

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

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

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ray Nichols,

**STAFF PRESENT:** Barry Sullivan, City Manager; Bill Harris, City Attorney; Caitlyn Huddleston, City Secretary; Dan Parker, Finance Director; Arleene Loyd, Gainesville Economic Development Corporation Executive Director; Karen Dixon, Controller, Susan Kleven, Frank Buck Zoo Director

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Nikki King, Cathy Mounce, John Hambrecht, Kevin Beall, Crystal Salisbury, Sara Wallace, Amanda Neelley, Amanda Warren, Karen Estes, Mark Helton, Boogie Cullum, Nancy Moore, Dawn Budner, Sandra Currie, Armando Landin, Tony Dresser (Videographer)

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Kevin Beall, Whaley United Methodist Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Goldsworthy led the pledge to the flag.

**RECOGNITIONS**

**Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, FY 2013**

City Manager Barry Sullivan presented the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Dan Parker and Karen Dixon for the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014. Sullivan noted that the Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government body and its management. Dan Parker thanked the Council for their support.

**REPORTS**

**Status Update on Street, Utility, and Maintenance Projects, Barry Sullivan**

City Manager Barry Sullivan gave a short presentation updating Council on SUMP efforts. Sullivan gave the history of how streets were selected and how the City obtained funding for the projects. Since late 2010, the City has spent over \$8 Million on street and utility maintenance and repairs as part of the SUMP projects. Sullivan also explained that even though voters elected for the City to go out for a \$10 Million bond in May 2014, only \$5 Million has been procured at this point. The City has spent \$485,000 on engineering and the construction contract has been signed for work on the following streets to begin in January 2016: Broadway (Grand to Fair), Church (Denton to Lindsay), Scott (Dixon to Railroad), Lindsay (Pecan to Tennie), and Davis (Lindsay to East end). The 2016 General Obligation Bond for \$5 Million is scheduled to be sold in January 2016 for work on Culberson Street, between California and Highway 82. The Operating and Maintenance Budget

will provide for work on Red River (Broadway to Scott) and Denton (Broadway to Scott). The City will also work with the Texas Department of Transportation on repairs to Weber Drive. Sullivan concluded by stating: "almost \$20 Million will be spent by the time we are done with all of these projects. A lot of money and effort has gone into these projects."

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Council reviewed the Minutes of the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting of October 20, 2015 and approved them as written.

#### **RESOLUTION 10-20-2015 – APPROVE APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENTS TO THE GAINESVILLE MAIN STREET BOARD

Council voted to appoint Chad Henderson to the Main Street Advisory Board to a term expiring December 2017.

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

#### **RESOLUTION 11-03-2015 A – AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR A CHEETAH EXHIBIT AT THE FRANK BUCK ZOO.**

Council authorized additional funding in an amount of \$18,000 to the Frank Buck Zoo to add cheetahs to the zoo collection. Another Zoological Association of America (ZAA) accredited facility needs to place the two male cheetahs to make room for new genetics in their successful breeding program. The Frank Buck Zoological Society has recognized this unique opportunity and has contributed what they can to bringing the cheetahs to the Frank Buck Zoo. They are currently in the process of funding the new penguin exhibit. They have assisted the Frank Buck Zoo staff in working with the GISD to raise awareness and funds for the cheetah exhibit. Zoo Director Susan Kleven gave a short presentation on the exhibit and answered questions for Council.

Councilmember Clegg **moved to approve the resolution and fund \$18,000 for the exhibit**. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keeler and carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent (Nichols).

#### **RESOLUTION 11-03-2015 B – RATIFYING NOMINATIONS BY THE COOKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER’S COURT FOR CANDIDATE(S) FOR THE COOKE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

Council ratified the Cooke County Commissioner’s Court nomination of Jason Snuggs to the Cooke County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Per Doug Smithson, Chief Appraiser, since the current nominations fill the ballot, the City can ratify the nomination of Jason, which means taxing entities would not have an election for the board.

Councilmember Keeler **moved to approve the resolution**. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dollar and carried by vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstentions (Snuggs), 1 Absent (Nichols).

#### **PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE TO REZONE 520 S WEAVER AND 221 W TENNIE FROM SINGLE FAMILY TWO DISTRICT (SF-2) TO MODERATE DENSITY MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (MF-1).**

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1219-12-2008, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE TO REZONE FROM SINGLE FAMILY TWO DISTRICT (SF-2) TO

MODERATE DENSITY MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (MF-1) THE ENTIRETY OF 0.4226 ACRES, OF THE PROPERTIES IDENTIFIED AS 520 S WEAVER AND 221 W TENNIE; 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 opened the Public Hearing at 6:47 p.m. and called for public comment on the proposed zoning change. No one came forward to speak either for or against the proposed change.

With no further discussion, Councilmember Snuggs moved to close the Public Hearing, with second by Councilmember Dollar, and the motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Absent (Nichols).

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:47 p.m.

**ORDINANCE 1376-11-2015 – AMENDING ORDINANCE 1219-12-2008, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE TO REZONE FROM SINGLE FAMILY TWO DISTRICT (SF-2) TO MODERATE DENSITY MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (MF-1) THE ENTIRETY OF 0.4226 ACRES, OF THE PROPERTIES IDENTIFIED AS 520 S WEAVER AND 221 W TENNIE; 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.**

CONSIDERATION OF AN ACTION ON A FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1219-12-2008, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE TO REZONE FROM SINGLE FAMILY TWO DISTRICT (SF-2) TO MODERATE DENSITY MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (MF-1) THE ENTIRETY OF 0.4226 ACRES, OF THE PROPERTIES IDENTIFIED AS 520 S WEAVER AND 221 W TENNIE; 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.

Council voted to adopt an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Gainesville rezoning 520 S Weaver and 221 W Tennie from Single-Family Two District (SF-2) to Multifamily Residential District (MF-1). The zoning district change was requested by the property owner. The property on the west side of Weaver is zoned General Commercial District (C-2) and contains apartment complexes including the future site of Culberson Apartments. Given the buffering benefits the proposed zoning change would provide between existing high density multifamily and commercial uses and single family residential uses, staff supported the request.

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

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

**RESOLUTION 11-03-2015 C – APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE NEXT CENTURY CITIES GROUP AND CONFIRMING AGREEMENT WITH NEXT CENTURY CITIES PRINCIPLES.**

Council approved the City of Gainesville's participation in the Next Century Cities Group. Next Century Cities supports community leaders across the country as they seek to ensure that all have access to fast, affordable and reliable internet. Being a member of this group will help the City

promote our gigabit fiber network, which could help bring in businesses. Other cities such as Austin, San Antonio, and College Station are members.

Councilmember Hendricks **moved to approve the resolution.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keeler and 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 6:50 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

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**Caitlyn Huddleston, City Secretary**

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**Jim Goldsworthy, Mayor**