

**MINUTES
CITY OF GAINESVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
200 South Rusk
Gainesville, Texas 76240
April 21, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on April 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. with the following persons in attendance.

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Cathy Mounce, Paula Moore, Cliff Yow, Phil Neelley, Tommy James, Gary Cox, Nikki King, Karen Estes, Mark Brewer, Ben Willingham, Ray Fletcher, Jason Botcher, Don Pettigrew, Lynette Pettigrew, Dave Vinton, Bobby Balthrop, Kristin Nill, Jerry Jones, Heather Neighbors, Andrew Neighbors, Sarah Neighbors, Hayton Neighbors, Tony Dresser (Videographer).

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jerry Jones, Whaley Methodist Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Jim Goldsworthy led the pledge to the flag.

RECOGNITIONS

Employee of the Month, April 2015

City Manager Barry Sullivan presented Heather Neighbors, Police Department, with a certificate for April 2015 Employee of the Month. Heather was recognized for her dedication to public services and compassion for members of the community. During the month of March 2015, Gainesville police officers were dispatched to a call of reported family violence. While the officers were conducting an investigation at the residence, officers discovered three small children sleeping and playing in filthy conditions. The children were removed from the residence and taken to the Gainesville Police Department to await assistance from Child Protective Services. The children desperately needed to be cleaned due to the living conditions they had been in that were harmful to their health. Police Department Communications Operator Heather Neighbors volunteered her time and services by providing all three children with a bath at the police department, after which the children displayed a happier and better demeanor. Heather's response to the needs of these children demonstrates her great commitment and dedication to the citizens of the City of Gainesville. City Manager Barry Sullivan commented that these types of actions are not rare for Heather, this is just one example. Sullivan presented the recognition certificate to Neighbors along with a certificate for an additional one day of vacation.

Presentation of Flags Flown Over Medal of Honor Park

Mayor Jim Goldsworthy presented several flags to different supporting organizations of the Medal of Honor Host City Program. He stated that another wonderful Medal of Honor Host City week of events had concluded. The flags presented are just a small token of appreciation to those who were instrumental in the success of the Medal of Honor Host City events and the Medal of Honor Park. Mayor Goldsworthy expressed his admiration of the park and told the audience that on the first morning after completion of the park, he stopped to admire the park. "It's inspiring that this is the first thing people see when they come to Gainesville." The flags flew over the Medal of Honor Park during Medal of Honor Host City events, April 8 – 11, 2015. Mayor Goldsworthy presented the first flag to the Gainesville Economic Development Corporation (GEDC). President Tommy James accepted the flag on behalf of the Corporation. Mayor Goldsworthy commended the GEDC for having the foresight to keep the land where the park currently sits, instead of selling it years ago.

Mayor Goldsworthy presented the second flag to the City of Gainesville. City Manager Barry Sullivan received the flag on behalf of the City. Mayor Goldsworthy thanked the City employees who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, and those in the forefront, on the Medal of Honor Park.

The third flag was presented to the Medal of Honor Board of Directors. Karen Estes accepted the flag on behalf of the board. "The strength of our city is not our infrastructure, it's our volunteers," Mayor Goldsworthy said. He complimented Ms. Estes and said that she is a fantastic example of a volunteer in the City of Gainesville.

The fourth and final flag was presented to Don Pettigrew. Mayor Goldsworthy said that the Medal of Honor Host City program would not have been possible without Mr. Pettigrew. Mayor Goldsworthy expressed his sincere appreciation for all of his hard work.

REPORTS

Gainesville Economic Development Corporation Annual Report, Arleene Loyd

GEDC Director Arleene Loyd presented the Annual Report for the fiscal year end in September 2015. She thanked outgoing GEDC Director Kent Sharp for leaving the corporation in such great shape. She also commented that April 10, 2015 was twenty years since the State of Texas issued the GEDC their certificate of corporation. Ms. Loyd thanked North Central Texas College, the City of Gainesville for becoming a gigabyte city, and Gainesville Independent School District. She explained that the GEDC is a member of a marketing service that showcases Texas to potential businesses and they always try to push for Gainesville. She thanked the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce and Main Street programs for providing a good quality of life to Gainesville citizens, creating a good quality of life for businesses in Gainesville. Councilmember Ken Keeler thanked Arleene for her report and said to "keep up the good work."

CONSENT AGENDA

Council reviewed the Minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of April 7, 2015, and approved them as written.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-21-2015 – APPROVE APPOINTMENTS TO THE GAINESVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD

Reappointments of Keith Clegg, Peggy Holt and Judy Ann Wheeler to the Housing Authority Board were approved. These terms will expire April 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-21-2015 A – APPROVE APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

Council approved the appointment of Phil Neelley to the Planning and Zoning Board. His term will expire April 2016. Reappointments of Emmanuel Albarado, Lynn Monden, Bill Williams, and Teresa McElreath to terms expiring April 2017 were also approved.

Councilmember Keeler **moved to approve the Consent Agenda**, seconded by Councilmember Dollar, the motion carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-21-2015 B – 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.

Council voted to declare certain City equipment to be surplus and approve sale of the surplus property 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. Funds generated from sales of equipment will go back to the fund that provided for purchase of the equipment. This is the second auction of the year.

Councilmember Clegg **moved for approval of the resolution**, seconded by Councilmember Snuggs, the motion carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-21-2015 C – APPROVING THE SALE OF ALCOHOL IN THE 100 BLOCK OF SOUTH COMMERCE STREET BY THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE MAIN STREET PROGRAM DURING SUMMER SOUNDS CONCERT SERIES MAY 29, JUNE 26, AND JULY 31, 2015.

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Council approved for the Gainesville Main Street Program to sell alcohol between 5 p.m. and midnight in the 100 block of South Commerce Street during the 2014 Summer Sounds Concert Series on May 29, June 26, and July 31. Summer Sounds Concerts include live music, concession type food and beer and wine sales for the enjoyment of historic downtown Gainesville.

Councilmember Snuggs **moved for approval of the resolution**, seconded by Councilmember Clegg, the motion carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent.

FIRST READING CONSIDERATION APPROVING ACTIONS OF THE GAINESVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO APPROVE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE FOR TRIDENT PROCESS SYSTEMS, LLC.

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Council approved first reading of the Gainesville Economic Development Corporation approval of an economic development incentive for Trident Process Systems, LLC. Trident is a company that started in December 2014 by employees of the Core group and other local and area businessmen. They manufacture process production equipment that is used in currently producing oil wells. Trident requested an incentive of \$4,100 per job up to a maximum of 100

additional new jobs. Eligible new employees must make a minimum wage of \$16.50 per hour or \$34,320 annually to qualify for incentives. This is a performance based incentive.

Second reading consideration will be at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council on May 5, 2015.

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

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caitlyn Huddleston, City Secretary

Jim Goldsworthy, Mayor