

**MINUTES
CITY OF GAINESVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
200 South Rusk
Gainesville, Texas 76240
April 17, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session on April 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. with the following persons in attendance.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Barry Sullivan, City Manager; Caitlyn Huddleston, City Secretary; Kevin Phillips, Chief of Police; J.I. Johnson, Finance Director

OTHERS PRESENT: John Hare, Angie Hare, Megan Gray-Hatfield, Mike Gordon, Nikki King, Laura Otts, Zack Brown, Scotty Thurman, Tom Reynolds, Travis Achorn, Jeff Isbell, Tony Dresser (Videographer)

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

John Hare, First Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Jim Goldsworthy led the pledge to the flag.

PROCLAMATIONS & COMMENDATIONS

Employee of the Month, April 2018

Employee of the Month, April 2018

Travis Achorn, Communications Operator, Police Department, was awarded April 2018 Employee of the Month for his continued dedication to the citizens of Gainesville. On Wednesday, February 21, 2018, a major ice storm hit Gainesville, during which time, the Fire Department was dispatched to 72 various calls, ranging from vehicle accidents, EMS medical calls, and numerous downed power lines. Throughout the duration of the storm, the City of Gainesville relied on Communications Operator Travis Achorn, who performed above and beyond his normal duties. Travis was the lead Communication Operator during the storm and handled the stressful and very busy situation in a professional and calm manner. He handled more calls during that shift than any other shift in his career. Travis has proven that he can handle a highly stressful situation and is a huge asset to the City of Gainesville. City Manager Barry Sullivan read and presented the recognition certificate to Achorn along with a certificate for an additional one day of vacation. Council commended Achorn for a job well done and thanked him for his hard work during the storm.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council reviewed the Minutes of the regularly scheduled City Council of April 3, 2018 and approved them as written.

**RESOLUTION 04-17-2018 – APPROVING THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL
ON CITY PROPERTY AT UPCOMING EVENTS**

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL AT THE GAINESVILLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT BY THE GAINESVILLE FLYERS CLUB DURING THEIR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER EVENT ON MAY 5, 2018, BY THE GAINESVILLE CLASS OF 1998 DURING THEIR ALUMNI EVENT ON JUNE 9, 2018, AND IN THE 100 BLOCK OF SOUTH COMMERCE STREET DURING SUMMER SOUNDS CONCERT SERIES MAY 25, JUNE 29, AND JULY 27, 2018.

Council approved the sale and/or consumption of alcohol on City of Gainesville property at several upcoming events, including the Gainesville Flyers Club annual fundraiser at the Gainesville Municipal Airport, GHS Class of 1998 Reunion at the Gainesville Municipal Airport, and the Summer Sounds Concert Series on the courthouse square. The Summer Sounds series takes place the last Friday of each month from May to July and is free to the public.

Councilmember Clegg **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 04-17-2018 A – GRANTING APPROVAL FOR THE OPERATION OF A VETERANS PARKING RESERVED SIGN INITIATIVE AS PRESENTED BY CASUALTIES OF WAR; PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS BY THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE AT COST TO PARTICIPANTS; AND PROVIDING FOR NO ENFORCEMENT OR PENALTY OF VIOLATION.

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL FOR THE OPERATION OF A VETERANS PARKING RESERVED SIGN INITIATIVE AS PRESENTED BY CASUALTIES OF WAR; PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS BY THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE AT COST TO PARTICIPANTS; AND PROVIDING FOR NO ENFORCEMENT OR PENALTY OF VIOLATION.

Council approved a Veterans Parking Sign Initiative as presented by the Casualties of War Program. The initiative solicits sponsorships from local businesses for reserved parking for veterans. There would be no official enforcement by the Gainesville Police Department or penalty for violation and would be solely on the “honor system.” This program will be at no cost to taxpayers. City Manager Barry Sullivan noted that this program will enhance the patriotic character of Gainesville and participation in such a program was suggested by the branding company that created the City’s new logo and tagline, “Totally Texas. All American.”

Zack Brown, Casualties of War founder, spoke to council regarding the program and advised Scotty Thurman will be in charge of the Veterans Parking initiative locally. Council thanked Mr. Brown for pulling together a “great program” and thanked for Brown and Thurman for their service.

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 04-17-2018 B – FINDING THAT ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC’S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY FACTOR TO INCREASE DISTRIBUTION RATES WITHIN THE CITY SHOULD BE DENIED AND FINDING THAT THE CITY’S REASONABLE RATE CASE EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMPANY.

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS FINDING THAT ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC’S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY FACTOR PURSUANT TO 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 25..243 TO INCREASE DISTRIBUTION RATES

WITHIN THE CITY SHOULD BE DENIED; FINDING THAT THE CITY'S REASONABLE RATE CASE EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMPANY; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL.

Council authorized the City to join with the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor to evaluate their recent filing to increase distribution rates, determine whether the filing complies with law, and if lawful, to determine what further strategy, including settlement, to pursue. In the filing, Oncor asserts that it is seeking an increase in distribution revenues of \$19,002,177.

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

RESOLUTION 04-17-2018 C – AWARDING RFQ 2018-02 FOR ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESIGNING A SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION AND CITY GARAGE.

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AWARDING RFQ 2018-02 FOR ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESIGNING A SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION AND CITY GARAGE.

Council awarded RFQ 2018-02 for engineering and architectural services for the purposes of designing a Solid Waste Transfer Station and City Garage to Eikon Consulting Group, LLC. City Manager Barry Sullivan noted there was some concern about Eikon obtaining required Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) permits for the transfer station, but that Eikon is partnering with another agency who has built 20-30 transfer stations and is familiar with the process. Eikon was also awarded the bid for the new Fire Station.

Mayor Pro Tem Keith Clegg requested clarification on the timeline for the TCEQ permit process and construction. Sullivan and Jeff Isbell, Eikon Consulting Group, advised of a 90 day timeline for the initial approval, plus additional time for planning and any changes to the permit.

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

RESOLUTION 04-17-2018 D – AWARDING RFB 2018-03 FOR FARMERS MARKET IMPROVEMENTS.

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AWARDING RFB 2018-03 FOR FARMERS MARKET IMPROVEMENTS.

Council awarded Bid 2018-03 for Farmers Market Improvements to Schmoldt Construction for \$1,977,000.40. Three bids were received and Schmoldt was the lowest, their bid being less than budgeted. City Manager Sullivan added that there are some aesthetic details that could be cut to save money, but Council agreed that if it's within budget, they would like the market area to look as planned. Mayor Pro Tem Keith Clegg pointed out that other bidders provided a lower cost for drainage and asked if these costs were something Schmoldt would consider cutting back. Sullivan responded that he suspected the other bidders were higher on other areas, as Schmoldt was the lowest overall.

The Farmers Market area is located at Chestnut Street between Elm and Broadway Streets and will be updated to include a performance area, enhanced food truck spaces, permanent seating area, and restroom facilities.

Mayor Goldsworthy noted his excitement in seeing long-range plans, such as the new Fire Station, Transfer Station, and Farmers Market, come to fruition.

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

ADJOURN

Prior to adjournment, Mayor Goldsworthy reminded citizens to sign up for CodeRed, a free service which alerts citizens via phone call or text message of emergency situations, which is especially important during the spring storm season.

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caitlyn Huddleston, City Secretary

Jim Goldsworthy, Mayor