

**MINUTES  
CITY OF GAINESVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
200 South Rusk  
Gainesville, Texas 76240  
March 3, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on March 3, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. with the following persons in attendance.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Keith Clegg

**STAFF PRESENT:** Barry Sullivan, City Manager; Bill Harris, City Attorney; Caitlyn Huddleston, City Secretary; Kevin Phillips, Police Chief; Dan Parker, Finance Director; Arleene Loyd, Gainesville Economic Development Director; Julie Smith, Community Services Director.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Cathy Mounce, Jeff James, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Kelli Alexander, Sam Alexander, Sam West, Stacey Schumacher, Kayla Christiano, Aaron Smith, Larry Claxton, Suzanne Fulton, Terry Shepard, Ryan Green, Lilton Lawson, Lennie Sewell, Frank Lorne, Juan Medina, Mary Martin, Eric Erlandson, Jerry Antrim, Judge Chris Cypert, Sanden Daughhetee, Jess Cason, David Fulton, Courtney Robinson, Rod Tyler, Donna Allen, Shelly Gomulak, Nadine Creswell, Kelli Eaves, Craig Evins, Toby Reynolds, Shawna Brinkley, Nikki King, Corey Hardin, Tony Dresser (Videographer)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jim Goldsworthy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Shawna Brinkley, Valley View First United Methodist Church, Youth Minister, gave the invocation. Mayor Jim Goldsworthy led the pledge to the flag.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Ryan Green, Castrol Premium Lube and Express, 505 Grand Avenue, spoke to Council about the care and maintenance of City owned vehicles. Mr. Green first thanked the council and said he was proud to be from Gainesville, then advised of the opportunity for the City of Gainesville to save time on automotive maintenance and service. Per Ryan, Castrol Premium Lube and Express is a complete automotive care facility with staff that is educated, trained, and certified. He is confident their facility can exceed the needs of the city with the current NAPA warranty and special government rates. Ryan finished with an enthusiastic “Go Leopards!” as a sentiment of support to the community.

Mayor Jim Goldsworthy thanked him for his time.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Council reviewed the Minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of February 17, 2015, and approved them as written.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 03-03-2015 – APPROVE APPOINTMENT TO THE GAINESVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD FOR THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS.**

Appointment of Don Wallace to the Gainesville Economic Development Corporation Board was approved. The appointment is to a term currently in effect of two years expiring in August 2015.

Councilmember Nichols **moved to approve the Consent Agenda**, seconded by Councilmember Keeler, the motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent (Clegg).

### **REPORTS**

#### **Wastewater Treatment Plant Updates, Jeff James, Barry Sullivan**

Jeff James, Kimley-Horn and Associates, and City Manager Barry Sullivan gave a presentation on the Waste Water Treatment Plant Updates. Barry Sullivan noted that the least expensive option to make repairs was chosen, as this was best in regards to capitol and long-term expenses. Barry Sullivan also explained that this was part of the Lean Sigma model and introduced Sam West, Craig Evins, and Toby Reynolds, graduates of the Gainesville University who were a part of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Update team. The presentation included fly-over photographs, animations showing current and future flow of the plant and equipment, and three-dimensional renderings of the plant.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 03-03-2015 A - AWARDING BID NO. 2015-01 FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PHASE I AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT.**

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AWARDING BID NO. 2015-01 FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PHASE I AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT

Council approved awarding Bid Award No. 2015-01 for Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase I to Gracon Construction of Dallas, TX. Jeff James, Kimley-Horn and Associates, reviewed the bids submitted and recommended awarding to Gracon for a base bid amount of \$4,861,847.

Councilmember Keeler **moved for approval of the resolution**, seconded by Councilmember Snuggs, the motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent (Clegg).

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 03-03-2015 B - AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR CITY OF GAINESVILLE PARTICIPATION IN THE REGION VIII EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER FOR THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM.**

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR CITY OF GAINESVILLE PARTICIPATION IN THE REGION VIII EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER FOR THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM.

Council voted to authorize the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement with The Region VIII Education Service Center for The Interlocal Purchase System (TIPS). TIPS is another source for the City to request bids for vehicles, equipment, and services without having to go out for bids.

Councilmember Hendricks **moved for approval of the resolution**, seconded by Councilmember Dollar, the motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent (Clegg).

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-03-2015 C - AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY CENTURION INDUSTRIES, INC. A-LERT ROOF SYSTEMS DIVISION FOR THE RE-ROOF PROJECT AT THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT, AND TO APPLY FOR FUNDING WITH GOVERNMENT CAPITAL CORPORATION.**

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Council authorized the City Manager to approve a proposal and execute a contract with Centurion Industries, Inc, A-Lert Roof Systems Division for the re-roof project at City Hall. This price was offered through the Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS). The project was budgeted for in the Assigned Fund and will be financed with Government Capital Corporation.

Councilmember Snuggs **moved for approval of the resolution**, seconded by Councilmember Keeler, the motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent (Clegg).

**PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1219 -12-2008; THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS TO REZONE FROM SINGLE-FAMILY TWO DISTRICT (SF-2) TO OUTDOOR COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (C-3) ONE PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 701 E BROADWAY, AND TO REZONE FROM SINGLE-FAMILY TWO DISTRICT (SF-2) TO INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (I) EIGHT PROPERTIES ADDRESSED AS 508 NORTH DENISON, 512 NORTH DENISON, 314 NORTH DENISON, 700 EAST SCOTT, 708 EAST SCOTT, 709 EAST SCOTT; 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.**

Mayor Goldsworthy read the ordinance caption and explained that several petitions against the zoning request had been received, meeting the code requirement of 20% of owners of the surrounding properties to require a supermajority vote of all councilmembers to approve the ordinance. Mayor Goldsworthy opened the public hearing, and called for public comment at 7:07 p.m. regarding the rezoning request.

Suzanne Fulton, owner of Tater Properties/Fulton Recycling, came forward to speak against the proposed rezoning, citing that properties located within the request were not up to code, and that Tater Properties/Fulton Recycling would not support and join the request until all properties were up to code.

David Fulton and Jess Cason came forward to speak in support of the proposed rezoning. David Fulton is one of the requestors. He claimed the structure at 314 Denison was built in 1914-1918 and has always been of industrial use. The property located at 701 E Broadway is requested to be zoned as Commercial Outdoor District (C-3), similar to Home Depot and Atwood's. Mr.

Fulton claimed this property would be used for outdoor storage. Jess Cason advised of the historical, predominantly industrial use of the property and cited that this area would be better suited as the proposed zones, than the current. Both argued that the properties should never have been zoned to Single Family District (SF-2) when the city was rezoned in 2008.

With no further discussion, Councilmember Snuggs moved to close the Public Hearing and was seconded by Councilmember Nichols. The motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Clegg). The Public Hearing was closed at 7:18 p.m.

**CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE 1219-12-2008; THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS TO REZONE FROM SINGLE-FAMILY TWO DISTRICT (SF-2) TO OUTDOOR COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (C-3) ONE PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 701 E BROADWAY, AND TO REZONE FROM SINGLE-FAMILY TWO DISTRICT (SF-2) TO INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (I) EIGHT PROPERTIES ADDRESSED AS 508 NORTH DENISON, 512 NORTH DENISON, 314 NORTH DENISON, 700 EAST SCOTT, 708 EAST SCOTT, 709 EAST SCOTT; 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.**

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The proposed ordinance to amend Ordinance 1219-12-2008 received first reading approval. The request was to change 701 East Broadway from Single-Family Two District (SF-2) to Outdoor Commercial District (C-3); and eight properties addressed as 700, 708, and 709 East Scott and 314, 508 and 512 North Denison from Single-Family Two District (SF-2) to Industrial District (I). Three applicants – Jess Cason, Jeremiah Jarvis, and DEF Recycling (David Fulton) – own property that was re-zoned in 2008 to Single-Family Two District (SF-2). Because these uses became legal, non-conforming with the 2008 re-zone of the City, these business owners may not expand their existing businesses.

Julie Smith, Community Services Director, spoke to the properties being located in floodplain and floodway. Per Ms. Smith, if a property located in a floodway is destroyed, it cannot be rebuilt. If it is in a floodplain, buildings can be rebuilt, but must meet certain standards. However, Outdoor Commercial District (C-3) does allow for outdoor storage in a floodway.

Councilmember Snuggs expressed concern for a rise in traffic in the area, if rezoned, to which Community Services Director Julie Smith explained that currently Scott Street is a designated truck route, but she would anticipate more traffic if the zoning change is approved.

Councilmember Snuggs explained that since the new Boys and Girls Facility will be nearby, there is some fear for children walking or biking to the facility. Julie Smith advised that the Planning and Zoning Commission recognized this concern and that a study would be done to consider diverting the foot traffic. Councilmember Nichols pointed out that the properties are currently used as Commercial and Industrial and that there may not be the expected increase in traffic.

Mayor Goldsworthy and City Manager Barry Sullivan explained the process of adopting an ordinance and advised that even though the council votes to pass first reading, the possibility still exists that the ordinance will be considered two more times before approval or denial of the request.

Councilmember Nichols **moved to approve first reading of the ordinance.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keeler and carried by vote of 5 Ayes, 1 Nays (Snuggs), 1 absent (Clegg).

**CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 3 ANIMAL CONTROL OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS; AMENDING SECTION 3-1 DEFINITIONS TO CHANGE OR ADD DEFINITIONS OF FERAL ANIMAL, TNR CAREGIVER, TNR PROGRAM CAT AND TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTION 3-8 IMPOUNDMENT TO CLARIFY PROCEDURES FOR TNR CATS AND WILD ANIMALS; AMENDING SECTION 3-10 DISPOSITION OF ANIMALS TO CLARIFY THE DISPOSITION OF TNR CATS; AMENDING SECTION 3-14 ANIMAL NUISANCE TO ALLOW TNR CAREGIVERS TO FEED TNR CATS; ADDING SECTION 3-31 TO CREATE A TRAP-NEUTER-RELEASE PROGRAM; PROVIDING A CONFLICTING CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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The proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 3, Animal Control of the code of the City of Gainesville, Texas received first reading approval. Mayor Goldsworthy introduced the reason for the ordinance – about a month ago, a gentleman came to speak to council about citations he had received. There have been several fictitious stories circulated, and contrary to what some have promoted, no one from the City of Gainesville was jailed for feeding cats. This city has a lot of great things going on, including Most Patriotic Small Town, Medal of Honor Host City, and a good bond-rating, and many others, only to be torpedoed by cats. This was brought to Council's attention and they opted to present it at a Council meeting.

Mayor Goldsworthy read a "Letter to the Editor" printed in the *Gainesville Daily Register* that started the current debate. Mayor complimented Noah's Ark efforts, stating that it is much better than what City was able to offer before. As for the statement that Gainesville leadership has regressed, and worse, they are ticketing people for humanely caring for these animals, Mayor gave the following comment: "If you consider trespassing on private property, raising diseased, unvaccinated animals, as humane, then yes, we've regressed. We will not allow that in our community." He also requested of the Alley Cat Allies representative that they remove the statement citing the situation in Gainesville "as a truly disheartening miscarriage of justice. Compassion should not be criminalized, but that is exactly what this man was arrested for." He argued these statements and clarified that the man was ticketed for trespassing and refused the opportunity to serve community service to help these animals get the treatment they deserve and insisted on going to prison. "It's really a shame the disparaging stories that have gone all over the world, because some folks decided to make up stories about our town. It's damning on our society when media doesn't report the news, but sensationalizes the news. We will not put animals above health and human safety. I like pets, I have animals. Human beings will come first. But we are not going to be hijacked by a group of folks that are not from here operating on fictitious stories."

This ordinance creates a policy that allows a Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) Program for feral cats. The policy would require a sponsor to establish a record keeping system to monitor the TNR Program Cats and train TRN Caregivers to properly provide care for a TNR cat colony. Texas Coalition for Animal Protection (TCAP) has offered to be the Sponsor for the TNR Caregivers. Currently, TCAP is the Sponsor for Ft. Worth and Arlington. All cats in the program will have to be spayed or neutered, vaccinated, microchipped and eartipped (cut ¼ off of the cat's ear). Caregivers are also required to feed, monitor the colony and have the animals vaccinated as required by state law. If the animal becomes a nuisance, it will be removed from the City (and placed in another program) or humanely euthanized.

Several local and area citizens were given an opportunity to address council regarding the proposed ordinance. Eric Erlandson, of Tatum, Erlandson, Neu Law Firm, was called to address Council first. He acknowledged that this started out more adversarial than needed, as he believes that we all want the same thing in the end. Eric was hired by Alley Cat Allies to represent them locally. He offered that a Trap-Neuter-Release program would be the solution to current issues. Their ultimate goal is to have less feral cats in a community by trapping, then neutering, vaccinating and releasing the cats to be monitored. He asked the council to pass the ordinance tonight and work on a policy with Alley Cat Allies.

Jerry Antrim of Gainesville was called to speak next. He was alarmed by the number of feral cats reported to be roaming the area. It came to his mind that if those cats were picked up, the problem of people feeding them would be eliminated. In regards to the \$1 charge on monthly utility bills in the City, he believes part of this should be used for an additional animal control person to help pick up the cats. As far as someone going on private property, there should be some responsibility for homeowners to remove cats instead of ignoring them.

Kayla Christiano of Alley Cat Allies spoke next. She spoke on the proposed T-N-R program and that this policy is the only effective way to stabilize and reduce the cat population. She agreed that the program may not be perfect, but it's the best they have and there are hundreds of communities using this process and have had results. Concerns about health or wildlife can be combated with T-N-R policy. She explained the phenomenon of the vacuum effect, where if an entire population is removed, another population will move in. It's a never-ending cycle, and

attempts to completely remove the cats would only result in other cats moving in. T-N-R helps to combat nuisance complaints, including yowling, spraying, and kneading. She explained deterrents that citizens could put in their yards to deter feral cats from entering their property. Ms. Christiano emphasized that restrictive requirements often keep citizens from volunteering. She provided data from Kirby, Texas, and apologized for any bad media and press that the city experienced.

Aaron Smith of Gainesville spoke next. Aaron started by thanking the City and Noah's Ark and explained his personal experience. He has been trapping and removing feral cats within the city for years. Over the last two months, he's trapped 53 feral cats, and a number of other small, wild animals and believes that this is a result of the feeding of stray cats. Aaron quoted many studies and discussed the fatality rate of humans once rabies is contracted. He expressed thanks to the council for putting human safety first.

Kelli Alexander of Sanger spoke next. She argued with the claimed adoption rate of Noah's Ark and has requested records from the city regarding Noah's Ark adoptions and euthanizations. City Manager Barry Sullivan explained the Open Records Request process and confirmed that the city is still within the state prescribed timeframe to provide information. Kelli went on to speak on the difference between "kill" and "euthanization" and had a visualization of animals claimed to have been killed within minutes from entering the shelter.

Shelly Gomulak, a veterinarian in Gainesville and former President of Noah's Ark board, explained the process of animal intake and euthanasia at Noah's Ark. If the animals are badly injured or sick with a severe disease or unadoptable animals who are vicious or have a contagious disease are euthanized. She sees both sides of a T-N-R policy – there was a small child bitten by a cat and the cat was quarantined for rabies. This particular cat did not have rabies, but last summer there were five skunks that tested positive for rabies who had contact with animals. There is an issue, but the T-N-R may be the best option, not because it isn't 100% effective, but if allowed to do it, it beats what Mr. Parton was doing, encouraging multiplying of cats, which results in the spread of disease. She quoted that the Humane Society website was the source for the claim that a cat and her kittens can become over 420,000 cats in seven years. If the cats were spayed and neutered, we would see a decline in sexually-transmitted diseases. Because the feline leukemia vaccine is not great, feral cats can still infect domestic animals. If, at least, pet owners will spay and neuter their own animals, we may see a dent in the cat population.

Sam Alexander of Sanger also spoke. He said that comments were making it sound like all rabies cases have been isolated in Gainesville. He believes the problem is bigger than a T-N-R problem and that we cannot have a cat problem without having a dog problem.

Kelli Eaves, Co-Director of Friends of Arlington Animal Services, explained how T-N-R has made for better neighborhoods and saved the city money in Arlington. Their group is compiled completely of volunteers and is donation funded. She claims that in the last year and a half, they have spayed and neutered around 2,500 cats. The intake of the Arlington shelter is down 1,000 cats from last year and the kitten population has decreased. 30 – 40 cats have been euthanized because it was the most humane option. Volunteers in their group meet with the public to educate them. They receive much support from the community, and have received \$150,000 in donations.

Sanden Daughhete of Sanger told her story of implementing a T-N-R program in Krum. 12 years ago, there were about 200 cats in Krum. As she could, she trapped them, would spay or neuter them and then would adopt them out and only about 20 cats are still living. She claims T-N-R works and asked that the city work with Alley Cat Allies.

Kelly Crawford, Vice President of the Noah's Ark Board of Directors, spoke about euthanasia of animals at Noah's Ark. She is certified to perform euthanasia and explained that many animals come in very sick, injured, infected and are miserable, and most would have died within weeks without treatment. Many cats that come in are a risk to the Noah's Ark staff. Kelly believes that T-N-R could be useful, but that standards should be developed to test for health and temperament before released.

Mayor Goldsworthy raised questions about how it would be known if the cats were vaccinated and stated that our success depends upon volunteers. Alley Cat Allies claimed that if an agreement was arrived upon by the City and them, they would donate \$15,000 for spay-neuter programs.

Stacey Schumacher, founder of Texas Coalition for Animal Protection (TCAP), offered low cost spay and neuter services. Her group will transport the animals for free to their facility, perform the procedures and return the animals at a nominal fee. She understands budget constraints and that human life should be put above animals, and guessed that the city would get good PR and congratulatory calls for adopting a T-N-R program. TCAP is the only registrar for the city of Fort Worth and has already agreed to be the sponsor for Gainesville.

There was also some discussion about the potency of the rabies vaccination and the length of time of which it worked.

Corey Hardin of Gainesville voiced his concern about finding volunteers for the program. He claims that it's difficult to get people to come out for bake sales and feels that we are setting ourselves up for failure. City Manager Barry Sullivan explained that TCAP already has everything set up to offer training and register caregivers online. Shelly Gomulak committed to hosting TCAP at her facility once a month for low cost spay and neuter procedures.

Gainesville resident Nadine Creswell told of her experience with a family pet cat who did contract rabies and of another who contracted feline leukemia only to have the disease discovered while having him neutered. She explained that there was nothing to be done for the cat at the time and suffered before they elected to have him euthanized.

Mayor Goldsworthy concluded the discussion by stating that if we do nothing, then the same problem exists. He would like for the Council to review Arlington's processes. He also thanked Kayla Christiano, Shelly Gomulak and Stacey Schumacher for their support.

Councilmember Snuggs **moved to approve first reading of the ordinance.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nichols and carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent (Clegg).

## **ADJOURN**

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Caitlyn Huddleston, City Secretary**

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**Jim Goldsworthy, Mayor**