

**MINUTES  
CITY OF GAINESVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
200 South Rusk  
Gainesville, Texas 76240  
July 20, 2010**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on July 20, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in accordance with the posted agenda and with the following persons in attendance:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Glenn Loch,  
Council Members Jim Goldsworthy, Carolyn Hendricks, Philip Neelley, Ray Nichols, Vince Rippy, Beverly Snuggs

**STAFF PRESENT:** Barry Sullivan, City Manager; Kay Lunnon, City Secretary; Dan Parker, Finance Director; Kent Sharp, Executive Director, GEDC; Steven Fleming, Police Chief; Patrick McCage, Parks and Recreation Director; Susan Kleven, Zoo Director;

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kit Chase, Delania Trigg, Sandra Currie, Karen Cook, Sabrina Taylor, Boyd London, Djuna Forrester, Brian Frank, Pace Richter, Brandon Lay, Melinda Ppolek, Tommy McPherson, Melissa Sooter, Mary Ann Pekinpaugh, Jennifer Fair, Ryan Herman, Jamie Ohrt

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Loch called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with all Council members present.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Reverend J. Ray Smith, Chaplain at the North Texas Medical Center, gave the invocation. Mayor Loch led the pledge to the flag.

**OATH OF OFFICE TO PHILIP NEELLEY**

Municipal Judge, Chris Cypert, administered the Oath of Office to Philip Neelley, appointed City Council member for Ward 3.

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

Mayor Loch read and presented a proclamation designating the week of July 18 through 24, 2010 as National Zookeeper Week in the City of Gainesville. The Proclamation was presented to Zoo staff members, Susan Kleven, Director, Brian Frank, Pace Richter, Brandon Lay, Melinda Polek, Tommy McPherson, Melissa Sooter, Mary Ann Pekinpaugh, Jennifer Fair, Ryan Herman, and Jamie Ohrt.

Mary Ann Pekinpaugh was recognized as City Employee of the Month for July 2010 and was presented a Certificate in recognition for providing excellent customer service both internally to co-workers and externally to guests of the Frank Buck Zoo, and for consistently setting a welcoming tone for all zoo visitors. The City Manager presented Pekinpaugh a redeemable certificate for one day off with pay.

## **REPORTS**

Djuna Forrester, North Central Texas College, reported that vocational programs at the Career Technology Center in welding, heating, ventilation and air conditioning, and electrical are very successful and continue to attract many students. She said that as of July 2010, approximately 5,400 students are enrolled in NCTC non-credit programs, and the majority of those students are enrolled in the trades. High school student programs are also offered that allow students to take vocational courses while still attending secondary schools. The GEDC contributes scholarship funding to support the vocational programs.

Kent Sharp, Executive Director of the Gainesville Economic Development Corporation, introduced Sabrina Taylor, Oncor Electric Delivery, who reported on the proposed transmission line project "Krum West to Anna" that is to be constructed by Oncor. The project is a Public Utility Commission of Texas CREZ (Competitive renewable energy zone) project to deliver electric energy produced by wind generating facilities. Taylor said Oncor will file its plan with the PUC on September 8, and the PUC will decide the route for the transmission line within 180 days following their submission. She encouraged attendance and participation in the public meetings to be held regarding choice of the transmission line route. Taylor said her company proposed about ninety (90) different routes for the transmission line project, including some that would cross a portion of Gainesville, however, she said the PUC will choose the route that will be built. Taylor said the transmission line is to be in service by 2013.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2010 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Council reviewed the Minutes of the City Council Meeting of July 6, 2010 and approved them as written.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 07-20-2010 – APPOINTMENTS TO AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD**

A RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS.

Richard Lira, Nancy Brannon, and Mike McKenzie were re-appointed to the Airport Advisory Board to terms expiring July 2012.

Councilmember Nichols moved to **approve the items on the Consent Agenda**, and was seconded by Councilmember Goldsworthy. Motion carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 07-20-2010 A – APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED THERETO.

Council approved and authorized publication of Notice of Intent to issue \$4.88 million in Certificates of Obligation that will be used for improvement of streets, drainage, curbs, gutters, water utilities and sewer utilities. City Manager, Barry Sullivan, said over the last year City Staff has developed a Street and Utility Maintenance Program (SUMP) that includes 401 projects. Eleven (11) projects from the SUMP have been selected from the top twenty, and are recommended for funding based on a cost and benefit analysis. Sullivan said the City is retiring enough debt this year to be able to make the payments on this issuance and that no increase in taxes will be necessary to pay for these bonds. This resolution authorizes publication of the notice. Council will consider and take action on authorization for sale of the bonds at its regular meeting on September 7, 2010.

Councilmember Goldsworthy moved to **approve the Resolution**, and was seconded by Councilmember Snuggs. Motion carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1251-07-2010 DESIGNATING THE INTERSECTION OF MEADOWLARK LANE AND NORTH CLEMENTS STREET AS A STOP INTERSECTION**

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, DESIGNATING THE INTERSECTION OF MEADOWLARK LANE AND NORTH CLEMENTS STREET IN THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, AS A STOP INTERSECTION, TO BE CONTROLLED BY A STOP SIGN; AUTHORIZING THE ERECTION OF A SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND MAKING AN OPEN MEETING FINDING.

The intersection of Meadowlark Lane and North Clements Street was designated as a stop intersection to be controlled by a stop sign. Police Chief Steven Fleming recommended controlling the intersection due to a concern for the safety of motorists and pedestrians in that area, particularly during the school year. The stop sign will be placed on Meadowlark Lane for west bound traffic.

Councilmember Nichols **moved to suspend the Charter requirement of three readings**, seconded by Councilmember Snuggs. Motion carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent.

Councilmember Nichols **moved to adopt the ordinance**, seconded by Councilmember Snuggs. Motion carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1252-07-2010 – ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF MEDAL OF HONOR BLVD**

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF MEDAL OF HONOR BLVD WITHIN THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, COOKE COUNTY, TEXAS, AS HEREIN MORE FULLY DESCRIBED; PROVIDING FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ABANDONMENT AND CONVEYANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION.

Ordinance was adopted to abandon the portion of Medal of Honor Blvd adjoining the former Chamber of Commerce location on South Culberson Street. The portion of the street to be abandoned lies on the west side of South Culberson Street and ends at the eastern boundary of I-35. Originally designed to allow access to I-35, this portion of the street is now basically a dead end and has become a parking space for large trucks. The City owns the property on either side of the street, and Sullivan said it is in the best interest of the City and future development along the I-35 corridor to abandon this portion of the street.

Councilmember Goldsworthy **moved to suspend the Charter requirement of three readings**, seconded by Councilmember Snuggs. Motion carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent.

Councilmember Goldsworthy **moved to adopt the ordinance**, seconded by Councilmember Snuggs. Motion carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1253-07-2010 - APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF GREATER TEXOMA UTILITY AUTHORITY CONTRACT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2010 (LAKE TEXOMA WATER STORAGE PROJECT)**

