

**MINUTES
CITY OF GAINESVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
200 South Rusk
Gainesville, Texas 76240
September 21, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session September 21, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. with the following persons in attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Tommy Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Ken Keeler, Carolyn Hendricks, Brandon Eberhart, Michael Hill, Martin Phillips, Mary Jo Dollar.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Barry Sullivan, City Manager; Belvin Harris, City Attorney; Diana Alcala, City Secretary; J.I. Johnson, Finance Director; Kevin Phillips, Police Chief.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Gordon, Kelly Cain, Janice Hill, Aubrey Eberhart, Rod Tyler, Lisa Dodd, David Dodd, Sydney Dodd, Paula Wright, Phil Larson, Rodolfo Martinez, Colton Hermes, Tony Dresser (Videographer).

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tommy Moore called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Phil Larson gave the invocation. Mayor Tommy Moore led the pledge to the flag.

SEPTEMBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Lisa Dodd was recognized as the September Employee of the Month

CONSENT AGENDA

Council reviewed the Minutes of the City Council Meeting on September 7, 2021 and approved them as written.

Councilmember Keeler **moved to approve the Consent Agenda.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hill and carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent.

RESOLUTION 09-21-2021 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION AND APPROVAL OF THE TEXAS OPIOID ABATEMENT FUND COUNCIL AND SETTLEMENT TERM SHEET.

This Resolution supports the adoption and approval of the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council and Settlement Term Sheet. Currently, Gainesville is estimated to receive \$153,980. The funds for Gainesville could be used to enhance our current training for first responders, public educational programs, and community drug disposal programs.

Councilmember Dollar **moved to approve the Resolution.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hill and carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent.

RESOLUTION 09-21-2021A - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS ELECTING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE JANSSEN SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT DATED JULY 21, 2021 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN EXHIBIT K SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORM.

This Resolution authorizes the City Manager to sign the Settlement Participation Form for the Janssen Settlement.

Councilmember Phillips **moved to approve the Resolution.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keeler and carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent.

PUBLIC HEARING ON A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR GRANTING TAX ABATEMENT IN A REINVESTMENT ZONE CREATED WITHIN THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE; ELECTING TO BECOME ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN TAX ABATEMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETINGS FINDING.

Mayor Tommy Moore opened the public hearing at 6:43 p.m. and called for public comment on the Resolution.

No one came forward to speak on behalf of the proposed Resolution

Councilmember Keeler **moved to close the public hearing,** seconded by Councilmember Eberhart, the motion carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent.

The public hearing was closed at 6:44 p.m.

RESOLUTION 09-21-2021B - A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR GRANTING TAX ABATEMENT IN A REINVESTMENT ZONE CREATED WITHIN THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE; ELECTING TO BECOME ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN TAX ABATEMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETINGS FINDING.

This Resolution approves the tax abatement guidelines for a two-year period as required by state law.

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.

RESOLUTION 09-21-2021C - A RESOLUTION CASTING CITY OF GAINESVILLE VOTES FOR THE COOKE COUNTY TAX APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER FOR THE 2022-2023 TERM.

This Resolution casts 273 votes for Nancy Brannon and 272 votes for Nathan Dempsey for the Cooke County Appraisal District Board of Directors as submitted by the Cooke County Commissioner's Court.

Councilmember Keeler **moved to approve the Resolution.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hill and carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent.

RESOLUTION 09-21-2021D - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES

FOR THE 2021 WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT ULTRAVIOLET (UV) DISINFECTION TECHNOLOGY.

This Resolution authorizes the City Manager to sign the service agreement with Kimley-Horn to retrofit one chlorine contact chamber with ultraviolet disinfection equipment. The total amount for engineering is \$148,000. The total cost for engineering and construction is estimated to be \$1,190,000. This project will be funded from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Councilmember Hendricks **moved to approve the Resolution.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hill and carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent.

RESOLUTION 09-21-2021E - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES FOR THE 2021 WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CLOTH MEDIA FILTER TECHNOLOGY.

This Resolution authorizes the City Manager to sign the service agreement with Kimley-Horn to engineer a cloth-filter to replace the final clarifiers at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The total amount for engineering is \$250,000. The total cost for engineering and construction is estimated to be \$2,290,000. This project will be funded from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Councilmember Eberhart **moved to approve the Resolution.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keeler and carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent.

RESOLUTION 09-21-2021F - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF INDIVIDUAL PROJECT ORDER 2021 MILL AND OVERLAY, OF THE STREET AND UTILITY MAINTENANCE PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE.

This project will engineer the milling and overlaying sections of Bonner, Quail Run, Fox Hollow, Dove, Locust, Morningside, Aspen, Maplewood, and Cypress. The total amount for engineering is \$341,800. The total estimated cost for engineering and construction is \$2,579,000.

Councilmember Eberhart **moved to approve the Resolution.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hill and carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent.

RESOLUTION 09-21-2021G - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE COOKE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES AND PAYMENT OF FEES FOR SUCH SERVICES.

This Resolution authorizes the City Manager to renew the contract for appraisal and collection services for the period beginning January 1, 2022, and to remain effective unless a termination notice of this agreement is given by either party.

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.

DISCUSSION ON CONTRACTING KIMLEY HORN TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE COST OF ESTABLISHING A QUIET ZONE IN GAINESVILLE.

This discussion focused on whether Council wants to spend City funds on developing a cost to implement a quiet zone in a section of Gainesville. The study will cost \$19,000, however, two citizens have volunteered to pay for half of the study. This did not require to be an official vote of the Council because the City Manager is authorized to spend up to \$50,000. Council agreed to proceed with the study.

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diana Alcalá, City Secretary



Tommy Moore, Mayor

