

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

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on April 5, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. with the following persons in attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Jim Goldsworthy Keith Clegg, Carolyn Hendricks, Ken Keeler, Ray Nichols, Beverly Snuggs

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Jo Dollar

STAFF PRESENT: Barry Sullivan, City Manager; Caitlyn Huddleston, City Secretary; Kevin Phillips, Chief of Police; Dan Parker, Finance Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Daniel Thompson, Nikki King, John Hambrecht, Delania Trigg, Marcus Ollie, Will Presson, Doug Smithson, Steve Gordon, Bernie Gordon, Jennifer Evans, Dean Evans, Whitney Henderson, Tony Dresser (Videographer)

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Goldsworthy called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Mayor apologized for the delay; he and others were attending the Wall of Honor dedication at the Stanford House Senior Citizen Activity Center.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Barry Sullivan, City Manager, gave the invocation. Mayor Jim Goldsworthy led the pledge to the flag.

REPORTS

Texoma Community Center Update, Daniel Thompson, CEO

Texoma Community Center CEO Daniel Thompson gave Council an update on services offered in Cooke County to veterans, victims of substance abuse, and youth at risk. He noted that in his first year as Executive Director, he has attempted to repair the relationship between the Center and the City of Gainesville. In the past year, the Center has treated 90 more patients than the previous year. Thompson also advised that a second facility has been opened in the City of Gainesville at the corner of Broadway and Grand. Previously, veteran services were provided in Wichita Falls. Now, those patients can be treated in Gainesville. He did state that there are two more services to improve upon: transportation and crisis services. He also encouraged council to reach out to lawmakers in Austin to request increased funding. He noted that services for children suffer as funding is used to support adults, instead. Mayor Goldsworthy thanked Thompson for the update.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Marcus Ollie, son of Jack and Lorene Ollie, owners of the Booker T. Washington school site on Martin Luther King Blvd, Gainesville, addressed Council on behalf of his parents. Mr. Ollie explained that over two years ago, a demolition order was signed to tear down the school building, and the task has not been completed and that other large structures in town have been demolished

within the same time. He said that he recently saw two young girls playing in the rubble and that the site is not safe. Mr. Ollie noted that when his father still resided and worked in Gainesville, he often wore a shirt that said "Keep Gainesville Beautiful." Ollie said he would like to see these efforts continue, especially as the Medal of Honor Host City.

Mayor Goldsworthy did explain that the Booker T. Washington school agreement was at no cost to the Ollie's, but the City is in agreement to work towards cleaning up the town.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council reviewed the Minutes of the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting of March 15, 2016 and approved them as written.

RESOLUTION 04-05-2016 – APPOINTMENTS TO THE BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION.

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENTS TO THE BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION.

Council reappointed Tommy Robison, Jess Cason, and Buster Bezner (alternate) to the Building and Standards Commission to two-year terms expiring May 2018.

RESOLUTION 04-05-2016 A – APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.

Council reappointed Cal Koontz, Phil Neelley, and Nathan Dempsey to the Planning and Zoning Commission to two-year terms expiring April 2018.

Councilmember Snuggs **moved to approve the Consent Agenda**, seconded by Councilmember Clegg, the motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent (Dollar).

RESOLUTION 04-05-2016 B – AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2017 INTERNATIONAL PROSTAR DAY CAB TRACTOR TRUCK FOR THE SOLID WASTE DIVISION.

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2017 INTERNATIONAL PROSTAR DAY CAB TRACTOR TRUCK FOR THE SOLID WASTE DIVISION.

Council authorized the purchase of a new 2017 International Prostar Day Cab Tractor Truck from Southwest International Trucks-Arlington, Texas for \$112,702.39. The truck will be used to transport the City's municipal solid waste to TASWA Landfill. The purchase will be made through the Texas Local Government Purchasing HGAC Buy Board. This was a budgeted purchase. Mayor Goldsworthy thanked Polly Boone, Solid Waste Superintendent, for her continued good work.

Councilmember Hendricks **moved to approve the resolution**. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nichols and carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent (Dollar).

RESOLUTION 04-05-2016 C – APPROVING THE SALE OF ALCOHOL IN THE 100 BLOCK OF SOUTH COMMERCE STREET BY THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE MAIN STREET PROGRAM DURING SUMMER SOUNDS CONCERT SERIES, MAY 27, JUNE 24, AND JULY 29, 2016.

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Council approved the Gainesville Main Street Program to sell alcohol between 5 p.m. and midnight in the 100 block of South Commerce Street during the 2016 Summer Sounds Concert Series on May 27, June 24, and July 29. Summer Sounds Concerts include live music, concession type food and beer and wine sales for the enjoyment of historic downtown Gainesville. This is the seventh year for the program. Mayor Goldsworthy explained that this is a great event and approval of the sale of alcohol is a “housekeeping” item.

Councilmember Clegg **moved to approve the resolution.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Snuggs and carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent (Dollar).

PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1266-03-2011; RENEWING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT AS REQUESTED BY SPRINT SPECTRUM LP, FOR A COMMUNICATIONS ANTENNA SYSTEM LOCATED AT 501 E CALIFORNIA ST.

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Mayor Goldsworthy opened the Public Hearing at 6:49 p.m. and called for public comment on the proposed special use permit.

With no further discussion, Councilmember Snuggs moved to close the Public Hearing, with second by Councilmember Keeler, and the motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent (Dollar).

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:50 p.m.

ORDINANCE 1386-04-2016 – AMENDING ORDINANCE 1266-03-2011; RENEWING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT AS REQUESTED BY SPRINT SPECTRUM LP, FOR A COMMUNICATIONS ANTENNA SYSTEM LOCATED AT 501 E CALIFORNIA ST.

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON THE FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1266-03-2011; RENEWING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT AS REQUESTED BY SPRINT SPECTRUM LP, FOR A COMMUNICATIONS ANTENNA SYSTEM LOCATED AT 501 E CALIFORNIA ST IN THE CENTRAL AREA.

Council approved the renewal of a Special Use Permit (SUP) to Spring Spectrum Communications (SSC) for a wireless communications facility on the roof of the Turner Apartments. City Manager Barry Sullivan advised that the tower has been there for ten years. This permit would be limited for another five years.

SSC is not adding to or changing the facility. The Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommended that council grant an additional five-year SUP.

Councilmember Nichols **moved to Suspend the Charter requirement of three readings,** seconded by Councilmember Keeler, the motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent (Dollar).

Councilmember Nichols **moved to adopt the ordinance.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keeler and carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent (Dollar).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:51 p.m. Mayor Jim Goldsworthy announced that Council would convene into Executive Session in compliance with Vernon’s Texas Codes Annotated, Government Code, Chapter 551 (Open Meetings Act), to discuss the following:

Under Government Code §551.087 Economic Development

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Council reconvened into open session at 7:10 p.m. and Mayor Jim Goldsworthy announced no action was taken during executive session.

RESOLUTION 04-05-2016 D – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CHAPTER 380 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH SUPERIOR ENERGY SERVICES, INC.

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, THE CHAPTER 380 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH SUPERIOR ENERGY SERVICES, INC.

Council voted to authorize the Mayor to sign the Economic Development Agreement with Superior Energy Services, Inc. The City agrees to a fifty-percent annual rebate of city property taxes for a period of five years. The rebate will only be on new personal and business personal property, but not for any property that was located here as of January 1, 2015. The City may extend the agreement for an additional five years. Superior agrees that it will use reasonable efforts to render eligible property to the City with a minimum assessed value of \$10 million during the term of the agreement, beginning January 1, 2016. The agreement supports the City’s following goal to promote economic development and a diversified economy.

Councilmember Snuggs **moved to approve the resolution.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Clegg and carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent (Dollar).

ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted,

Caitlyn Huddleston, City Secretary

Jim Goldsworthy, Mayor