

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

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Jo Dollar

STAFF PRESENT: Barry Sullivan, City Manager; Bill Harris, City Attorney; Caitlyn Huddleston, City Secretary; Julie Smith, Community Services Director; Jonathon Frith, Captain, Police Department; Susan Kleven, Frank Buck Zoo Director; Dan Parker, Finance Director; Arlene Loyd, GEDC Director.

OTHERS PRESENT: Nikki King, Cathy Mounce, Trish Wagner, Megan Kennedy, Jenni Swanson, Amanda Arnold, Sarah Seabaugh, Hodge Cherry, Crystal Salisbury, Sarah Beardsley, Jason Streeter, Frank Manich, Sandra Currie, Boogie Cullum, Rebecca Parker, Courtney Langeslag, Keanna Franklin, Mark Helton, Tony Dresser (Videographer).

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PROCLAMATIONS

National Zookeeper Week, July 19-25, 2015

Mayor Goldsworthy read and presented a proclamation declaring the week of July 19-25, 2015, as National Zookeeper Week in Gainesville, recognizing zookeepers for their role in animal conservation and education, and encouraging citizens to visit the Frank Buck Zoo. Mayor Goldsworthy also pointed out that it has been a challenging year for zoo staff. They had to shift their focus on the immediate safety and preservation of the animal collection at the Frank Buck Zoo during flooding rains, requiring numerous moves of the animal collection to the safety of high ground, and are now beginning of a long process of extensive repairs. FBZ staff, Susan Kleven, Crystal Salisbury, Hodge Cherry, Trish Wagner, Megan Kennedy, Jenni Swanson, Amanda Arnold, Sarah Seabaugh, Sarah Beardsley, Jason Streeter, Rebecca Parker, and Courtney Langeslag were in attendance to receive the proclamation.

REPORTS

2014 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report, Ron Sellman

City Manager Barry Sullivan reviewed the 2014 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report, also called the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). The City water supply was issued a “Superior” rating by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for exceeding minimum standards for a public water supply. The superior rating is the highest rating that can be achieved. Gainesville is in the top 4% of surface water treatment plants in Texas. Sullivan advised citizens with compromised immune systems to contact the Environmental Protection Agency at (800) 426-4791. All City water customers receive the Consumer Confidence Report by mail.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

RESOLUTION NO. 07-21-2015 – APPROVING APPOINTMENTS TO THE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Council appointed Brandon Ayers and Ryan Green to the Airport Advisory Board to terms expiring July 2017 and July 2016, respectively, and reappointment of Earl Russell, Carroll Johnson, and Jason Snuggs to terms expiring July 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-21-2015 A – APPROVING APPOINTMENTS TO THE TEXOMA COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Council approved reappointment of Police Captain Mark Brazelton to the Texoma Community Center Board of Trustees to a term expiring August 2017.

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 (Dollar).

RESOLUTION NO. 07-21-2015 B – RECOGNIZING THE ANNUAL DEPOT DAY CELEBRATION IN THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE AND TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF CALIFORNIA STREET IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

Council voted to approve recognition of the annual Depot Day Celebration and requested temporary closure of California Street in accordance with an agreement with Texas Department of Transportation. Because Depot Day festivities are held around the Courthouse square, it is necessary to temporarily close California Street. The City must request closure from TXDOT and, as part of the agreement, provide them a traffic plan showing barricade locations, intersections to be closed, and traffic detour plans. The multi-year agreement is for our annual Depot Day festival on the second Saturday in October for the years 2015 through 2019.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1368-07-2015 AMENDING SECTION 15-25 DEFINITION AND SECTION 15-54 FLOODWAYS OF DIVISION 5 – PROVISIONS FOR FLOOD HAZARD REDUCTION OF ARTICLE 11 – FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION, CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE; 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 that amends current flood hazard reduction and prevention articles, and suggests projects that could be located in the floodway without requiring additional studies or certifications before permit application. The ordinance assigns responsibility to the Floodplain Administrator to determine whether a project meets the minor project qualifications or whether it will require the study and certification.

Councilmember Clegg **moved to Suspend the Charter requirement of three readings**, seconded by Councilmember Snuggs, the motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent (Dollar).

Councilmember Clegg **moved to adopt the ordinance**. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Snuggs and carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent (Dollar).

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caitlyn Huddleston, City Secretary

Jim Goldsworthy, Mayor