

**MINUTES  
CITY OF GAINESVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
200 South Rusk  
Gainesville, Texas 76240  
October 17, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on October 17, 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; Arlene Loyd, Gainesville Economic Development Corporation Executive Director

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jerry Jones, Nikki King, Mike Todd, Rod Tyler, Mike Gordon, Megan Gray-Hatfield, Tony Dresser (Videographer)

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pastor Jerry Jones, Whaley United Methodist Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Jim Goldsworthy led the pledge to the flag.

**REPORTS**

**Wastewater Treatment Plant Update, Barry Sullivan**

City Manager Barry Sullivan gave an update of the Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements. Sullivan showed pictures of the remodeled Administration Building, showcasing the updated foyer, and explained how the lab and computer equipment would be used from that location. He also explained that the headworks unit is complete and will be into use when the Sequential Batch Reactor (SBR) is online. The Belt Press Unit was also highlighted, which allows for quicker drying of the sludge. Sullivan went into great detail on the foundation of the SBR buildings. 95% of the necessary equipment is on-site. The antiquated plant will be 28 years old when the new plant is completed, with some parts that are over 50 years old. The new plant is a \$16.3 million investment, with an anticipated annual operating savings of \$214,000. Sullivan added that the improvements were part of the Lean Sigma program, involving employees from different departments.

**Manufacturing Matters Program Report, Arlene Loyd**

Gainesville Economic Development Corporation (GEDC) Executive Director Arlene Loyd presented the newest GEDC initiative, Manufacturing Matters. On Manufacturing Day, the GEDC will take students from Gainesville High School to tour manufacturers and then meet with representatives from several manufacturing companies. This year's Manufacturing Day is Thursday, October 26th, 2017, and over 100 students are already enrolled to participate. Students from the Junior High School will also be included throughout the year at smaller events. This will help students to decide a career path early on and choose curriculum based on that path.

The website for the program is [www.manufacturingmattersgedc.com](http://www.manufacturingmattersgedc.com). The site lists local manufacturers, highlights the benefits offered to employees, includes quotes from actual employees, and shows what training and experience is preferred for employment.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council reviewed the Minutes of the regularly scheduled City Council of October 3, 2017 and approved them as written.

Councilmember Dollar **moved to approve the consent agenda**, seconded by Councilmember Keeler, the motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent (Moore).

**RESOLUTION 10-17-2017 – AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 525 ADDITIONAL WATER METERS FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT.**

CONSIDERSTION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 525 ADDITIONAL WATER METERS FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

Council authorized the purchase of 525 Neptune water meters to replace older units. This purchase better equips the City to allow for fixed station reading, furthering the efficiency of the water department. Once these meters are installed, the City will have the capability to read the meters every 15 minutes from City Hall. Per previous bid responses, HD Supply is the supplier for our system (Neptune Meters), and therefore, a sole provider. Funds were budgeted for the purchase and installation.

Councilmember Keeler **moved to approve the resolution**, seconded by Councilmember Dollar, the motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent (Moore).

**RESOLUTION 10-17-2017 A – AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A RELEASE OF LIENS FOR THE PROPERTY AT 1123 CULBERSON STREET.**

CONSIDERSTION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A RELEASE OF LIEN FOR THE PROPERTY AT 1123 CULBERSON STREET.

Council authorized the City Manager to execute a release of liens for the estate of Clarence Littleton, owner of the property at 1123 Culberson. The court-appointed estate attorney has requested to pay off the liens for this address at an amount less than what is owed. Currently, the payoff amount is \$14,374.52 – the estate only has \$5,273.48 remaining to pay the liens. The lot is pending sale – all proceeds from the sell will go to cover court costs for the estate. By agreeing to the lesser payoff, the City will receive more money than if the property was foreclosed and then sold at sheriff's sale.

Councilmember Keeler **moved to approve the resolution**, seconded by Councilmember Dollar, the motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent (Moore).

**ADJOURN**

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Caitlyn Huddleston, City Secretary**

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**Jim Goldsworthy, Mayor**