

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2026
5:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 110 NORTH 8TH STREET,
GATESVILLE, TEXAS 76528**

AN OPEN MEETING WAS HELD CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

1. **CALL TO ORDER** THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 5:30 P.M. THIS 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

2. **QUORUM CHECK/COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Gary Chumley, Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Casey, Councilmembers Kalinda Westbrook, Jon Salter, Aaron Smith, Joe Patterson, and Travis VanBibber.

CITY STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Brad Hunt, City Secretary Holly Owens, Deputy City Manager/Finance Director Mike Halsema, Chief Jeff Clark, Chad Newman, Seth Phillips, Lori McLaughlin, and Shea Harp.

OTHERS: Leo Corona, Kaleb Hitt, Allyson, Hinkle, Michael McCloskey, Lisa Robuck, and Justin Smith.

3. **INVOCATION:** Greg Casey and **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Mayor Gary Chumley.

CITIZENS/PUBLIC COMMENTS FORUM: INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE GATESVILLE CITY COUNCIL MAY DO SO DURING THIS SEGMENT. IF YOU INTEND TO COMMENT ON A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM, PLEASE INDICATE THE ITEM(S) ON THE SIGN IN SHEET BEFORE THE MEETING. EACH SPEAKER IS ALLOTTED A MAXIMUM OF 3 MINUTES FOR THEIR REMARKS, AND SPEAKERS ARE EXPECTED TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN A RESPECTFUL MANNER. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, THE CITY OF GATESVILLE CITY COUNCIL CANNOT DELIBERATE OR ACT ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE MEETING AGENDA.

Mike McCloskey came forward to speak about the Rodeo Ranch Arena and Events Center.

CONSENT:

4. All consent agenda items are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember requests an item to be removed and considered separately.

a. **Resolution 2026-018:** Discussion and possible action regarding approval of minutes from Regular City Council Meeting held on **February 10th, 2026.**

b. **Resolution 2026-019:** Discussion and possible action regarding the January 2026 Financials.

c. **Resolution 2026-020:** Discussion and possible action regarding Cruise and Cruisers Special Event.

d. **Resolution 2026-021:** Discussion and possible action regarding July 4th Special Event.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Joe Patterson, seconded by Aaron Smith to **APPROVE** the **CONSENT AGENDA** as presented. All six voting "Aye", motion passed, 6-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

5. Discussion and possible action regarding a resolution designating the City Manager or his designee to apply and participate in the Local Park Grant Program on behalf of the City of Gatesville.

Seth Phillips came forward and explained the Local Park Grant Program.

RESOLUTION 2026-022: Motion by Kalinda Westbrook, seconded by Greg Casey to **APPROVE** a resolution, designating the City Manager or his designee to apply for and participate in the Local Park Grant Program on behalf of the City of Gatesville. All six voting “Aye”, motion passed, 6-0-0.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the disposal of excess assets.

Mike Halsema came forward and listed the surplus items that will be sold at auction.

RESOLUTION 2026-023: Motion by Jon Salter, seconded by Aaron Smith to **APPROVE** the disposal of excess fitness center as listed in this memo and EQ01471652 Case SV207E Single Drum Roller. All six voting “Aye”, motion passed, 6-0-0.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding a resolution committing matching funds for the 2026 TXCDBG – Downtown Revitalization Program Application.

Brad Hunt came forward to explain the grant along with the process and what it covers. This is a matching grant. Council gave suggestions for the downtown area and the improvements that each would like to see if the grant is received.

RESOLUTION 2026-024: Motion by Greg Casey, seconded by Jon Salter to **APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-024** committing matching funds for the 2026 TxCDBG Downtown Revitalization Program. All six voting “Aye”, motion passed, 6-0-0.

8. Public Hearing regarding a zoning change request located at 511 Saunders Street.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Chumley opened the public hearing at **5:55 PM**.

Hear comments on Ordinance 2026-03, regarding a zoning change request located at 511 Saunders Street, Original Town Gatesville, Block 65, Lot 2 from Residential 2-4 Family to Business Commercial.

No one came forward.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Chumley closed the public hearing at **5:56 PM**.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding a zoning change request located at 511 Saunders Street, *2nd Reading*.

Holly Owens came forward to discuss the zoning change request. This is the second reading and Council did not have any changes from the first reading.

ORDINANCE 2026-03: Motion by Travis VanBibber, seconded by Aaron Smith to **PASS ORDINANCE 2026-03**, changing the zoning of 511 Saunders Street from Residential 2-4 Family to Business Commercial to the next meeting, second reading. All six voting “Aye”, motion passed, 6-0-0.

10. Discussion of the Zoning Ordinance Article VII.

Holly Owens explained the additions and changes to the districts in Article VII for the Zoning Ordinance.

Councilman Patterson asked what an Overlay District was. Ms. Owens explained that an overlay district is a zoning tool used to apply additional regulations or standards to a specific geographic area without changing the underlying base zoning classification. By creating an overlay district along the high traffic areas such as Highway 84 and Business 36 it will disallow residential living along those areas creating more business to “stop and shop” and preserving the quality of life within residential areas 1 to 2 blocks off the main roads.

Council discussed the placement of assisted living facilities. The majority preferred assisted living facilities be located in the outer region.

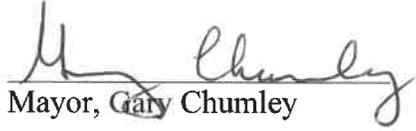
Councilman Casey asked about corrugated metal fences. Ms. Owens explained that corrugated metal is considered a decorative metal fence if done correctly. A permit is required for a fence, and it allows some discretionary review regarding material. The current zoning ordinance does not address materials for fences which have come up with citizens wanting to install a fence with chicken wire and staff being required to allow it.

This was discussion only. No action was taken.

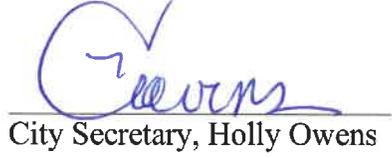
11. City Manager Report

Brad Hunt presented the city manager's report for the month of January.

12. City Council adjourned at 6:50 p.m.


Mayor, Gary Chumley

ATTEST:


City Secretary, Holly Owens

