AGENDA

Gainesville Mayor/Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 1, 2019, 5:30 PM
Public Safety Complex (Gainesville Justice Center)
Municipal Court Room, 701 Queen City Parkway
Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem Presides

INVOCATION:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

PRESENTATIONS / RECOGNITIONS:

A. Volunteer of the Year Award - Dr. Bill Carr

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (20 minutes maximum)

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes

A. September 12, 2019 Work Session

B. September 17, 2019 Mayor/Council Meeting

Resolutions

A. PR-2019-14 FY2020 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG)

GENERAL LEGISLATION:

A. **Ordinance No. 2019-28**
Amend Title 10 as it Pertains to Fire Protection Services Water Rates
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSECTION (a) OF SECTION 10-1-45 ENTITLED "RATE SCHEDULE FOR WATER SERVICE FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES; FIRE HYDRANT METER RENTAL FEES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE BY ELIMINATING IT IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING IN ITS PLACE THE LANGUAGE SET FORTH BELOW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR CODIFICATION; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Final: Monday, September 30, 2019, 4:41 PM

CITY OF GAINESVILLE

COUNCIL AGENDA REQUEST

Date Submitted: 9/19/2019

Presenter: Jerome Yarbrough

Item of Business: Volunteer of the Year Award - Dr. Bill Carr

Meeting Date: 10/1/2019

Purpose of Request:

To recognize Dr. Bill Carr for earning the volunteer of the year award for helping firefighters cope with traumatic situations.

History/Background:

Dr. Bill Carr for more than a decade, has worked as the chaplain for the Gainesville Fire Department. And it has been Carr's own, quiet mission — he's a volunteer and the church's local missions committee honored him with its Volunteer of the Year award.

Facts & Issues for Consideration:

"If you don't address the trauma right when it occurs, it's like you're operating this equipment with folks that are contaminated," Carr said. "The goal is to address trauma at its earliest point with firefighters and sort of clean them up so they can get back to doing what they love the most."

Department Recommendation:

The Gainesville Fire Department is very appreciative of Dr. Carr for all the assistance he has given the personnel.

Department Director:

Jerome Yarbrough

If funding is involved, are funds approved within the current budget?

N/A

Amount Requested:

Source of Funds:

Finance Comments:

Administrative Comments:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
The Times Newspaper Article - Bill Carr Volunteer of the Year	Backup Material

This man helps firefighters cope with trauma they see on the job. It recently earned him a volunteer of the year award

Chaplain Bill Carr visits Gainesville Fire Station 1 Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2019, on Pine Street. Carr is the First Presbyterian Church chaplain for local firefighters. - photo by Scott Rogers

Layne Saliba
Updated: Sept. 14, 2019, 8:16 p.m.

Bill Carr's mother wouldn't let him play sports when he was young because they were too dangerous. So, at 16 years old, Carr decided to become a volunteer firefighter in his little town of Matthews, North Carolina.

Turns out, that one decision, somewhat rebellious but definitely earnest, led to a long career of serving his community and country as a police officer, firefighter and soldier. And it's his volunteer work since retiring that earned him an honor from his church.

"My chaplaincy work in the Army was sort of the beginning of realizing I had the opportunity to serve people and be of assistance to them when they had been exposed to trauma," said Carr, a member of First Presbyterian Church in Gainesville.

Carr, having retired from public safety, now raises beef cattle in Hall County. He served in the United States Army Reserve as a chaplain after earning his doctor of ministry at McCormick Theological Seminary and his master of divinity at Columbia Theological Seminary. He went on to become a Presbyterian minister and pastoral counselor.

Instead of responding to fires and crime, Carr now, for more than a decade, has worked as the chaplain for the Gainesville Fire Department. And it has been Carr's own, quiet mission — he's a volunteer and the church's local missions committee honored him with its Volunteer of the Year award.

"We didn't even know he was doing it," said Jack Spencer, a member at the church. "We've got a couple hundred people in the church that pledge hours and Bill is just sort of quietly doing it. He never even mentioned that he was doing the chaplaincy work."

Even though Carr might not mention it, the men and women at the fire department have. He answers the call whenever it comes. Gainesville Fire Chief Jerome Yarbrough said Carr has never turned him down when he's called on him.

"He's got that knack where he can come in and he just fits in," Yarbrough said. "He talks on everyone's level. And when he does talk, people listen."

When something traumatic happens in the field, Carr shows up to help the firefighters deal with the trauma they witnessed or the struggles that may linger.

"It seems to come naturally to him," Carr's wife, Jan, said. "He has always been dedicated to his fellow man. And when someone needs help and reaches out, he's there. He's the rock."

Carr said he typically is called when there's a murder, suicide or infant death. And being in a small town, he said responding to an incident that involves one of the firefighter's friends or family members is always a possibility.

Whenever they need him to help out, consoling, counseling and helping firefighters work through these traumatic events, Carr said no matter what he's doing, that becomes his priority.

"If you don't address the trauma right when it occurs, it's like you're operating this equipment with folks that are contaminated," Carr said. "The goal is to address trauma at its earliest point with firefighters and sort of clean them up so they can get back to doing what they love the most."

It's not just about cleaning them up. Carr focuses on building relationships with the firefighters during the normal times, too. Oftentimes, it's done while sitting on the bumper of the fire trucks at each station, asking a simple question.

"'You OK?'" Carr will ask. "There's a lot of meaning in that question, and I think they know I mean business."

But Carr knows trust isn't built just through the heart. He earns it by appealing to that other critical piece of firefighters — their stomachs.

When he's not counseling, Carr can be found dropping into a station to cook one of his favorite breakfast meals.

"Swiss roasties," he calls it. "It's a dish that has a potato base, but it also has eggs and either bacon or ham and cheese layered into it. So you stack it up and you cook it all in one pan ... And it's really good."

That's an important part of his job. If he's not around the ones he's there to serve as much as he can be, it would be hard to know when something wasn't right.

"Bill is the person who they can trust," Spencer said. "He's been doing it for a long, long time and since he's had training as a chaplain, he knows how to do that counseling process with them to be sure that they can move forward."

The job isn't always as simple as cooking breakfast. It's tough a lot of the time. But if anyone is able to do it, it's Carr.

"It can be a very difficult job," Carr said. "But I think part of my own training, being in this whole area of trauma experiences and trauma recovery, you discover how to overcome."

But he's also seen what happens when trauma isn't dealt with.

"You will also discover how it can paralyze you," Carr said. "The rewarding thing is to realize … if you can help another one come out of those traumatic events without major damage, then it's a good day. It's a very good day."

Carr does his work by counseling firefighters through whatever they saw and whatever they need help dealing with. They know he's near whenever they need him.

"I am extremely proud of his service," Jan Carr said. "And I have always known him to be available to others in their time of need … It's just a part of his character. It's part of who he is."

But the weight of counseling people through trauma takes its toll on Carr, so he said he learned early on that he had to find his own escape.

For him, that's with his cattle.

"Get out in the open, in God's good earth to experience the beauty of God's creation and the absence of the stressors that are associated with all of these traumas," Carr said. "What I encourage folks to do is to find something just totally opposite of what they're experiencing to kind of cleanse the mind and soul of those things that are troublesome. So that's what I do myself."

He gets away like that as much as he can because he responds to things like the hostage situation at Gainesville Dermatology from early 2019. He was there to make sure the firefighters and even the employees were handling things well after the suspect was shot and killed by police.

Yarbrough said Carr went to the dermatology office to check on the staff there and even was at the fire station later, checking on the firefighters who responded.

"He's always in that mode to help," Yarbrough said. " He did come back to the station and have conversations with them and made sure everybody was OK."

Both Yarbrough and Carr said first responders aren't immune to trauma. They are oftentimes some of the ones who feel it most, which is why he is there and why his job is such a necessity.

"Firefighter is one of those professions you're supposed to be strong and brave … but in the back of your mind, certain things you see weigh on you," Yarbrough said. "We see a lot of stuff, but still we're not immune to getting emotionally involved."

It's a reality Carr said has been more prevalent in 2019. The beginning of the year in Hall saw numerous shootings, and that doesn't include any of the other traumatic events firefighters may have responded to. Carr's job is more important now than ever.

"The pressure that's on our first responders now is a different kind of pressure," Carr said. "There is this knowledge that anytime you go out, you may have a fatal situation."

That’s why he volunteers his time throughout the year, checking on firefighters around Gainesville, making sure they have what they need and are in a good place to respond to calls.

It reminds him of his days as a firefighter, and he feels that if he’s able to help at least one person in their time of need, his volunteer work has been time well spent.

“As a retired person, it gives me a good sense of meaningful work,” Carr said. “And you can't beat it … I'm honored to be present with them in difficult circumstances to cope with whatever they need to deal with.”

Bill Carr, center, is the First Presbyterian Church chaplain for local police and firefighters. From the left members of Gainesville Fire Station 1 are Chad Payne, Brent Clanton, Keith Smith, Carr, Jonathan Sutton and Greg Hunsinger. - photo by Scott Rogers

CITY OF GAINESVILLE

COUNCIL AGENDA REQUEST

Date Submitted: 9/27/2019

Presenter:

Item of Business: Consent Agenda Items

Meeting Date: 10/1/2019

Purpose of Request:

The following appointments, minutes and/or resolutions are being considered under the Consent Agenda Section. These items were previously distributed for review and/or discussed. Unless otherwise directed by Mayor and Council, they will not be discussed during this meeting.

If you have questions regarding these documents, please feel free to contact the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours (Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM) at 770-535-6865 or via email to cityclerk@gainesville.org.

History/Background:

Facts & Issues for Consideration:

Department Recommendation:

Department Director:

If funding is involved, are funds approved within the current budget?

Amount Requested: **Source of Funds**:

Finance Comments:

Administrative Comments:

CITY OF GAINESVILLE

COUNCIL AGENDA REQUEST

Date Submitted: 9/27/2019

Presenter: Denise Jordan

Item of Business: September 12, 2019 Work Session

Meeting Date: 10/1/2019

Purpose of Request:

The purpose of this request is to allow the governing body to approve minutes from the referenced meeting.

History/Background:

Facts & Issues for Consideration:

Draft minutes were distributed to the governing body, City Manager, City Attorney and Department Directors for comments/corrections.

Department Recommendation:

Approve the minutes accepting edits as presented.

Department Director:

Bryan Lackey

If funding is involved, are funds approved within the current budget?

N/A

Amount Requested:

Source of Funds:

Finance Comments:

Administrative Comments:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type

CITY OF GAINESVILLE

COUNCIL AGENDA REQUEST

Date Submitted: 9/27/2019

Presenter: Denise Jordan

Item of Business: September 17, 2019 Mayor/Council Meeting

Meeting Date: 10/1/2019

Purpose of Request:

The purpose of this request is to allow the governing body to approve the referenced meeting minutes.

History/Background:

Facts & Issues for Consideration:

The referenced draft minutes were distributed to the governing body, City Manager, City Attorney and Department Directors for comments/corrections.

Department Recommendation:

Approve the minutes accepting edits as presented.

Department Director:

Bryan Lackey

If funding is involved, are funds approved within the current budget?

N/A

Amount Requested:

Source of Funds:

Finance Comments:

Administrative Comments:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type

CITY OF GAINESVILLE

COUNCIL AGENDA REQUEST

Date Submitted: 9/4/2019

Presenter: Bryan Lackey

Item of Business: PR-2019-14 FY2020 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG)

Meeting Date: 10/1/2019

Purpose of Request:

Request authorization to apply for the FY2020 LMIG grant in the amount of $418,587.72.

History/Background:

This is a yearly grant opportunity provided by GDOT to perform maintenance on local streets.

Facts & Issues for Consideration:

Public Works staff have identified roads in need of resurfacing which meet the State criteria. Funds for the required 30% match are budgeted in the FY2020 Street Resurfacing project.

Department Recommendation:

Authorize Public Works staff to prepare and submit the necessary application.

Department Director:

Chris Rotalsky

If funding is involved, are funds approved within the current budget?

Amount Requested:

N/A

Source of Funds:

N/A

Finance Comments:

Administrative Comments:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
PR-2019-14 FY2020 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG)	Resolution

RESOLUTION PR-2019-14

FY2020 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG)

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation has announced the FY2020 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) Program; and

WHEREAS, the identified grant amount for the City of Gainesville is $418,587.72; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified portions of Sunset Boulevard, Riverside Drive, Pine Tree Circle, Wall Street, Patricia Drive, Mill Street, Winding Lake Drive and Dixon Drive as meeting the state criteria and will be submitted as part of the LMIG application; and

WHEREAS, the required matching funds are available from SPLOST as provided in the budgeted Capital Improvements Project entitled FY2020 Street Resurfacing Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the governing body for the City of Gainesville hereby authorizes the Public Works Department to prepare and submit the application necessary for the project identified by staff, and further authorizes the Mayor and City Manager to sign all necessary documents for executing this grant application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the governing body for the City of Gainesville hereby accepts the LMIG funding in the amount of $418,587.72.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2019.

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

This is to certify that I am City Clerk of the City of Gainesville. As such, I keep its official records, including its minutes. In that capacity, my signature below certifies this resolution was adopted as stated and will be recorded in the official minutes.

ATTEST:

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Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk

CITY OF GAINESVILLE

COUNCIL AGENDA REQUEST

Date Submitted: 9/16/2019

Presenter: Danny Dunagan

Item of Business: **Ordinance No. 2019-28**
Amend Title 10 as it Pertains to Fire Protection Services Water Rates
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSECTION (a) OF SECTION 10-1-45 ENTITLED "RATE SCHEDULE FOR WATER SERVICE FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES; FIRE HYDRANT METER RENTAL FEES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE BY ELIMINATING IT IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING IN ITS PLACE THE LANGUAGE SET FORTH BELOW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR CODIFICATION; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Meeting Date: 10/1/2019

Purpose of Request:

To update the Private Fire Fee charges.

History/Background:

Water rates are set to be fair and equitable and to recover the costs necessary to provide the service. The Private Fire Fee charges apply to customers with a separate fire line to provide fire suppression through sprinklers and/or for a fire department connection.

Facts & Issues for Consideration:

The cost to provide this service has been updated. Costs are set on the size of the connection. The charge for smaller connections is less than existing. The charge for larger connections is slightly more than existing.

Department Recommendation:

The Department of Water Resources recommends approval of the proposed ordinance to update the Private Fire Fee charges.

Department Director:

Linda MacGregor

If funding is involved, are funds approved within the current budget?

Amount Requested: **Source of Funds**:

Finance Comments:

Administrative Comments:

ATTACHMENTS:

	Description	Type
🗋	Ordinance 2019-28 Amend Title 10 as it Pertains to Water Rates for Fire Protection Services	Ordinance
🗋	Back up Material	Backup Material

Passed: _____

AN ORDINANCE

No. 2019-28

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSECTION (a) OF SECTION 10-1-45 ENTITLED "RATE SCHEDULE FOR WATER SERVICE FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES; FIRE HYDRANT METER RENTAL FEES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE BY ELIMINATING IT IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING IN ITS PLACE THE LANGUAGE SET FORTH BELOW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR CODIFICATION; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I.

Subsection (a) of Section 10-1-45 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Georgia is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 10-1-45. Rate schedule for water service for fire protection purposes; private fire fees.

Installations inside the corporate city limits will be charged a one-time application fee and a minimum monthly fee per fire line tap based on the size of the fire line tap as listed below:

Application Fee	Fire Line Tap Size	Monthly Fee
$ 15.00	1.5"	$ 1.00
	2"	$ 2.00
	3"	$ 6.00
	4"	$ 12.00
	6"	$ 35.00
	8"	$ 74.00
	10"	$ 134.00

Installations outside the corporate city limits will be charged a one-time application fee and a minimum monthly fee per fire line tap based on the size of the fire line tap as listed below:

Application Fee	Fire Line Tap Size	Monthly Fee
$ 15.00	1.5"	$ 1.90
	2"	$ 3.80
	3"	$ 11.40
	4"	$ 22.80
	6"	$ 66.50
	8"	$ 140.60
	10"	$ 254.60

All water consumed through the detector meter for inside/outside corporate limits will be charged at the current Block 3 unit fee.

SECTION II.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION III.

If any portion of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect or impair the remaining portions unless it clearly appears that such other parts are wholly and necessarily dependent upon the part held to be invalid or unconstitutional

SECTION IV.

The ordinance is enacted as an amendment to Title 10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Georgia.

SECTION V.

The effective date of this ordinance shall be November 1, 2019.

C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

This is to certify that I am City Clerk of the City of Gainesville. As such, I keep its official records, including its minutes. In that capacity, my signature below certifies this ordinance was adopted as stated and will be recorded in the official minutes.

ATTEST:

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk

CITY OF
GAINESVILLE

WATER RESOURCES

September 26, 2019

FIRE FLOW SERVICES

Private Fire Line Connection

Public Fire Hydrant