

**MINUTES
CITY OF GAINESVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
200 South Rusk
Gainesville, Texas 76240
April 4, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on April 4, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. with the following persons in attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Jim Goldsworthy, Keith Clegg, Carolyn Hendricks, Ken Keeler, Steve Gordon, Tommy Moore, Mary Jo Dollar

STAFF PRESENT: Barry Sullivan, City Manager; Bill Harris, City Attorney; Caitlyn Huddleston, City Secretary; Ron Sellman, Public Services Director, Kevin Gann, Golf Course Operations Manager; Kevin Phillips, Chief of Police.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeremy Wilson, Mike Gordon, Zach Brown, Officer Michael Green, Nikki King, Megan Gray-Hatfield, John Fleming, Tony Dresser (Videographer)

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Goldsworthy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor John Fleming, First United Methodist Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Jim Goldsworthy led the pledge to the flag.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Presentation of Star of North Texas Award

Zack Brown, CEO and Founder of Casualties of War and the Tattered Flag Project, was presented a Star of North Texas Award and medallion. Casualties of War provides resources and aid to veterans and first responders who suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, spreads awareness of the stress, and hopes to remove the negative stigma the disorder has. Mayor Goldsworthy recognized the Tattered Flag Project that repurposes tattered and worn flags by gifting them to family members of veterans and first responders who have taken their lives because of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, were lost in combat, or in the line of duty.

The Jeremy Wilson Foundation was also presented a Star of North Texas Award and medallion. Wilson was recognized for the establishment of the foundation, which demonstrates unmatched attention to the youth of Cooke County. JW Foundation recently hosted its Second Annual Spring Banquet, which included a silent auction, meet and greet sessions with Olympic athletes, and presentation of scholarships to at least two graduating seniors from each school in the county. 100% of the proceeds from ticket sales went to the Boys and Girls Club Summer Track Program.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council reviewed the Minutes of the City Council regularly scheduled City Council Meeting of March 21, 2017 and approved them as written.

RESOLUTION 04-04-2017 – MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.

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

Council reappointed Emmanuel Albarado, Lynn Monden, Bill Williams, and Teresa McElreath to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Their terms will expire April 2019.

Councilmember Keeler **moved to approve the consent agenda**, seconded by Councilmember Moore, the motion carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent.

RESOLUTION 04-04-2017 A – SUSPENDING THE APRIL 21, 2017 EFFECTIVE DATE OF ONCOR’S REQUESTED RATE CHANGE TO PERMIT THE CITY TIME TO STUDY THE REQUEST AND TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE RATES, AND APPROVING COOPERATION WITH THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF CITIES TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ANY NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS.

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE APRIL 21, 2017 EFFECTIVE DATE OF ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY’S REQUESTED RATE CHANGE TO PERMIT THE CITY TIME TO STUDY THE REQUEST AND TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE RATES, AND APPROVING COOPERATION WITH THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF CITIES SERVED BY ONCOR TO HIRE LEGAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES AND TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ANY NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS.

Council voted to suspend Oncor Electric Delivery Company’s (Oncor’s) requested rate change effective date of April 21, 2017. The City will now have a chance to determine, with legal counsel, if the proposed rates are fair and equitable for rate payers. On March 17, 2017, Oncor filed a rate case to raise rates by \$317 million annually. If the Council had not voted to suspend the request, the rate increase would have been charged to all customers within the city’s jurisdiction after April 21, 2017. The increase would have been 11.8% in residential rates.

Councilmember Clegg **moved to approve the resolution**. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordon and carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent.

RESOLUTION 04-04-2017 B – AMENDING THE LEASE OF 25 GOLF CARTS FOR THE GOLF COURSE AT A COST OF \$98,100.00.

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE LEASE OF TWENTY-FIVE (25) GOLF CARTS FOR THE GAINESVILLE GOLF COURSE AT A COST OF NINETY-EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$98,100.00).

Council approved amendments to the forty-eight month lease agreement with PNC Equipment Finance LLC for lease of 25 golf carts at the Gainesville Municipal Golf Course for a cost of \$98,100. The bid for the golf carts was awarded in February 2017 to EZ-GO Golf Cart Company, which subsequently presented a third-party lease (finance) agreement through PNC Equipment Finance LLC. PNC requested City Council to officially authorize the lease amendments for the total lease amount of \$98,100, instead of the total monthly payment amount, as previously approved.

Councilmember Moore **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.

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caitlyn Huddleston, City Secretary

Jim Goldsworthy, Mayor