

**MINUTES
CITY OF GAINESVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
200 South Rusk
Gainesville, Texas 76240
December 20, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on December 20, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. with the following persons in attendance.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Barry Sullivan, City Manager; Bill Harris, City Attorney; Kevin Phillips, Police Chief; Ron Sellman, Public Services Director; Dan Parker, Finance Director; Julie Smith, Community Services Director; Arleene Loyd, GEDC Director; Jason Botcher, Fire Marshal; Jerry Rhodes, Crew Leader; Billy Burgan, Water Production Opeartor III; Mark Mask, Water Production Superviosr; Michael Cheesman, Water Production Operator I; Tony Smith, Utilities Inspector/Field Supervisor; Jo Ann Mendez, Executive Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Nikki King, Mike Gordon, Jerry Jones, Morgan Moore, Tony Dresser (Videographer)

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Employee of the Month, December 2016

Jerry Rhodes was named December 2016 Employee of the Month in recognition and appreciation for his hard work and dedication to the Public Services Department and the City of Gainesville. Jerry has played an instrumental role with the new Cartograph system. He instructs and helps other employees with the new system while maintaining good working relationships with all of his co-workers and other departments as well. Jerry plans ahead for his work load and assists his supervisor by taking charge of situations when necessary. His knowledge is valuable and helpful to all employees in his crew. Jerry is a dependable, hardworking crew leader that the City can count on and trust. He always gets the job done with quality and in a timely manner. City Manager Barry Sullivan read and presented the recognition certificate to Rhodes along with a certificate for an additional one day of vacation.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Morgan Moore, Texas A&M Student and Texas A&M Senate member, started by saying she watched her dad, Councilmember Tommy Moore, grab his large agenda binder for the council meeting tonight and suggested council use Google Drive Cloud Service instead, as that is what the senate at Texas A&M uses. Ms. Moore suggested that all the agenda items be placed in an electronic drop box and could be looked at from a laptop or tablet. Council could get rid of the large, heavy agenda binders, keeping city employees from having to deliver these agenda binders

to each council member. Ms. Moore requested they consider her suggestion. Mayor thanked Senator Moore on a job well done.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council reviewed the Minutes of the workshop session of December 6, 2016 and the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting of December 6, 2016 and approved them as written.

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.

RESOLUTION 12-20-2016 – CANCELLING THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 3, 2017.

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS TO RESCHEDULE OR CANCEL THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 3, 2017.

Council voted to cancel the January 3, 2017 regularly scheduled council meeting due to lack of agenda items. Mayor Jim Goldsworthy also cited the upcoming New Year's Day holiday and short week as reason to cancel. The next meeting will take place Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

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

ORDINANCE 1401-12-2016 – REPEALING CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE I SECTIONS 5-1 THROUGH 5-8 AND 5-10; RENUMBERING SECTION 5-9 TO 5-12, SECTION 5-11 TO 5-13, AND SECTIONS 5-12 - 5-25 TO 5-14 - 5-25; ADDING CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE I. BUILDING STANDARDS, SECTIONS 5-1 THROUGH 5-11.

CONSIDERATION OF AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE I SECTIONS 5-1 THROUGH 5-8 AND 5-10; RENUMBERING SECTION 5-9 TO 5-12, SECTION 5-11 TO 5-13, AND SECTIONS 5-12 - 5-25 TO 5-14 - 5-25; ADDING CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE I. BUILDING STANDARDS, SECTIONS 5-1 THROUGH 5-11; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council considered second reading of an ordinance adopting 2015 International Building Codes and assorted other codes, including Residential Code, Fire Code with Appendices, Plumbing Code, Fuel Gas Code, Mechanical Code, Energy Conservation Code, Property Maintenance Code, and the 2014 National Electric Code NFPA 70. The International Code Council updates these codes every three years. Recommendation amendments were made by City Staff, including Julie Smith, Community Services Director, Jason Botcher, Fire Marshal, Barry Sullivan, City Manager, and Mike Doughty, Countywide Inspections Services, and the North Central Texas Council for Governments. Mayor Goldsworthy thanked city staff for their hard work.

First reading consideration was held at the December 6, 2016 regular meeting. City Council held a workshop session prior to the regular meeting on December 6, 2016 to discuss adoption of said codes, as well. Staff was directed to make several changes following the workshop session.

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

Councilmember Clegg **moved to Adopt the Ordinance on the Second Reading**, seconded by Councilmember Keeler, the motion carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:44 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 §551.074 Personnel – City Manager’s Evaluation

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Council reconvened into open session at 7:12 p.m. and Mayor Jim Goldsworthy announced no action was taken during executive session.

RESOLUTION 12-20-2016 A – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT OF BARRY SULLIVAN AS CITY MANAGER.

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT OF BARRY SULLIVAN AS CITY MANAGER.

Council voted unanimous approval of a contract extension of Barry Sullivan’s contract as City Manager. Mayor Goldsworthy thanked Sullivan and stated he appreciated all the hard work Sullivan does for the city and the city employees.

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

ADJOURN

Mayor Goldsworthy wished everyone a Merry Christmas, and a blessed New Year. With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Mendez, Executive Secretary

Jim Goldsworthy, Mayor