

**MINUTES
CITY OF GAINESVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
200 South Rusk
Gainesville, Texas 76240
March 16, 2010**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on March 16, 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 Charles Draper, Carolyn Hendricks, Ray Nichols, Vince Rippy, Beverly Snuggs

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Goldsworthy

STAFF PRESENT: Barry Sullivan, City Manager; Kay Lunnon, City Secretary; Dan Parker, Finance Director; Steven Fleming, Police Chief; Kent Sharp, Executive Director, GEDC

OTHERS PRESENT: Dee Blanton, Diane Landin, Kit Chase, Chris Ekrut, Larry Lewis, Reverend Robert J. Kelley.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Loch called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum of members present. Councilman Goldsworthy was absent.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Reverend Robert Kelley, New Life Bible Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Loch led the pledge to the flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 2010

Council reviewed the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 2, 2010, and approved them as written.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-16-2010 – APPOINTMENTS TO PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Scott Richardson, Philip Neeley, and Patty Haayan were approved for re-appointment to the Parks and Recreation to two year terms expiring March 2012.

Councilmember Snuggs moved to **approve the Consent Agenda**, and was seconded by Councilmember Rippy. Motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent (Goldsworthy).

RESOLUTION NO. 03-16-2010 A – RELEASE OF CITY LIENS AGAINST PROPERTIES TO BE SOLD AT SHERIFF'S SALE IN APRIL 2010

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE RELEASE OF LIENS AGAINST PROPERTIES TO BE SOLD AT SHERIFF'S SALE IN APRIL 2010.

City Manager, Barry Sullivan said the City's liens on these properties are worth more than the value of the properties and recommended releasing them to facilitate sale of the properties to get them back on the tax roll. The liens to be released are demolition and mowing liens on properties located at 1036 Buck Street, 1400 North Weaver Street, 309 Gunter Street, and 802 North Commerce Street. Current owners of the properties will not be allowed to purchase the property at the Sheriff's sale in April 2010.

Councilman Nichols noted the age of some of the liens and recommended that City staff set a time limit to automatically process delinquent properties and turn them earlier over to the attorney for judgment and sheriff's sale. Sullivan agreed and said the City is now filing liens once a year and is working more closely with the delinquent tax attorney in processing delinquent properties.

Councilmember Nichols moved to **approve the Resolution**, and was seconded by Councilmember Draper. Motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent (Goldsworthy).

RESOLUTION NO. 03-16-2010 B – APPOINTING THE PRESIDING JUDGE AND ALTERNATE JUDGE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION AND SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD MAY 8, 2010 AND ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF PAY FOR ELECTION WORKERS.

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Council appointed Charles Woolfolk as Presiding Judge and Jane Dudley as Alternate Judge for the City's General Election and Special Election to be held May 8, 2010. The rate of pay for election workers was approved at \$10 per hour for the Presiding and Alternate Judge and \$8 per hour for election workers.

Councilmember Hendricks moved to **approve the Resolution**, and was seconded by Councilmember Nichols. Motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent (Goldsworthy).

ORDINANCE NO. 1245-03-2010 - AMENDING BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR FROM OCTOBER 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT, MAINTENANCE, BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR FROM OCTOBER 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 AND REVISING THE BUDGET FOR OCTOBER 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2010; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND MAKING AN OPEN MEETING FINDING.

Sullivan reported sales tax revenues to be down significantly and that budgeted expenditures would need to be cut to address the shortfalls in revenues. He projected a decrease of \$1.2 million in sales tax revenues this year and said he anticipates an overall budget shortfall of \$1.1 million in the General Fund during the current fiscal year. Sullivan proposed budget amendments to the General Fund, Hotel Motel Fund, Zoo Fund, Golf Fund, and Airport Fund. Reductions in departmental budgets range from 2% to 4%. The largest reduction in expenditures in the General Fund is in transfer payments to the Golf Fund (\$70,750) and the Zoo Fund (\$494,933). Transfers from Hotel Motel funds will replace most of the cuts to the Zoo (\$380,000), with \$20,000 for festivals such as Depot Day and Spring Fling, and \$29,000 for the Civic Center. Sullivan said the Hotel Motel Fund transfers meet state requirements for use of the funds, and the fund will finish the year with \$123,000 after the transfers. He emphasized that the transfers are a one-time fix, meaning that the funds will not be available in next year's budget. As proposed, the budget amendment would eliminate funding for the Leonard Park swimming

