

**MINUTES
CITY OF GAINESVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
200 South Rusk
Gainesville, Texas 76240
February 6, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on February 6, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. with the following persons in attendance.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Jim Goldsworthy

STAFF PRESENT: Barry Sullivan, City Manager; Caitlyn Huddleston, City Secretary; Kevin Phillips, Chief of Police; Karen Dixon, Interim Finance Director; Arlene Loyd, Gainesville Economic Development Corporation Executive Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Gordon, Megan Gray-Hatfield, Nikki King, Katy Cagle, Paula Moore, Mike Williams, Rod Tyler, Craig Hughes, JC McCann, Tony Dresser (Videographer)

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Keith Clegg called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Diaconal Candidate Mike Williams, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Pro Tem Keith Clegg led the pledge to the flag.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Caitlyn Huddleston TMCCP Graduation

Mayor Pro Tem and Councilmembers recognized City Secretary, Caitlyn Huddleston, for achieving certification as a Texas Registered Municipal Clerk in the University of North Texas Municipal Clerk's Certification Program. City Manager Barry Sullivan presented her certificate and explained that the program involves 300 hours of instruction and study, and that Huddleston completed the program in the minimum time it could have taken.

REPORTS

Annual Racial Profiling Report, Chief Kevin Phillips

Police Chief Kevin Phillips reviewed the annual racial profiling report that the Police Department is required to submit. Per Chief Phillips, compared to the Census, the report shows no outstanding disparities and everything is in line. The Police Department issues a press release each year encouraging citizens to report suspected profiling as this matter is taken very seriously and is investigated.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council reviewed the Minutes of the regularly scheduled City Council of January 16, 2018 and approved them as written.

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

RESOLUTION 02-06-2018 – AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT RADIO REPEATER PROJECT 18-19.

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT RADIO REPEATER PROJECT 18-19.

Council approved the submission of a grant application from the Gainesville Police Department to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to replace one radio repeater. The current repeater system is utilizing an unreliable link which resulted in several day long outages over the course of a year which creates issues with communicating with officers in the field. Also, the current system has been discontinued by Motorola and they will no longer provide aftermarket product support after December 31, 2020. The grant application requests funding for the entire project which is \$27,599. There is no matching funds required for this grant.

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

RESOLUTION 02-06-2018 A – AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A FINANCE AGREEMENT FOR THE BODY CAMERA SYSTEM FOR THE GAINESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A FINANCE AGREEMENT FOR THE BODY CAMERA SYSTEM FOR THE GAINESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Council approved entering into a financing agreement for the body camera system approved by Council at the December 19, 2017 meeting. The system includes mobile video recording equipment, body worn cameras, and a cloud-based digital evidence management system for the Police Department. The financing agreement for the contract term of five years includes \$0 financing cost, 0% interest rate, and a reduction in the total price of \$34,270.87 for the project.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE DESIGNATING REINVESTMENT ZONE NO. 20 WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF GAINESVILLE.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A CERTAIN AREA AS A REINVESTMENT ZONE FOR COMMERCIAL TAX ABATEMENT; ASSIGNING THE NAME “REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER 20 (TWENTY) OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS” TO SAID ZONE; DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR TAX ABATEMENT WITHIN SAID ZONE; PROVIDING TERMS FOR ABATEMENT WITHIN THE ZONE; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENTS.

Mayor Pro Tem opened the public hearing at 6:37 p.m. on the proposed designation of a parcel in the Gateway Industrial Park as Reinvestment Zone 20.

No one came forward to speak either for or against the reinvestment zone during the public hearing. With no further comments, Councilmember Keeler **moved to close the public hearing at 6:38 p.m.**, seconded by Councilmember Moore, the motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent (Goldsworthy).

ORDINANCE 1423-02-2018 – DESIGNATING A CERTAIN AREA AS A REINVESTMENT ZONE FOR COMMERCIAL TAX ABATEMENT; ASSIGNING THE NAME “REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER 20 (TWENTY) OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS” TO SAID ZONE; DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR TAX ABATEMENT WITHIN SAID ZONE; PROVIDING TERMS FOR ABATEMENT WITHIN THE ZONE; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENTS.

Council adopted an ordinance designating a certain area of land, identified as a 27.923 acre parcel located at the Gateway Industrial Park, as Reinvestment Zone No. 20, and providing eligibility requirements for tax abatement within the zone as described in Exhibit A of the ordinance. The reinvestment zone must be created prior to any tax abatement being given on the property.

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

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

RESOLUTION 02-06-2018 B – APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH RED RIVER PET FOODS; PROVIDING FOR AD VALOREM TAX ABATEMENT FOR SAID BUSINESS WITHIN THE REINVESTMENT ZONE 20 OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS.

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH RED RIVER PET FOODS; PROVIDING FOR AD VALOREM TAX ABATEMENT FOR SAID BUSINESS WITHIN THE REINVESTMENT ZONE 20 OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS.

Council voted to approve a tax abatement agreement between the City of Gainesville and Red River Pet Foods in Reinvestment Zone No. 20, located in a parcel at the Gateway Industrial Park, for the construction of a building for a new pet food manufacturing facility for an estimated value of \$18.5 million. City Manager Barry Sullivan said the tax abatement agreement allows for 50% exemption from taxation for ten years. The abatement shall take effect no later than January 1, 2020. Sullivan also noted the creation of 40 jobs that will come with the facility and the continuing diversification of Gainesville’s economy.

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

RESOLUTION 02-06-2018 C – APPROVING ACTIONS OF THE GAINESVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO APPROVE MUENSTER MILLING (“RED RIVER PET FOODS”) PROJECT AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION APPROVING ACTIONS OF THE GAINESVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO APPROVE MUENSTER MILLING (“RED RIVER PET FOODS”) PROJECT AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

Council approved the actions of the GEDC to approve Muenster Milling (“Red River Pet Food, LLC”) as economic development project at the Gateway Industrial Park. Mayor Pro Tem Keith Clegg commended the GEDC for their work to put together the project incentives.

Per state law, first reading consideration was held at the January 16, 2018 Regular City Council meeting.

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

RESOLUTION 02-06-2018 D – CALLING FOR THE GENERAL AND SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD BY THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS ON MAY 5, 2018; PROVIDING FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION OF COUNCIL PERSONS FOR WARD 3, WARD 5, WARD 6 AND MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE AND SPECIAL ELECTION OF COUNCIL PERSON FOR WARD 2; ADOPTING A VOTING SYSTEM AS APPROVED BY SECRETARY OF STATE; AND DESIGNATING POLLING LOCATIONS FOR EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY.

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE GENERAL AND SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD BY THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS ON MAY 5, 2018; PROVIDING FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION OF COUNCIL PERSONS FOR WARD 3, WARD 5, WARD 6 AND MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE AND SPECIAL ELECTION OF COUNCIL PERSON FOR WARD 2; ADOPTING A VOTING SYSTEM AS APPROVED BY SECRETARY OF STATE; AND DESIGNATING POLLING LOCATIONS FOR EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY.

Council approved a resolution calling the 2018 General Election of officers for Saturday, May 5, 2018 to elect council positions in the General Election for Wards 3, 5, 6 and Municipal Court Judge, and council position in the Special Election for Ward 2. The resolution also designates the polling location for Early Voting at City Hall from April 23 through May 1, and the polling place for voting on Election Day at the Civic Center. As required by law, two days were designated for extended hours during early voting. The period for a candidate to apply for a place on the ballot is from January 17, 2018 through February 16, 2018.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:45 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Keith Clegg 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 §551.072 Real Property

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Council reconvened into open session at 7:02 p.m. and Mayor Pro Tem Keith Clegg 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

Keith Clegg, Mayor Pro Tem