

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 1, 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 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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, Captain Keith Mueller, Chad Newman, Lori McLaughlin, Marte Bailey, Patrice Gilbert, Seth Phillips, and Shea Harp.

OTHERS: Leo Corona, Allyson Hinkle, Jason Shields, and Meredith Rainer.

3. **INVOCATION:** Kalinda Westbrook 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.

No Comments.

OTHER BUSINESS:

4. **Pages 1-20: 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. *2nd Reading* (Mike Halsema)

ORDINANCE 2026-17: Motion by Jon Salter, seconded by Travis VanBibber to **PASS ORDINANCE 2026-17** to consider repealing and replacing Section 18-1. "Fee Schedule" of Chapter 188. "Fees" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gatesville to the next meeting, second reading. All five voting "Aye", motion passed unanimously, 5-0-0 (Patterson absent).

5. **Public Hearing:**

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – 5:32 PM

Hear comments regarding an ordinance adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2027.
No public comments.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING – 5:40 PM

6. **Pages 21-79: Ordinance 2026-15:** Discussion and possible action regarding an ordinance adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2027. *2nd Reading* (Brad Hunt & Mike Halsema)

ORDINANCE 2026-15: Motion by Travis VanBibber, seconded by Kalinda Westbrook to **PASS** this ordinance to the third and final reading which is scheduled for September 8, 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

7. **Resolution 2026-104:** Discussion and possible action to postpone action on adoption of the budget for Fiscal Year 2027 and to set a date to take action on Budget (Mike Halsema)

This item was not discussed and no action was taken.

8. **Pages 80-84: Ordinance 2026-16:** Discussion and possible action regarding approval of Ordinance 2026-16 levying a tax rate for Fiscal Year 2026-27. *2nd 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 **APPROVE ORDINANCE 2026-16** adopting and levying a tax rate of \$05600 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation for Fiscal Year 2026-27. All five voting “Aye”, motion passed unanimously, 5-0-0 (Patterson absent).

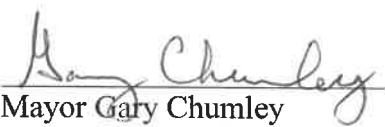
Roll Call Vote:

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

Mayor Gary Chumley announced that Joe Patterson resigned from his position on City Council effective immediately because Mr. Patterson has moved out of the city limits.

9. Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.


Mayor Gary Chumley

ATTEST:


City Secretary, Holly Owens

