

**MINUTES
CITY OF GAINESVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
200 South Rusk
Gainesville, Texas 76240
September 3, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on September 3, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. with the following persons in attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carolyn Hendricks, Ken Keeler, Steve Gordon, Mary Jo Dollar

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Jim Goldsworthy, Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Moore, Keith Clegg

STAFF PRESENT: Barry Sullivan, City Manager; Belvin Harris, City Attorney; Kevin Phillips, Chief of Police; J. I. Johnson, Finance Director; Arleene Loyd, GEDC Director; Melinda Medford, Executive Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Delania Raney, Mike Gordon, Patrick Hayslip, Brad Coleman, Joy Stateson, Adam Stateson, Dean Smith, Rod Tyler, Tony Dresser (videographer)

CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Steve Gordon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mike Williams, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, gave the invocation. Councilmember Steve Gordon led the pledge to the flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council reviewed the Minutes of the scheduled Kimley-Horn Workshop on August 20, 2019 and the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting on August 20, 2019 and approved them as written.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-03-2019 – A RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS FOR THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS.

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS FOR THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS.

This resolution reappoints Emmanuel Albarado, Tim Camp, Eric Erlandson and Van Knight (Alternate) to the Planning and Zoning Commission Board of Appeals. All have agreed to serve for terms expiring October 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-03-2019 A – A RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENTS TO THE GAINESVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS.

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TEXAS.

This resolution appoints Will Presson to fill Ray Nichols' place. Ray has met term limit and cannot serve on the board for at least two years. Will Presson's term will expire August 2021.

Councilmember Keeler **moved to approve the Consent Agenda.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dollar and carried by vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 3 Absent (Goldsworthy, Moore, Clegg).

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR CITY OF GAINESVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020.

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Councilmember Steve Gordon opened the public hearing at 6:32 p.m. and called for public comment on the proposed budget for the City of Gainesville for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

No one came forward to speak either for or against the proposed budget.

Councilmember Hendricks **moved to close the Public Hearing,** seconded by Councilmember Keeler, the motion carried by vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 3 Absent (Goldsworthy, Moore, Clegg).

Councilmember Steve Gordon announced that Council will vote on the budget at their regularly scheduled meeting on September 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Council Chambers, at 200 South Rusk Street.

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE OF \$0.696290 PER \$100 VALUATION FOR CITY OF GAINESVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020.

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Councilmember Steve Gordon opened the public hearing at 6:33 p.m. and called for public comment on the proposed Tax Rate of \$0.696290 for the City of Gainesville for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

No one came forward to speak either for or against the proposed tax rate.

Councilmember Keeler **moved to close the Public Hearing,** seconded by Councilmember Dollar, the motion carried by vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 3 Absent (Goldsworthy, Moore, Clegg).

Councilmember Steve Gordon announced that Council will vote to set the tax rate at their regularly scheduled meeting on September 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Council Chambers, at 200 South Rusk Street.

ORDINANCE 1462-09-2019 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, APPROVING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE ("ACSC") AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION REGARDING THE COMPANY'S 2019 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM FILING; DECLARING EXISTING RATES TO BE UNREASONABLE.

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, APPROVING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT

BETWEEN THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE (“ACSC”) AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION REGARDING THE COMPANY’S 2019 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM FILING; DECLARING EXISTING RATES TO BE UNREASONABLE. This Ordinance adopts new gas rates for Atmos Mid-Tex pursuant to a settlement between Atmos Cities Steering Committee (ACSC) and the Company to resolve the pending RRM rate filing. The ACSC Executive Committee approved the settlement and recommends ACSC Cities (which Gainesville is an ACSC city) adopt the ordinance immediately. City Manager Barry Sullivan stated this a savings for all ACSC cities of \$16.9 million dollars and provides a fair reimbursement for ATMOS to perform infrastructural improvements. This will result in a 3.7% increase for residential gas and 2.31% increase for commercial gas. Sullivan recommended approving the ordinance.

Councilmember Keeler **moved to Suspend the Charter requirement of three readings**, seconded by Councilmember Dollar, the motion carried by vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 3 Absent (Goldsworthy, Moore, Clegg).

Councilmember Keeler **moved to Adopt the Ordinance**, seconded by Councilmember Dollar, the motion carried by vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 3 Absent (Goldsworthy, Moore, Clegg).

RESOLUTION NO. 09-3-2019 B – A RESOLUTION APPROVING ACTIONS OF THE GAINESVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, WHICH VOTED TO ADOPT THE FY 2019-2020 GEDC BUDGET.

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION APPROVING ACTIONS OF THE GAINESVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, WHICH VOTED TO ADOPT THE FY 2019-2020 GEDC BUDGET.

At their meeting on August 26, 2019, the Gainesville Economic Development Corporation Board of the City of Gainesville voted to adopt the FY 2019-2020 Budget with votes of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent and 0 abstentions. Councilmember Keith Clegg serves as a voting member on the GEDC Board, and that Mayor Jim Goldsworthy and City Manager Barry Sullivan serve as Ex-Officio members. Arlene Loyd, GEDC Executive Director, addressed the council to state the GEDC’s current operating budget is less than last year. The GEDC collects their income from 2 (two) sources: 1. One quarter of the City’s sales tax, and 2. Leasing of the Schulmberger building, which the GEDC was able to negotiate a higher rate. City Manager Barry Sullivan added that these monies are geared towards incentive projects to bring business to Gainesville.

Councilmember Dollar **moved to approve the Resolution**, seconded by Councilmember Keeler, the motion carried by vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 3 Absent (Goldsworthy, Moore, Clegg).

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Medford, Executive Secretary

Jim Goldsworthy, Mayor