

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 22, 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 22ND DAY OF APRIL 2025.

2) **QUORUM CHECK/COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Gary Chumley, Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Casey, Councilmembers Kalinda Westbrook, Jon Salter, Meredith Rainer, Aaron Smith, and Joe Patterson.

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

OTHERS: Gatesville Messenger Staff Writer Alex Meelbusch, Leo Corona, Travis VanBibber, Janis and John Barnhill, Robert Patterson, Kristi Roberts, Pam and Jack Ray, Tim Maynard, Bob Coward, Larry Letter, Shannon Terry, Terry Bledsoe, Jerrie Bledsoe, Lavinia and Richard Shelton, Crystal Cowen, and Jeff Coward.

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

PRESENTATION:

4) **Alternative Water Source:** Shannon Terry, 2336 Buella in Jacksonville, FL, came forward to give a presentation regarding an alternative water source. Dr. Larry Lehr came forward to assist with the presentation.

Councilwoman Rainer asked about the overall effects this has on the environment. Dr. Lehr explained the process and stated there are no environmental concerns and the process does not affect the surrounding area.

Councilman Patterson asked who the regulating Commission was. Mayor Chumbley stated the Railroad Commission is the regulator.

Councilman Casey asked about longevity of the water source. Mr. Terry stated it is conceptually unlimited.

Councilwoman Westbrook asked about the acreage. Mr. Terry stated the acreage is around 1,500 acres.

Councilman Patterson asked about the fracture system and the economics behind the system. Mr. Terry explained the system and believed that once this is done, it will become more common practice.

Councilwoman Westbrook asked about the cost. Mr. Terry stated he would like to keep the cost low but is unable to give an amount.

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a. **Resolution 2025-031:** Discussion and possible action regarding approval of minutes from Regular City Council Meeting held on April 8, 2025.

b. **Resolution 2025-032:** Discussion and possible action regarding the approval for the Cruzin Cruzers Event.

c. **Resolution 2025-033:** Discussion and possible action regarding the approval for the Shivarree Event.

d. **Resolution 2025-034:** Discussion and possible action regarding the approval for the Corks & Kegs Event.

e. **Resolution 2025-035:** Discussion and possible action regarding February 2025 Financials.

Resolution 2025-036: Discussion and possible action regarding change order #2 for HVAC Replacement Services.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Aaron Smith, seconded by Greg Casey to **APPROVE** the **CONSENT AGENDA** as written. All six voting "Aye", motion passed, 6-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

6) Discussion and possible action regarding membership and a professional services agreement with the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power, Inc.

Margaret Somereve with TCAP gave a brief presentation.

Mayor Chumley asked Mr. Halsema what the city is currently paying. Mr. Halsema explained the current contract and the amount is \$0.05, but it only applies to the deregulated accounts serviced by Oncor and TNMP.

RESOLUTION 2025-037: Motion by Meredith Rainer, seconded by Kalinda Westbrook to **APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-037**, approving the membership and a professional services agreement with the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power, Inc. All six voting "Aye", motion passed, 6-0-0.

7) Discussion and possible action regarding **Resolution 2025-038**, establishing a Comprehensive Economic Development Policy and Program.

Items 7 and 8 were discussed together.

RESOLUTION 2025-038: Motion by Jon Salter, seconded by Meredith Rainer to **APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-038** establishing a Comprehensive Economic Development Policy and Program. All six voting "Aye", motion passed, 6-0-0.

8) Discussion and possible action regarding **Resolution 2025-039**, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Chapter 380 Economic Development Program Agreement with Laerdal Medical Corporation.

RESOLUTION 2025-039: Motion by Kalinda Westbrook, seconded by Jon Salter to **APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-039**, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Chapter 380 Economic

Development Program Agreement with Laerdal Medical Corporation. All six voting “Aye”, motion passed, 6-0-0.

- 9) Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution stating the City’s intent to pursue an application with the USDA Rural Development to construct a new police station.

RESOLUTION 2025-040: Motion by Joe Patterson, seconded by Aaron Smith to **APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-040**, stating the City’s intent to pursue an application with the USDA Rural Development to construct a new police station. All six voting “Aye”, motion passed, 6-0-0.

- 10) 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. (*3rd and Final Reading*)

Councilwoman Rainer wanted to make sure that contractors, citizens, and developers has a means to appeal a decision and the ability to request a variance is available.

Ms. Owens explained that individuals who request an appeal from the Building Official will begin with the planning supervisor, followed by the City Manager. If the decision is not resolved, the individual can go before Council to state their case. Regarding a variance request, the applicant goes before the PZC, followed by the City Council. If the applicant is denied by the PZC, the case will still move forward to the Council but will require a super majority vote of approval per TLGC.

ORDINANCE 2025-10: Motion by Greg Casey, seconded by Kalinda Westbrook to **APPROVE 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 on the third and final reading. All six voting “Aye”, motion passed, 6-0-0.

- 11) Discussion and possible action to approve **Ordinance 2025-08**, adding Chapter 3, “Boards and Commissions”. (*3rd and Final Reading*)

Councilwoman Rainer presented Ms. Owens a printout of Chapter 16 of the Code of Ordinances from 2019. Ms. Owens did not recognize the handout and requested Council to table this item to research further.

Councilwoman Rainer had questions regarding member selection, specifically requiring a member to own property and residents who live within the ETJ. Councilwoman Rainer would prefer, residents who live within the city limits are only required to be residents, but if they live in the ETJ, they are required to own property within the city limits. Also, the miles outside the city limits need to be reduced to 3 miles. Councilman Patterson agreed.

Mr. Hunt added Council still has the final word on who serves on the Commission.

Ms. Owens agreed to make the changes discussed and follow up with the research based on the information given by Councilwoman Rainer.

ORDINANCE 2025-08: This item was tabled.

- 12) Discussion and possible action to re-appoint members to the Planning and Zoning Commission/Building Standards Commission. Johnson and Charles Ament to the Planning and Zoning Commission/Building Standards Commission. All six voting “Aye”, motion passed, 6-0-0.

Councilman Patterson left the meeting at 7:45 p.m. and a quorum was maintained.

13) CM Report

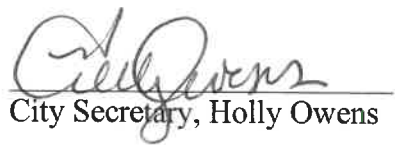
Brad Hunt gave a presentation of the monthly City Manager’s Report.

14) Adjourn Meeting

City Council adjourned at 8:10 p.m.


Mayor Gary Chumley

ATTEST:


City Secretary, Holly Owens

