

MINUTES
CITY OF GAINESVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
200 South Rusk
Gainesville, Texas 76240
January 5, 2016

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on January 5, 2016 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, Ray Nichols, Beverly Snuggs

STAFF PRESENT: Barry Sullivan, City Manager; Bill Harris, City Attorney; Caitlyn Huddleston, City Secretary; Kevin Phillips, Chief of Police; Wally Cox, Fire Chief

OTHERS PRESENT: Jerry Jones, Nikki King, Megan Hatfield, Klayton Cantrell, Jeffrey Serna, 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, Pastor, Whaley United Methodist Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Jim Goldsworthy led the pledge to the flag.

REPORTS

Insurance Services Office Rating Improvement, Fire Chief Wally Cox

Fire Chief Wally Cox gave a presentation on the recent improvement of fire-protection services for the City of Gainesville from a Class 4 to a Class 2. The classification by Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO), assesses the fire-protection efforts communities across the country.

The City of Gainesville has joined the top 2% communities in the nation for fire protection by receiving an ISO Class rating of 2. A number of factors had a positive influence in the city obtaining this rating improvement. Actions taken by previous and present City Council in planning for the future and approving large projects allowed improvements to the city's infrastructure that directly affected the rating. The Public Safety Center and the water system improvements were key components in the rating improvement, Chief Wally Cox explained. Chief Cox thanked other city departments for their involvement with the rerate process.

Mayor Pro Tem Ray Nichols confirmed that this re-rating will result in a savings to commercial and residential insurance customers in Gainesville Fire-Rescue's response jurisdiction.

RECOGNITIONS

Employee of the Month, January 2016

Klayton Cantrell, Gainesville Police Department, Patrol Division, was named January 2016 Employee of the Month and recognized for his hard work and dedication to the Police Department and the City of Gainesville. Office Cantrell investigated a burglary in November 2015, and when

contact was made with the suspect, he observed illegal activity including credit card fraud and theft of other items. Officer Cantrell's diligence in initiating the investigation from the burglary and putting an end to this criminal activity likely prevented there being many more victims of theft. City Manager Barry Sullivan read and presented the recognition certificate to Cantrell along with a certificate for an additional one day of vacation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council reviewed the Minutes of the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting of December 15, 2015 and approved them as written.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 01-05-2016 – AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN ADVANCED FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH TXDOT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO WEBER DR.

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN ADVANCED FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ON- AND OFF-SYSTEM REHABILITATION OF EXISTING ROAD AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FOR WEBER DR. AND US HWY 82.

Council approved a resolution that authorizes the City Manager to sign an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) to rebuild Weber Drive. City Manager Sullivan explained that this project has been discussed for some time and is recommended by city staff. TXDOT is expected to begin work in February or March of this year. Sullivan advised funding will be provided from excess revenue received in FY 2014-2015, much of which was additional sales tax received, and that by TXDOT completing the improvements to the road, the city is expected to save \$60,000 - \$70,000 than if completed in-house. The improvements will be completed when TXDOT is working on US 82 at Weber.

Mayor Goldsworthy said that this is a great project as it benefits our county's largest employer.

Councilmember Keeler **moved to approve the resolution**. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dollar 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 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caitlyn Huddleston, City Secretary
Mayor

Jim Goldsworthy,