

**MINUTES  
CITY OF GAINESVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
200 South Rusk  
Gainesville, Texas 76240  
June 16, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on June 16, 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; Arleene Loyd, Gainesville Economic Development Director; Dan Parker, Finance Director; Kevin Phillips, Chief of Police; Ron Sellman, Public Services Director; Julie Smith, Community Services Director.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Margie Askew, Jan Fox, Jerry Antrim, Dean Patterson, Bonnie Friedrich, Joe Conner, Jake Conner, Nadine Creswell, Herschel Austin, Gail Austin, Tony Avila, Mike Todd, Doug Davis, Melissa Davis, Phil Schenk, Daphne Schenk, Alex Schenk, Eddie Branham, Nikki King, Jeff Harrington, Chris Jones, Mark Wascom, Mark Mask, Billy Burgan, Ben Willingham (Videographer).

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mark Wascom, Gainesville Bible Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Goldsworthy led the pledge to the flag.

**RECOGNITIONS**

**Employee of the Month, May 2015**

Herschel Austin of the Public Services Department was named June 2015 Employee of the Month. Herschel was recognized for hard work and dedication in the upgrading of the surface water treatment plant. He has worked diligently with engineers, contractors and manufacturers during the upgrade for more than a year. Herschel worked tirelessly to ensure that all of the issues were addressed and was able to formulate a game plan for bringing the plants on line for production. He has been training plant operators in water production processes and educating them on the new system and controls to ensure the customers of the City are receiving a product that is not only safe, but surpasses TCEQ regulations through the TOP's program. City Manager Barry Sullivan read and presented the recognition certificate to Austin along with a certificate for an additional one day of vacation.

**REPORTS**

**Cooke County Arts Council Presentation, Bonnie Friedrich**

Council received a presentation by Bonnie Friedrich, President of the Cooke County Arts Council regarding the cultural activities of the Arts Council organizations, which include the Gainesville Swing Orchestra, North Central Texas Chorale, and Gainesville Area Visual Arts

(GAVA). Friedrich made a budget funding request of \$4950 for support to the Arts Council during fiscal year 2015-2016.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council reviewed the Minutes of the Budget Workshop City Council Meeting of May 16, 2015, and the regular City Council Meeting of May 19, 2015 and approved them as written.

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

**ORDINANCE 1366-06-2015 – AMENDING GAINESVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 14 PARKS AND RECREATION BY ADDING SECTION 14-12 MEDAL OF HONOR PARK CREATING SPECIFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MEDAL OF HONOR PARK; PROVIDING A FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$500; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND MAKING AN OPEN MEETING FINDING.**

Adopted an ordinance that adds Section 14-2 Medal of Honor Park to Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances. It applies current parks rules and regulations to the MOH park, and prohibits animals, bicycles, skateboards and skates in the park, and parking in the parking area when the park is closed. The Medal of Honor Park shall be closed to the public between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. the following day. Violations of this ordinance will be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

Councilmember Keeler **moved to Suspend the Charter requirement of three readings**, seconded by Councilmember Dollar, the motion carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 06-16-2015 – APPROVING ACTIONS OF THE GAINESVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WHICH VOTED TO APPROVE GRANITE INDUSTRIES, LLC, A DEVELOPER FOR BLACK HILL FARM DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, AN INCENTIVE FOR APPROVED INFRASTRUCTURE.**

Council approved actions of the Gainesville Economic Development Corporation which voted to approve an incentive for infrastructure with Granite Industries, LLC, a developer for Black Hill Farm Development District. The incentive is for an amount up to \$800,000 within a two year term ending May 2017. First reading consideration was held on May 19, 2015.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 06-16-2015 A – AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY PURCHASE FROM LYNN VESSELS CONSTRUCTION, LLC TO REPAIR A WATER LINE AT WEBER DR.**

Council authorized an emergency purchase to repair a water line at Weber Dr. The water line's repeated breaks threatened the integrity of the water system and left several businesses without water and sanitary facilities. The repair will be funded by 2013 and 2015 Certificates of Obligation.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 06-16-2015 B – AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER TO THE RESPECTIVE ADJOINING LANDOWNERS QUITCLAIM DEEDS COVERING THE AREA SITUATED IN THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, COOKE COUNTY, TEXAS, BETWEEN FAIR AVENUE AND NORTH HOWETH BEING PART OF AN ALLEY IN BLOCK 1 OF THE FAIRGROUNDS ADDITION AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT RECORDED IN CABINET B, SLIDE 31, OF THE COOKE COUNTY PLAT RECORDS WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN USED OR UTILIZED AS AN ALLEY OR ANY OTHER PURPOSE.**

Council voted to authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver quitclaim deeds to several property owners surrounding an alley between Fair Avenue and North Howeth. This block is bordered by Broadway to the south and Cedar to the north. The applicants completed all the necessary steps and the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommended City Council adopt a resolution abandoning the alley. The land has never been used or utilized as an alley or any other purpose.

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

**ORDINANCE 1367-06-2015 AMENDING CHAPTER 5 – BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, SECTION 5-178 – LOCATION AND HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS FOR ON-PREMISES SIGNS ALONG THE IH-35 CORRIDOR, THE HIGHWAY 82 CORRIDOR, AND THE FM 51 (CALIFORNIA STREET) WEST OF INTERSTATE 35 CORRIDOR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FINDING THE MEETING WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

Council adopted an ordinance amending the location and height requirements for on-premises signs. This ordinance will allow for height requirements of 55 feet for signs along I-35, Highway 82, and FM 51 (California Street) west of I-35. The height limit of 55 feet above the travel lane was based on the Chili's Bar and Grill Sign for I-35 traffic.

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

Councilmember Nichols **moved to adopt the ordinance**. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Clegg and carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Caitlyn Huddleston, City Secretary**

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**Jim Goldsworthy, Mayor**