

## NOTICE

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AGENDA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 12, 2019  
5:30 P.M.  
GATESVILLE COUCIL CHAMBER  
110 NORTH 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
GATESVILLE, TEXAS 76528

An Open Meeting will be held concerning the following subjects:

1. Call to Order
2. Hear Visitors/Citizens Forum: At this time, any person with business before the Council not scheduled on the agenda may speak to the Council for a maximum of three (3) minutes. No formal action can be taken on these items at this meeting.
3. Consent Agenda (all consent agenda items are considered routine by City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember requests an item be removed and considered separately.)

Resolution 2019-22 Discussion and possible action to approve of Minutes from Regular City Council Meeting February 26, 2019

Resolution 2019-23 Discussion and possible action to accept the re-appointment of Jim Baize, John Mach, Hershal Mooney, and Jerry Wright to the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals, Places 1, 3, 5 and 7 respectively, and Stacy Summers as Alternate 1

4. Briefing/Discussion regarding employment of additional School Resource Officers at the Gatesville Independent School District campuses- GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard

5. City Manager's Report: Comprehensive Plan, Capital Projects, Budget Report, Future Agenda Topics

6. Adjourn Meeting

I hereby attest that the above agenda was posted on this the 8th day of March, 2019 by 5:00 p.m. on the official City of Gatesville website, [www.ci.gatesville.tx.us](http://www.ci.gatesville.tx.us) and the official bulletin boards at the Gatesville City Hall, 110 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Gatesville, Texas.

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Wendy Cole  
City Secretary

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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 12, 2019 AT 5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 110 NORTH 8TH STREET

GATESVILLE, TEXAS 76528

AN OPEN MEETING WAS HELD CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

1) CALL TO ORDER REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 5:30 P.M. THIS 12TH DAY OF MARCH, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Chumley, Council Members, Ronnie Viss, Dwight Suson, Meredith Rainer, Bill Robinette, Randy Hitt, and David Mitchell

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager William H. Parry III, City Secretary Wendy Cole, Nathan Gohlke, Andy Williams, Max Rudolph, Ryan Coggins, Barrett Pollard, Scott Harper, Brenda Smith, Dean Smith, Kathryn Caflisch, William Vivas, Derrick Jackson, and Jamie Valenzuela

2) HEAR VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM: AT THIS TIME, ANY PERSON WITH BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL NOT SCHEDULED ON THE AGENDA MAY SPEAK TO THE COUNCIL FOR A MAXIMUM OF THREE (3) MINUTES. NO FORMAL ACTION CAN BE TAKEN ON THESE ITEMS AT THIS MEETING.

Dean Smith of 201 Old Ft Gates Road spoke to the Council regarding Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Regulations and stated that the City of Gatesville doesn't meet the standard of the rules. Mr. Smith said that he is still requesting to be put on the agenda so all the facts and issues regarding HOT funds can be addressed. Smith said that he has talked to the Attorney at the Texas Hotel Lodging Association (that the City of Gatesville is a member of), the Texas Comptroller, County Attorney, and District Attorney and they all agree that the City isn't following the Hotel Occupancy Tax Law. Mr. Smith said that the Comptroller stated that the Civic Center is in direct competition with his business and no one in this city should be in competition with tax payer's dollars.

City Manager William Parry responded that he has consulted with the City's Attorney and the Texas Hotel Lodging Association's Attorney and shared the City's program with them and they both concurred that the City is in full compliance with the state law regarding the Hotel Occupancy Tax for the Gatesville Civic Center.

3) CONSENT AGENDA (ALL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE BY CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS COUNCILMEMBER REQUESTS AN ITEM BE REMOVED AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.)

Resolution 2019- 22: Discussion and possible action to approve the Minutes from the Regular City Council meeting February 26, 2019

Resolution 2019-23: Discussion and possible action to accept the re-appointment of Jim Baize, John Mach, Hershal Mooney, and Jerry Wright to the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals, Places 1, 3, 5 and 7 respectively, and Stacy Summers as Alternate 1

Mayor Gary Chumley read the items on the consent agenda and asked if anyone would like to remove any items from the agenda for discussion. No one objected and Mayor Chumley asked for a motion to approve all the items on the consent agenda.

Motion by Ronnie Viss, seconded by William Robinette, to approve the consent agenda; all six Voting "Aye" motion passed.

4) BRIEFING/DISCUSSION REGARDING EMPLOYMENT OF ADDITIONAL SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AT THE GATESVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT CAMPUSES- GISD SUPERINTENDENT BARRETT POLLARD

City Manager Parry stated that the issue of school safety is an important topic as school shootings have occurred all over the United States. The City staff and the Police Chief agree that public safety and school safety overlap. Parry said that the Council is not being asked to debate the school board's policy decision to employ additional school resource officers as the best way to enhance school safety but are requesting that the Council consider the option to expand the existing interlocal agreement between the City and Gatesville Independent School District (GISD) School Resource Officers (SRO) from one officer to five.

Parry said that no decision would be made tonight but Council needs to think about GISD's request to amend or expand the existing agreement to increase the number of SRO's contracted with the Gatesville Police Department. This will be brought to the Council at the next meeting for a decision.

The Gatesville Police Department has provided one School Resource Officer to Gatesville ISD since August 2013. School Resource Officers are sworn law enforcement officers whose duties include liaison with school staff, students, parents and the community; promotion of positive lawful citizen action among students; and providing law/safety training to school staff and students.

The GISD School Board and Administration explored the "Guardian Plan" – which authorizes School District employees to carry firearms on campus, but on February 18, 2019 determined that contracting with the Gatesville Police Department for four additional School Resource Officers (one per campus) is their preferred solution.

Federal funding for SROs expired in 2009. The costs of additional SROs would be equitably divided between GISD and the City of Gatesville.

The Police Chief and City Manager support the Gatesville ISD request to contract for additional SROs. The alternatives (Guardian Plan, independent GISD police force, etc.) could lead to confusion in a crisis situation, and would not provide the professional training and equipment required in the event of an active shooter situation.

The GISD School Board has approved an amended Interlocal Agreement (which was included in the read ahead book) and together are working on the language in Article 4, Term of Agreement and Review to ensure the City's financial interests are protected.

GISD's Superintendent, Dr. Barrett Pollard discussed the concept of expanding the SRO's and offered to answer any questions that the Council might have. Pollard said the school board unanimously agreed to having additional SRO's and noted what really made them realize that the Guardian Plan was not a good option for them was when a big drill was conducted over the holidays at the intermediate school where pretend armed gunmen came in and then school faculty descended on the campus. Dr. Pollard said the plain clothed police officers and "would-be" plain clothed teachers were armed and wielding guns and not knowing one from the other just seemed to be a recipe for disaster. The teachers are asked to do so much already and now to propose that they arm themselves and protect us was just too much. Also, the emotional impact it could have on a teacher if they had to pull the trigger and shoot someone is troubling.

The current SRO does a fantastic job and it is great to see his police vehicle at the campus. The presence of four more officers and vehicles at each campus would be quite the deterrent. But if an incident did occur, Police would instantly be able to respond to the crisis.

City Manager Parry, Police Chief Gohlke, and Dr. Pollard answered questions and further discussed issues regarding:

- Recruitment
- The cost of providing gear, weaponry, and training which would be approximately \$7,000 per officer
- That 15 weeks of the year (during the summer when school is out) the City would be responsible for the officer's pay (salary/benefits) and the rest of the year would be the School District's responsibility
- Terms of the length of the contract and when the agreement would begin
- The presence of additional SRO's would take some of the workload off of the public officers when they are called to assist the current lone SRO when he needs help

City Manager Parry said that he thought these expenses could be manageable in the 2019 budget and will come back to the council with the quantified numbers to consider at the next meeting.

Dr. Pollard said that the students are the community's most precious commodity and the presence of Police Officers at the school campuses would help ensure their safety.

Prior to the City Manager's Report, Mr. Parry introduced four representatives from the Civil Affairs Team of North Carolina that were present at the meeting; Kathryn Caflisch, William Vivas, Derrick Jackson, and Jamie Valenzuela. Parry said that over the last week and for the next few weeks this team is utilizing Gatesville as a training aid as they are preparing for deployment. These training experiences with cities help the Civil Affairs Teams as they go to foreign countries and assist the governments with the establishment of democratic institutions. They have already met with the Police Chief and the Gatesville Messenger and will have a briefing with the City Manager tomorrow.

## 5) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

### 1. CITY MANAGER INITIATIVES:

#### -CAPITAL PROJECTS:

- CDBG Community Enhancement Fund Grant for Leon WWTP Solar Array (Update): Construction is complete on the Solar Array at the Leon WWTP. The contractors and engineers would like to know if the city would like to do an official ribbon cutting ceremony. Parry said that he thinks this is a good idea and that a date and time will be coordinated and he will let the Council know.

#### Other activities/dates of note:

- Saturday, March 16, 2019: Household Hazardous Waste event/City Cleanup 8:00a.m -3:00 p.m. Keep Gatesville Beautiful is coordinating the clean- up portion of the event and volunteers are needed and would be greatly appreciated.

2. FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA TOPICS: The Fiscal Year 2018 Audit Report /Briefing will be conducted at the next council meeting. On either April 23rd or May 14th city staff will present the Mid-year (FY 2019) budget review and begin the FY 2020 budget process.

3. HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE DR. SHEFFIELD: Dr. Sheffield has volunteered to brief the Council on a Thursday or Friday evening regarding updates on what is happening with the legislature and bills in Austin. Parry asked the Council to let him know if anyone was interested in meeting with Dr. Sheffield.

4. CENSUS 2020: City Manager Parry said that the Census is conducted every ten (10) years with Census 2020 beginning on April 1, 2020. The City received a report from the State Demographer that doesn't seem accurate. The report showed that between April 2010 and April 2018 Gatesville had lost approximately 1,135 residents. City Manager researched and verified the prison populations, school populations, and Gatesville water residential connections and all the records indicate that the populations are down. This doesn't seem correct since residential construction and sales taxes are up in Gatesville. Census data is used for federal funding, redistricting, future transportation needs, etc., so it is important to have an accurate count. Gatesville has a history of low Census response rates, and an incomplete 911 addressing database. The Census Bureau recommends that the City appoint a Complete Count Committee to promote and encourage responses to the Census. The committee is made up of education, business, healthcare, faith-based, etc. groups. Area Census offices will open in June 2019 and staff requested a Council briefing on Census 2020. Postcards will be sent to residents in March 2020 with instructions how to respond on-line or by phone.

5. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: Ronnie Viss asked about the status of the Rotunda Abatement Brownsfield Grant. City Manager Parry said that he had received an update that said the application had been received and is being reviewed and anticipate that the City should receive an initial response in late spring.

David Mitchell asked Mr. Parry if he had heard anything concerning the inspection of the Leon River Bridge. Parry responded that he has not heard anything yet.

6) ADJOURN MEETING AT 6:18 P.M., THIS 12TH DAY OF MARCH, 2019

ATTEST:

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Wendy Cole, City Secretary

APPROVED:

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Gary M. Chumley, Mayor