

**MINUTES  
CITY OF GAINESVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
200 South Rusk  
Gainesville, Texas 76240  
April 1, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on April 1, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. with the following persons in attendance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Jim Goldsworthy  
Keith Clegg, Mary Jo Dollar, Carolyn Hendricks, Ken Keeler, Ray Nichols, Beverly Snuggs

**STAFF PRESENT:** Barry Sullivan, City Manager; Kay Lunnon, City Secretary; Dan Parker, Finance Director; Kevin Phillips, Police Chief

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Reverend Bill Black, Keith King, Cathy Mounce, Stephen Salas, Tony Dresser (Videographer)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jim Goldsworthy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with all members of the council present.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Reverend Bill Black, Grand Avenue Baptist Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Goldsworthy led the pledge to the flag.

**REPORTS**

**City Financial Transparency Report**

City Manager Barry Sullivan gave a report on the City's achievement of Platinum level in the Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle for Financial Transparency. The City of Gainesville is one of only eleven cities in Texas to achieve the Platinum designation, the highest level of transparency, for providing public internet access to City financial documents including annual budgets, investment reports, check registers, payroll information, and links to current and proposed bonded debt information. Sullivan said he is extremely proud of achieving this distinction and level of transparency. The City has been very efficient with public money and the Financial Transparency platform provides effective communication with the public on how their money is spent. The City's financial information can be viewed on the City of Gainesville website [www.gainesville.tx.us](http://www.gainesville.tx.us) under Financial Transparency. Mayor Goldsworthy stated he is incredibly proud of the financial leadership and outstanding work by the City Manager and Department Heads in putting the City in strong financial position.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council reviewed items on the Consent Agenda, including the Minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of March 18, 2014, and appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-01-2014 – APPOINTMENTS TO PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

A RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.

Lynette Scruggs and Nathan Dempsey were re-appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission, each to two-year terms through April 2016.

Councilmember Snuggs **moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented**, and was seconded by Councilmember Keeler. The motion carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1339-04-2014 – AMENDING CITY CODE, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-3 TO INCREASE FUND BALANCE AND WORKING CAPITAL BALANCE REQUIREMENTS**

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-3 ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND RESERVES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND MAKING AN OPENING MEETINGS FINDING.

Ordinance was approved and adopted on first reading to amend City Code, Chapter 2, Section 2-3 Establishment of Fund Reserves, increasing the reserve requirement for fund balances and working capital balances from 60 days to 90 days of budgeted operating expenditures. Sullivan referenced a Council resolution in September 2008 establishing goals requiring budgetary contingency reserves of 60 days for both the General Fund and Water & Sewer Utility Fund by the end of fiscal year 2011, and increasing to 90 days for both funds by the end of fiscal year 2013. In December 2010, city ordinance was adopted to require fund balances and working capital to increase to 60 days by the end of fiscal year 2011. Sullivan said the City has stuck to its financial goals in building reserves over the past five years. Mayor Pro Tem Nichols commended Sullivan for his leadership and in getting city departments to understand what proper budgeting can do.

Councilmember Snuggs **moved to Suspend the Charter requirement of three readings**, seconded by Councilmember Clegg, the motion carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

Councilmember Snuggs **moved to adopt the ordinance**. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Clegg and carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:44 p.m. Mayor 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 §551.072 Real Property
- Under Government Code §551.087 Economic Development

**RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

Council reconvened into open session at 7:16 p.m. Mayor 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 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/  
**Kay Lunnon, City Secretary**

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**Jim Goldsworthy, Mayor**