

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 25, 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 25th DAY OF AUGUST 2026.
2. **QUORUM CHECK/COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Gary Chumley, Mayor Pro Tem Greg Casey, Councilmembers Jon Salter, Kalinda Westbrook, Aaron Smith, and Travis VanBibber.

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilmember(s) Joe Patterson

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

OTHERS: Leo Corona, Allyson Hinkle, William Barton, Jason Shields, Nathaniel Hudson, and Meredith Rainer.

3. **INVOCATION:** Jon Salter 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. THIS REQUIRES THAT MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE AND SPEAKERS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL MUST NOT ENGAGE IN BEHAVIOR THAT WOULD BE DISRUPTIVE OF THE ORDERLY PROCEEDING OF THE COUNCIL MEETING. 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.

William Barton came forward to address City Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

4. Recess Regular Meeting and Call for an Executive Session – Closed Meeting.

Council entered into Executive Session at 5:33 PM.

The City Council of the City of Gatesville will convene into a closed Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, dismissal of a public officer or employee.

5. End Executive Session and Reconvene the Open Meeting.

Council reconvened into Regular Session at 6:16 PM.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the City Manager's annual evaluation.

RESOLUTION 2026-090: Greg Casey motion, seconded by Jon Salter to approve a performance-based increase in City Manager Brad Hunt’s annual salary by 8.5%, effective October 1, 2026. All five voting “Aye”, motion passed unanimously, 5-0-0 (Patterson absent).

CONSENT:

7. 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 2026-097:** Discussion and possible action regarding approval of minutes from Regular City Council Meeting held on **August 11th, 2026.** (Holly Owens)
 - b. **Resolution 2026-098:** Discussion and possible action regarding June 2026 Financials. (Mike Halsema)
 - c. **Resolution 2026-099:** Discussion and possible action regarding the Brazos River Authority water rights. (Mike Halsema)

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Travis VanBibber, seconded by Aaron Smith to approve the CONSENT AGENDA as presented. All five voting “Aye”, motion passed unanimously, 5-0-0 (Patterson absent).

OTHER BUSINESS:

8. **Ordinance 2026-16:** Discussion and possible action regarding approval of Ordinance 2026-16 levying a tax rate for Fiscal Year 2026-27. *1st reading* (Mike Halsema)

THE PROPERTY TAX RATE WILL BE INCREASED BY THE ADOPTION OF A TAX RATE OF \$0.56000, WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY A 0.75 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE AND ORDINANCE 2026-16 WILL ADOPT AND LEVY A TAX RATE OF \$0.5600 PER \$100 OF TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027.

ORDINANCE 2026-16: Motion by Kalinda Westbrook, seconded by Greg Casey to move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.56000, which is effectively a 0.75 percent increase in the tax rate and that we APPROVE ORDINANCE 2026-16 adopting and levying a tax rate of \$0.56000 per \$100 of taxable value for fiscal year 2026-2027. All five voting “Aye”, motion passed unanimously, 5-0-0 (Patterson absent).

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Gary Chumley	Abstain
Travis VanBibber	Aye
Aaron Smith	Aye
Joe Patterson	Absent
Greg Casey	Aye
Kalinda Westbrook	Aye
Jon Salter	Aye

9. **Ordinance 2026-15:** Discussion and possible action regarding an ordinance adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2027. *1st Reading* (Brad Hunt & Mike Halsema)

Leo Corona asked if most costs can be passed on to the wholesalers versus the citizens. Mayor Chumley stated that the City of Gatesville has been in negotiations with the wholesalers for a year now regarding those costs.

ORDINANCE 2026-15: Motion by Jon Salter, seconded by Aaron Smith that we **PASS ORDINANCE 2026-15** to the second reading which is scheduled for September 1, 2026. All five voting “Aye”, motion passed unanimously, 5-0-0 (Patterson absent).

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Gary Chumley	Abstain
Travis VanBibber	Aye
Aaron Smith	Aye
Joe Patterson	Absent
Greg Casey	Aye
Kalinda Westbrook	Aye
Jon Salter	Aye

10. **Ordinance 2026-17:** Discussion and possible action regarding repealing and replacing Section 18-1 (Fee Schedule) of Chapter 18 (Fees), of the City of Gatesville Code of Ordinances. *1st Reading* (Mike Halsema)

ORDINANCE 2026-17: Motion by Travis VanBibber, seconded by Kalinda Westbrook to **PASS ORDINANCE 202617** to consider repealing and replacing Section 18-1. “Fee Schedule” of Chapter 18. “Fees” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gatesville to the next meeting, first reading. All five voting “Aye”, motion passed unanimously, 5-0-0 (Patterson absent).

11. **Resolution 2026-100:** Discussion and possible action regarding disposal of excess assets. (Mike Halsema)

RESOLUTION 2026-100: Motion by Jon Salter, seconded by Greg Casey to **APPROVE** the disposal of excess lighting fixtures and poles. All five voting “Aye”, motion passed unanimously, 5-0-0 (Patterson absent).

12. **Resolution 2026-101:** Discussion and possible action regarding Hwy 36 Phase 1 Sewer Replacement RFP 026-0005. (Mike Halsema)

RESOLUTION 2026-101: Motion by Aaron Smith, seconded by Jon Salter to **APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-101**, awarding a contract to TTG Utilities, Inc. of Gatesville, Texas for the Phase 1 SH 36 Gravity Main Replacement not to exceed \$304,403 and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the City of Gatesville. All five voting “Aye”, motion passed unanimously, 5-0-0 (Patterson absent).

13. **Ordinance 2025-22:** Discussion and possible action regarding amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. *2nd Reading* (Mike Halsema)

ORDINANCE 2025-22: Motion by Kalinda Westbrook, seconded by Travis VanBibber to **PASS ORDINANCE 2025-22** amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget to a future Council Meeting, second reading. All five voting “Aye”, motion passed unanimously, 5-0-0 (Patterson absent).

14. **Resolution 2026-102:** Discussion and possible action to approve the City of Gatesville’s Purchasing Policy. (Mike Halsema)

RESOLUTION 2026-102: Motion by Greg Casey, seconded by Aaron Smith to **APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-102**, approving the City of Gatesville’s Purchasing Policy. All five voting “Aye”, motion passed unanimously, 5-0-0 (Patterson absent).

15. **Resolution 2026-103:** Discussion and possible action to approve the City of Gatesville’s Investment Policy. (Mike Halsema)

RESOLUTION 2026-103: Motion by Travis VanBibber, seconded by Greg Casey to **APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-103**, approving the City of Gatesville’s Investment Policy. All five voting “Aye”, motion passed unanimously, 5-0-0 (Patterson absent).

16. City Manager Report. (Brad Hunt)

Brad Hunt presented the monthly City Manager’s Report. No action was taken.

17. Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.


Mayor ~~Gary~~ Chumley

ATTEST:


City Secretary, Holly Owens

