

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF GAINESVILLE**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**200 South Rusk**  
**Gainesville, Texas 76240**  
**December 5, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on December 5, 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; Ron Sellman, Public Services Director

**OTHERS PRESENT:** John Reece, Paula Moore, Bobby Balthrop, Rawlie Balthrop, Cliff Yow, Mike Gordon, Ellen Samek, Kristin Samek, James Bewley, Pastor George Flowers, Mitchell Franklin, LaDena Franklin, Jerry Henderson, Rod Tyler, Sam Johnson, Daniel Worrell, Jerry Hendrick, Megan Gray-Hatfield, Chris Biffle, 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.

**RECOGNITIONS**

**Employee of the Month, November 2017**

Police Officer Michael Green was awarded November 2017 Employee of the Month. Officer Green continues to prove he is a solid asset to the Police Department and the City of Gainesville. Michael possesses a strong ability to connect with people through positive and uplifting interaction. He takes time to reach out to others in circumstances that are often difficult. Michael has volunteered to participate in the Fire Safety Education Program where he directly interacted with students to provide positive messages. He also volunteered to participate in the Abigail's Arms Candlelight Vigil during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Michael's dedication to this department and the community is an excellent example of the care and dedication he has for the people of the City of Gainesville. City Manager Barry Sullivan read and presented the recognition certificate to Green along with a certificate for an additional one day of vacation.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Jerry Henderson, 1913 Everglade Drive, spoke to Council to request a restroom in B. P. Douglas Park. He explained that currently, there is a port-a-potty delivered during events. He added that this is not sanitary and provides no sink for citizens to wash their hands. Henderson advised that a petition for the restroom facility has gathered over 200 signatures. Mayor Goldsworthy called

Henderson a fine gentleman and great volunteer, and advised the request would be taken under advisement.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council reviewed the Minutes of the regularly scheduled City Council of November 7, 2017 and approved them as written.

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

**RESOLUTION 12-05-2017 A – AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER 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.**

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER 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.

Council voted to approve a contract with the Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD) for appraisal and collection services for a two-year period beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2019.

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

**RESOLUTION 12-05-2017 B – CASTING BALLOTS FOR COOKE COUNTY TAX APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER FOR THE 2018-2019 TERM.**

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION CASTING BALLOTS FOR COOKE COUNTY TAX APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER FOR THE 2018-2019 TERM.

City Council cast the City of Gainesville’s votes for Jason Snuggs for the Cooke County Appraisal District Board of Directors, 2018-2019 term. There are no contested seats for the Appraisal Board. All nominated candidates will be on the board, but the vote is still required. City Council nominated Snuggs at the October 4, 2017 meeting. Mayor Goldsworthy thanked Snuggs for his services.

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

**RESOLUTION 12-05-2017 C – AUTHORIZING PROJECT PARTICIPATION IN FEDERAL NON PRIMARY ENTITLEMENT FUNDS THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE GAINESVILLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AIRPORT PROJECT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT.**

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROJECT PARTICIPATION IN FEDERAL NON PRIMARY ENTITLEMENT FUNDS THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE GAINESVILLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AIRPORT PROJECT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT.

Council authorized the Mayor to execute an agreement for the participation of the Gainesville Municipal Airport in Non Primary Entitlement Funds for FY 2017-2018. The funds are part of a 90-10 match, wherein the Texas Department of Transportation provides 90% of the funding, and the City of Gainesville is responsible for the remaining 10%, or \$42,000. The project includes rehabilitation of Taxiway B and the removal of excess pavement adjacent to Taxiway B. These projects are part of the Airport's 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan and have been budgeted for this fiscal year.

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.

**RESOLUTION 12-05-2017 D – APPROVING PLACEMENT OF A GOLD STAR FAMILIES MEMORIAL MONUMENT AS PART OF THE HERSCHEL WOODY WILLIAMS MEDAL OF HONOR FOUNDATION AT LEONARD PARK.**

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION APPROVING PLACEMENT OF A GOLD STAR FAMILIES MEMORIAL MONUMENT AS PART OF THE HERSCHEL WOODY WILLIAMS MEDAL OF HONOR FOUNDATION AT LEONARD PARK.

Council approved placement of a Gold Star Families Memorial Monument as part of the Herschel “Woody” Williams Medal of Honor Foundation in Leonard Park, north of the main pavilion, south of the current war memorial, and west of the Leonard Park exit road.

Bobby Balthrop spoke to Council on behalf of Medal of Honor Host City Program. He explained Woody Williams’ purpose and specifications for the monument and showcased a model of the monument. Balthrop also noted the increased ADA accessibility due to the size of the concrete plaza, averaging twenty to twenty-two feet in diameter, around the monument. Cliff Yow added that Gainesville will be granted the opportunity to design three of the four panels on the back.

Part of the funds are to be donated by the Herschel “Woody” Williams Medal of Honor Foundation.

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

**RESOLUTION 12-05-2017 E – APPROVING A VARIANCE FOR ON-SITE SEWAGE FACILITIES FOR YOUNG ENTERPRISES, PID 77390.**

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION APPROVING A VARIANCE FOR ON-SITE SEWAGE FACILITIES FOR YOUNG ENTERPRISES, COOKE COUNTY PID 77390, FROM THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 19 – WATER AND SEWERS, ARTICLE VI. ON-SITE SEWAGE FACILITIES, SECTION 19-158 – AMENDMENTS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, TO GRANT VARIANCES FROM THE REGULATIONS OF LOT SIZE REQUIRED FOR INSTALLATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND MAKING AN OPEN MEETING FINDING.

Council approved a variance to the City of Gainesville’s requirement for lot size of at least one (1) acre for an on-site sewage facility for Young Enterprises. The property, Cooke County PID 77390, is 0.85 acres and located on N Grand Ave, about a quarter mile north of the Bella Vista Apartments. Young Enterprises has advised the septic system has been designed by a Registered Professional Sanitarian and it fits on the site without intruding on any building or paved surface at the parcel’s current size. City Manager Barry Sullivan added that the concern for allowing septic systems on properties less than one acre is the aeration system.

Mayor Goldsworthy explained that Fastenal, a local company, is expanding at this location, and Council wouldn't set the precedent to allow for variances of this sort. Mayor Pro Tem Keith Clegg requested clarification if the property owner attempted to purchase more property to meet the requirement, to which Mayor Goldsworthy answered that he didn't believe so, as the parcels were "squared up" and became 0.85 acre. Clegg also asked if in the future, if utilities were extended to this area, if the owner would be required to connect to City lines. City Manager Barry Sullivan noted that most cities have in their ordinances that businesses shall connect to said utilities within a certain distance, and that the City could add this clause if it was not already in place.

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

**RESOLUTION 12-05-2017 – DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION TO FUND CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING A FIRE STATION, SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION, ROADS, SIDEWALKS, CURBS/GUTTERS, WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, WASTE WATER COLLECTION SYSTEM, AND STORM WATER SYSTEM, AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.**

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION TO FUND CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING A FIRE STATION, SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION, ROADS, SIDEWALKS, CURBS/GUTTERS, WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, WASTE WATER COLLECTION SYSTEM, AND STORM WATER SYSTEM, AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

Council approved a resolution to notify the public the City of Gainesville plans to issue debt for not more than \$8 million in bonds in January 2018. The City has planned to issue debt for a new fire station, new transfer station, and SUMP projects. The bond will be taken to market in January 2018 and council will be able to vote on an Ordinance to authorize the issuance of the Certificates at the January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Notice will be printed in the Gainesville Daily Register and online at [www.gainesville.tx.us](http://www.gainesville.tx.us).

Mayor Goldsworthy added that all projects are in the City's five year plan and were progress. Councilmember Steve Gordon added that Morton Museum could use the space currently occupied by Fire Station 3 at the corner of Rusk and Pecan Streets.

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.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:45 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 7:27 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 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Caitlyn Huddleston, City Secretary**

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**Jim Goldsworthy, Mayor**