

**MINUTES  
CITY OF GAINESVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
200 South Rusk  
Gainesville, Texas 76240  
August 18, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on August 18, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. with the following persons in attendance.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ray Nichols

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kelly Fiore-Watson, Cathy Mounce, Nikki King, Jeff James, Shirl Ward, Kim Cook, John Hambrecht, Doug Smithson, Kevin Kelcey, Lynette Pettigrew, Tony Dresser (Videographer).

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Shirl Ward, Abigail's Arms Cooke County Family Crisis Center, gave the invocation. Mayor Goldsworthy led the pledge to the flag.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council reviewed the Minutes of the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting of August 4, 2015 and approved them as written.

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

**RESOLUTION 08-18-2015 – APPOINTING A COUNCIL MEMBER FOR WARD 2 ON THE GAINESVILLE CITY COUNCIL; SAID APPOINTEE TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE GENERAL ELECTION OF CITY OFFICERS ON MAY 7, 2016**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TX, APPOINTING A COUNCIL MEMBER FOR WARD 2 ON THE GAINESVILLE CITY COUNCIL; SAID APPOINTEE TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE GENERAL ELECTION OF CITY OFFICERS ON MAY 7, 2016

Council appointed Beverly Snuggs to the position of Ward 2 Councilmember, to serve until the next annual City election of officers is held in May 2016. The Ward 2 Council position was declared vacant in May 2015, as no candidates applied for a place on the ballot. The Texas Constitution states that the currently seated councilperson must serve until another is qualified.

No applications were received. Councilmember Snuggs has agreed to serve again. Mayor Goldsworthy commended Councilmember Snuggs for serving in her capacity for twelve years and doing a great job during that time. He added that the rest of council is very appreciative of her service.

Councilmember Hendricks **moved for approval of the resolution**, seconded by Councilmember Clegg, the motion carried by vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstentions (Snuggs), 1 Absent (Nichols).

**FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TAX RATE OF \$0.697822 PER \$100 VALUATION FOR CITY OF GAINESVILLE FOR FY 2015-2016**

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE OF \$0.697822 PER \$100 VALUATION FOR CITY OF GAINESVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

Mayor Goldsworthy opened the Public Hearing at 6:32 p.m. and called for public comment regarding the proposed tax rate of \$0.697822 per \$100 valuation. No one came forward to speak either for or against the proposed tax rate. With no further discussion, Councilmember Snuggs moved to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keeler, and carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Nichols). The Public Hearing was closed at 6:32 p.m. Mayor Goldsworthy made the announcement that the City Council will vote to set the tax rate at their regularly scheduled meeting on September 15, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Council Chambers, at 200 South Rusk Street.

**RESOLUTION 08-18-2015 A – APPROVING THE SALE OF ALCOHOL IN THE 100 & 200 BLOCKS OF COMMERCE STREET BY THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE MAIN STREET PROGRAM DURING DEPOT DAY ON OCTOBER 10, 2015**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TX, APPROVING THE SALE OF ALCOHOL IN THE 100 & 200 BLOCKS OF COMMERCE STREET BY THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE MAIN STREET PROGRAM DURING DEPOT DAY ON OCTOBER 10, 2015

Council approved the sale of alcohol at the upcoming Depot Day Festival on October 10, 2015 in the 100 and 200 blocks of Commerce Street. Councilmember Snuggs reiterated that all insurance requirements must be met. The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Depot Day Festival will take place on Saturday only in the downtown area and includes a large car show, arts and crafts show, children's activities in the Kids Zone, festival foods, and live entertainment. Concessions including alcohol will be sold for fund raising purposes by Gainesville Main Street on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Depot Day events will end at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.

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

**RESOLUTION 08-18-2015 B – AWARDED BID NO. 2015-04 FOR VOIP TELECOMMUNICATIONS IMPLEMENTATION AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT/AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$82,265.16**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TX, AWARDED BID NO. 2015-04 FOR VOIP TELECOMMUNICATIONS IMPLEMENTATION AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT/AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$82,265.16

Council approved the selection of a bid proposal for Voice Over IP Telecommunications Implementation and approved the City Manager to sign the agreement with Comm3. The City

Manager was authorized to execute the agreement in an amount not to exceed \$82,265.16. The majority of funds are budgeted in this fiscal year; the remaining will be expensed in FY 2015-2016. Mayor Goldsworthy thanked IT Director Kevin Kelcey for his diligent work on this project.

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

**RESOLUTION 08-18-2015 C – AWARDING BID NO. 2015-05 TO LYNN VESSELS CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR CONSTRUCTIONS PROJECTS IN SUMP BOND BID PACKAGE H**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TX, AWARDING BID NO. 2015-05 TO LYNN VESSELS CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN SUMP BOND BID PACKAGE H

Council awarded Bid 2015-05 for construction projects in SUMP Bond Bid Package H to Lynn Vessels Construction, LLC. The city received three bids for SUMP Package H (Lindsay, Church, Davis, Broadway, and Scott Streets). City Manager Barry Sullivan explained that the awarded bid was close to estimated construction cost of nearly \$4.7 million. He added that the next item on the agenda is consideration of a change order to decrease the cost to \$4 million.

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

**RESOLUTION 08-18-2015 D – AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO THE CONTRACT WITH LYNN VESSELS CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN SUMP PACKAGE H**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TX, AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO THE CONTRACT WITH LYNN VESSELS CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN SUMP PACKAGE H

Council authorized the first change order to SUMP Package H to reduce the project scope along Lindsay St. The change order takes out the replacement of Lindsay Street and utilities from California St to Pecan St. This change order will reduce the contract amount \$664,420. There will be additional remaining funds reserved for further change orders and beginning work on Culberson St.

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

**RESOLUTION 08-18-2015 E – APPROVING PROPOSED COOKE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT 2015-2016 BUDGET**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TX, APPROVING PROPOSED COOKE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT 2015-2016 BUDGET

Council approved the Cooke County Appraisal District budget for 2015-2016 for assessment and collection of ad valorem taxes. The City of Gainesville's portion is a combined total of \$129,548.20 for appraisals and collections. The CCAD board met on August 10, 2015 to approve their budget. Council has 30 days after the CCAD board adopts the budget to approve, deny or take no action.

CCAD Chief Appraiser Doug Smithson spoke regarding the budget. He explained that there was a minor reduction in payroll and an overall increase in the budget of 4%. The city's portion will increase about \$3,000 for appraisal and \$2,000 for collections. Councilmember Snuggs serves

on the CCAD Board of Directors added that the CCAD staff worked hard on the budget, allowing for a 1.5% cost of living raises and 1%-3% merit raises for employees. She added that the board is pleased with the workings of the staff and the budget. Mayor Goldsworthy thanked Snuggs for her service on the board.

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 (Nichols).

RESOLUTION 08-18-2015 F – AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE COOKE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES AND PAYMENT OF FEES FOR SUCH SERVICES

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TX, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE COOKE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES AND PAYMENT OF FEES FOR SUCH SERVICES

Council voted to approve a contract with the Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD) for appraisal and collection services for a two-year period beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2017.

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

**ADJOURN**

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Caitlyn Huddleston, City Secretary**

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**Jim Goldsworthy, Mayor**