

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 8, 2025
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 8TH DAY OF APRIL 2025.
- 2) **QUORUM CHECK/COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Gary Chumley, Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Casey, Councilmembers Kalinda Westbrook, Jon Salter, and Joe Patterson.

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

OTHERS: Gatesville Messenger Staff Writer Alex Meelbusch, Leo Corona, and Hector Marines-Cho, George Jeffers, Travis VanBibber, Teresa Johnson.

- 3) **INVOCATION:** Councilmember Casey and **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Councilmember Casey.

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.

There were no public/citizen comments.

PROCLAMATION:

- 4) **Tree City USA:** Mayor Chumley read aloud the proclamation and presented the proclamation to Texas Forestry Services Member Hector Marines-Cho along with Parks and Recreation supervisor, Seth Phillips.

CONSENT: 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.

- 5) 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 2025-030:** Discussion and possible action regarding approval of minutes from Regular City Council Meeting held on March 25, 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Joe Patterson, seconded by Greg Casey to **APPROVE** the **CONSENT AGENDA** as written (Items 5a). All four voting "Aye", motion passed, 4-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 6) Recess Regular Meeting and call a Public Hearing.

Mayor Chumley opened the public hearing at 5:37 p.m.

Hear comments on **Ordinance 2025-10**, repealing Sec. 10-1 of Chapter 10, and repealing Section 5 of Ordinance 1995-17, dissolving the Board of Adjustment and the Construction Board of Appeals.

Councilman Patterson agreed that the boards needed to be dissolved because the boards do not meet, and all their duties are either being handled in house or by other boards/commissions. Mayor Chumley agreed.

Mayor Chumley closed the public hearing at 5:45 p.m.

- 7) Discussion and possible action to consider **Ordinance 2025-10**, repealing Sec. 10-1 of Chapter 10, and repealing Section 5 of Ordinance 1995-17, dissolving the Board of Adjustment and the Construction Board of Appeals. (*2nd Reading*)

ORDINANCE 2025-10: Motion by Jon Salter, seconded by Greg Casey to **PASS ORDINANCE 2025-10**, repealing Sec. 10-1 of Chapter 10, and repealing Section 5 of Ordinance 1995-17, dissolving the Board of Adjustment and the Construction Board of Appeals, *2nd Reading* and passing to the next meeting. All four voting "Aye", motion passed, 4-0-0.

- 8) Recess Regular Meeting and call a Public Hearing.

Mayor Chumley opened the public hearing at 5:46 p.m.

Hear comments on **Ordinance 2025-08**, adding Chapter 3, "Boards and Commissions".

Councilwoman Westbrook verified that commission members are required to own property within the city limits. Ms. Owens stated yes.

Councilwoman Westbrook requested clarification on what constitutes a variance. Ms. Owens explained what constitutes a variance and the requirements that would grant the variance.

Councilman Patterson stated he is not in favor of having non-citizens sit on the commission because they do not have a vested interest.

Mayor Chumley stated this has been an issue for years.

Mr. Hunt added for members who own property within the city limits such as a business gives that business owner an opportunity to contribute while living within the ETJ. Also, City Council has the final say to all decisions.

Councilman Casey added Council is the deciding factor on who is appointed to the Board.

Mayor Chumley asked if the council would like to put a limiting number on members who live within the ETJ. The council agreed.

Teresa Johnson, PZC Chairman stated she did struggle with having commission members living in the ETJ, but there are exceptions such as those who own businesses within the city limits.

Leo Corona stated he agreed with Councilman Patterson.

Mayor Chumley closed the public hearing at 6:07 p.m.

- 9) Discussion and possible action to approve **Ordinance 2025-08**, adding Chapter 3, "Boards and Commissions". (*2nd Reading*)

ORDINANCE 2025-08: Motion by Joe Patterson, seconded by Kalinda Westbrook to **PASS ORDINANCE 2025-08**, adding Chapter 3, "Boards and Commissions" to the Code of Ordinances, *2nd Reading*, adding a 4/3 composition for commission membership, and passing the ordinance to the next meeting. All four voting "Aye", motion passed, 4-0-0.

- 10) Discussion and possible action to approve **Ordinance 2025-09**, amending Chapter 10, Article IV "Substandard Structures". (*3rd and Final Reading*)

ORDINANCE 2025-09: Motion by Greg Casey, seconded by Jon Salter to **APPROVE ORDINANCE 2025-09**, amending Chapter 10, Article IV "Substandard Structures" for the **3rd and Final Reading**. All four voting "Aye", motion passed, 4-0-0.

- 11) Updates on FEMA Process, Faunt Le Roy Park and Library Rehabilitation Projects, and Recommendation to Conduct an On-Site Visits to Library and Faunt Le Roy Park.

Mr. Hunt updated the Council on the FEMA process and the status of Faunt Le Roy Park and the Library Rehabilitation.

- 12) Recess meeting to Faunt Le Roy Park, 700 S 7th Street, Gatesville, Texas for site visit and to receive updated information related to Faunt Le Roy Park.

Mayor Chumley recessed the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Mayor Chumley left the quorum at 6:25 p.m.

- 13) Reconvene meeting at Faunt Le Roy Park, 700 S 7th Street, Gatesville, Texas.

Mayor Pro-Tem Casey reconvened at FLR Park at 6:35 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Casey recessed the meeting at 6:53 p.m.


Mayor Pro-Tem Casey reconvened at the library at 6:59 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Casey adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

- 14) City Council adjourned at 7:15 P.M.


Mayor Gary Chumley

ATTEST:


City Secretary, Holly Owens

