens to vote and gave kudos to each entity for holding elections at a central, shared location.

Councilmember Clegg **moved for approval of the resolution**, seconded by Councilmember Snuggs, the motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 02-17-2015 E – 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.**

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON 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.

Certain City equipment was declared to be surplus and the sale of said property was approved through auction over the internet. City departments compiled a list of equipment that is obsolete and of no use to the city 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 Snuggs **moved for approval of the resolution**, seconded by Councilmember Dollar, the motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:40 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Nichols 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 §551.087 Economic Development
- Under Government Code §551.072 Real Property
- Under Government Code §551.071 Attorney Privilege

**RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

Council reconvened into open session at 6:58 p.m. and Mayor Pro Tem Nichols announced no action was taken during executive session.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Caitlyn Huddleston, City Secretary**

**Ray Nichols, Mayor Pro Tem**