

**MINUTES
CITY OF GAINESVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
200 South Rusk
Gainesville, Texas 76240
August 15, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on August 15, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. with the following persons in attendance.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Barry Sullivan, City Manager; Bill Harris, City Attorney; Caitlyn Huddleston, City Secretary; Kevin Phillips, Chief of Police; Dan Parker, Finance Director; Arleene Loyd, Gainesville Economic Development Corporation Executive Director;

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Gordon, Justin Harris, Nikki King, Megan Gray-Hatfield, Kimzie Moss, Tony Dresser (Videographer)

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Council reviewed the Minutes of the City Council workshop session of August 1, 2017 and the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting of August 1, 2017 and approved them as written.

RESOLUTION 08-15-2017 – APPROVE APPOINTMENTS TO GAINESVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENTS TO GAINESVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD

Council approved the following appointments to the Gainesville Economic Development Corporation (GEDC) Board: Ryan Morris as Ex-Officio to a term expiring August 2018; Phil Neeley to a term expiring August 2019; and the following reappointments: Jason Brinkley, Ex-Officio, Beverly Snuggs, Ex-Officio, Ray Nichols, and Keith Clegg to two-year terms, expiring August 2019.

RESOLUTION 08-15-2017 A – APPROVE APPOINTMENTS TO THE TEXOMA COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENTS TO THE TEXOMA COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Council voted to reappoint Mark Brazelton to the Texoma Community Center Board of Trustees for a two-year term, expiring August 2019.

RESOLUTION 08-15-2017 B – APPROVE APPOINTMENTS TO THE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENTS TO THE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Council reappointed Jason Snuggs, Carroll Johnson, Brandon Ayers, and Earl Russell to the Gainesville Airport Advisory Board for two-year terms, expiring August 2019.

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

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE OF \$0.72254 PER \$100 VALUATION FOR CITY OF GAINESVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018.

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Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:32 p.m. and called for public comment on the proposed Tax Rate of \$0.72254 for the City of Gainesville for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. No one came forward to speak either for or against the proposed tax rate.

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

Mayor Goldsworthy announced that Council will vote to set the tax rate at their regularly scheduled meeting on September 15, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Council Chambers, at 200 South Rusk Street.

RESOLUTION 08-15-2017 C – AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE RIFLE-RESISTANT BODY ARMOR PROJECT 17-18 TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION.

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE RIFLE-RESISTANT BODY ARMOR PROJECT 17-18 TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION.

Council authorized the City Manager to approve the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division on behalf of the Gainesville Police Department. The grant is for 39 sets of rifle-resistant body armor. This armor would be used as a supplement to concealable body armor to provide protection against rifle threats. This equipment would greatly enhance the safety of law enforcement personnel who respond to a high-risk situation, such as a barricaded person or an active shooter event. There are no matching funds required for this grant.

Councilmember Hendricks **moved to approve the resolution**, seconded by Councilmember Dollar, the motion carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent.

RESOLUTION 08-15-2017 D – EXTENDING THE BANK DEPOSITORY AGREEMENT WITH FIRST STATE BANK-GAINESVILLE.

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE BANK DEPOSITORY AGREEMENT WITH FIRST STATE BANK-GAINESVILLE.

Council voted to extend the Bank Depository Agreement with First State Bank-Gainesville. First State Bank has provided the City with excellent service and was the only bank that met the City's initial proposal requirements. The agreement will be extended through April 1, 2019 for a total

depository contract term of five years. State law limits cities to a maximum five-year depository agreement.

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE FIRST READING OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING ACTIONS OF THE GAINESVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WHICH VOTED TO APPROVE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE FOR GAINESVILLE NORTHTOWN PLAZA, LLC'S LIBERTY CROSSING REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

Council considered the first reading of a resolution approving the GEDC's actions to approve Gainesville Northtown Plaza, LLC's Liberty Crossing Redevelopment Project as an economic development project. The GEDC agrees to an infrastructure grant of \$1,000,000 for improvements to the former outlet mall and a sales tax rebate. All projects must be approved by the GEDC board and approval will be based on criteria of sales tax generation, significant property tax generation and/or job creation that meets GEDC requirements. The GEDC also commits to a sales tax rebate of half of the one quarter percent local sales tax received by the City of Gainesville as generated by Gainesville Northtown Plaza, LLC's Liberty Crossing Redevelopment Project. The date the sales tax rebate takes effect shall be no later than January 1, 2020.

Per state law, council takes no action on first reading. Second reading will be held September 5, 2017.

RESOLUTION 08-15-2017 E – APPROVING THE PROPOSED COOKE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT 2017-2018 BUDGET.

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED COOKE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT 2017-2018 BUDGET.

Council approved the Cooke County Appraisal District budget for 2017-2018 for assessment and collection of ad valorem taxes. City Manager Barry Sullivan said the adopted budget was lower than the proposed budget previously provided for the City's budgeting calculations. The City of Gainesville's portion is a combined total of \$197,362.77 for appraisals and collections.

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

RESOLUTION 08-15-2017 F – APPROVING ACTIONS OF THE GEDC TO CONVEY PROPERTY ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF CR 444 AND FM 1202 TO THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, ACCEPTING THE PROPERTY AS THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN APPROPRIATE CLOSING PAPERWORK.

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Council approved actions of the GEDC to convey property at CR 444 and FM 1202, which couldn't otherwise be developed, for the construction of a water tower. Council also accepted the property on behalf of the City and authorized the City Manager to sign any paperwork associated with closing on the property on behalf of the City. Sullivan further explained that the City and

Gateway Industrial Park are in need of an additional water tower and this has been part of the City's mission. A contract for the construction of the tower was approved at the July 18, 2017 city council meeting. The Gateway Industrial Park logo will be placed on the tower to draw attention to the park.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:39 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 §551.071 Attorney Privilege
- Under Government Code §551.072 Real Property

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Council reconvened into open session at 7:02 p.m. and Mayor Jim Goldsworthy announced no action was taken during executive session.

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caitlyn Huddleston, City Secretary

Jim Goldsworthy, Mayor