

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 26, 2016

5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 110 NORTH 8TH STREET

AN OPEN MEETING WAS HELD CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS

1) CALL TO ORDER AT 5:30 P.M., THIS 26th DAY OF JANUARY, 2016

PRESENT: Mayor Gary M. Chumley, Council Members, Viss, Shepherd-Cain, Inmon, Mitchell, Doyle and Rainer

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager William H. Parry III, City Secretary Wendy Cole, City Attorney Sandy Gately, Brenda Kiphen, Larry Kennedy, Nathan Gohlke, Robert Featherston, and Berry Mansell

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion by Viss, seconded by Mitchell, all voting "Aye" to approve Resolution Number 2016-06

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2016-06 - approve Minutes of January 12, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting.

3) HEAR VISITORS

Visitors present were only concerned with an Agenda item.

4) CONSIDER THIRD AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 2015-09 ABOLISHING ON-SITE SEWAGE FACILITY ORDINANCE 96-07

City Manager William H. Parry III said that this is the third and final reading of Ordinance Number 2015-09 to abolish Ordinance 96-07 and there have been no changes to the ordinance since it was first presented to the Council in December.

Motion by Inmon, seconded by Rainer, all voting "Aye" to approve Resolution Number 2016-07

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2016-07 - approve third and final reading of Ordinance Number 2015-09 abolishing on-site sewage facility Ordinance Number 96-07.

5) CONSIDER FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 2016-01 AMENDING CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE VI, DANGEROUS STRUCTURES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GATESVILLE

City Manager Parry discussed the amended ordinance that would replace what is currently in place in the City's Code of Ordinances regarding Dangerous Structures. Mr. Parry discussed the process to revise the "unsafe structure" ordinance as was outlined at the workshop at the last council meeting and stated that these proposed changes meet legal requirements. Approval of this ordinance will bring the City of Gatesville in line with the Texas Local Government Code concerning substandard structures and the legal process to govern dangerous/substandard structures.

Motion by Shepherd-Cain, seconded by Viss, all voting "Aye" to approve Resolution Number 2016-08

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2016-08 - approve the first reading of Ordinance Number 2016-01 amending Chapter 5, Article VI, Dangerous Structures of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Gatesville.

6) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Attended a ceremony of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center in Washington D.C. (at the government's expense) on January 14, 2016. At that event, the City of Gatesville and nine other communities were announced as participants in the 2016 WaterCARE (Community Assistance for Resiliency and Excellence) initiative. The objective of the WaterCARE initiative is to support communities in developing resilient and sustainable financial planning strategies for water and wastewater infrastructure to meet local long-term needs. The grant is estimated to be approximately \$50,000 and the services provided are:

Public engagement and customer outreach
Decision maker/board education and training
Alternatives Analyses
Rate and Revenue Analyses
Asset Management Practices
Financing/Funding Options
Affordability Analyses
Fiscal Sustainability Plans
Water Efficiency Studies
Resiliency Assessments
Regional Partnerships
More to follow as this progresses.

- Conducted the first meeting with the Planning and Zoning (P & Z) Commission on January 22nd to discuss the process for revising the City's 1995 Zoning Ordinance. Mayor Pro-Tem Viss and Gatesville Messenger news editor, Larry Kennedy attended also. The Planning and Zoning understands this mission and are committed to submitting changes that would then need to be reviewed and approved by the City Council. Three P & Z members will review the Residential Zoning District and three members will review the Business Commercial Zoning District. The next meeting is scheduled for February 19th , 2016.
Mayor Pro-Tem Viss commented that he is confident that the Planning and Zoning Commission is very capable and excited to complete this task. Viss said he wanted to attend so he could be a voice and liaison between the P & Z and the Council if there were ever questions at a council meeting.
- Household Hazardous Waste Day. Meeting with Pastor Chad Bertrand of the Gatesville Ministerial Alliance tomorrow to discuss the possibilities of volunteers to assist residents needing help in cleaning up their properties on HHW day April 9th. Several possibilities to implement this project were discussed. City Manager Parry said a formal plan will be developed.
- Airport Game Fence Project. Robinson Fence Company received a "no go" on the completion of the fence perimeter project. They are working a punch list.
- Budget. Discussed the quarterly report comparisons in the general fund and enterprise fund and stated that both funds are slightly in the black but capital purchases are still being withheld until all property taxes have been collected. Accounts Payable and Bond Obligation payments are up to date.
- Future Date to Note: Gatesville Military Affairs and City Appreciation Fish Fry at the Civic Center will most likely be changed to February 26th.
- Department Head Reports: Total Building Permits issued in calendar year 2015 were slightly over seventeen million dollars.
Water Plant Superintendent Berry Mansell conducted the city's first – ever wholesale water meeting to walk our customers through our process and procedures and open up the lines of communication.

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- Economic Development Board Committee Meeting. Mayor Chumley, Mr. Parry, and Councilmember Doyle sit on the EDB and have been asked to come and speak to the Council on economic development and the Texas – A & M University of Central Texas survey that was done several months ago. Mr. Parry said he will conduct a briefing at a future council meeting.

Comments from Council:

Inmon – Reminded everyone of “Taste of Gatesville” February 2nd at the Civic Center.

Viss: Burger King Update? Mr. Parry said that the building permit has not been issued yet because the contractors have not been identified.

TTG estimate to upgrade sewer line on Live Oak?
Mr. Parry said we have not heard anything yet.

Mayor Chumley invited everyone to go to the High School cafeteria immediately after this meeting to the annual Lion’s Club Chili supper fundraiser.

7) ADJOURN AT 5:55 P.M., THIS 26th DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Wendy Cole
City Secretary

Gary M. Chumley
Mayor

