

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 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 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.

2) **QUORUM CHECK/COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Gary Chumley, Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Casey, Councilmembers Kalinda Westbrook, Aaron Smith, Meredith Rainer, John Salter, 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, Seth Phillips, Chief Jeff Clark, and Zeb Veazey

OTHERS: Leo Corona, Travis VanBibber, Brenon Smith, Gatesville Messenger, and Diane Barnet.

3) **INVOCATION:** Jon Salter 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. 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 comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

4) Recess Regular Meeting and Call for an Executive Session – Closed Meeting.

The City Council of the City of Gatesville will convene into a closed Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, dismissal of a public officer or employee AND section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).

Council entered Executive Session at 5:32 PM.

Greg Casey arrived at 5:40 PM.

5) End Executive Session and Reconvene the Open Meeting.

Council reconvened the Open Meeting at 6:20 PM.

6) Discussion and possible action regarding authorization for City Manager to sign a Letter of Intent with Coryell Hydro Power on behalf of the City of Gatesville.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (RESOLUTION 2025-073): Motion by Kalinda Westbrook, seconded by Meredith Rainer to **TABLE, RESOLUTION 2025-073**, and to direct the City Manager to revise the Letter of Intent with the information discussed in Executive Session. All six voting “Aye”, motion passed, 6-0-0.

CONSENT:

- 7) 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 2025-084:** Discussion and possible action regarding approval of minutes from Regular City Council Meeting held on **August 26, 2025.**

b. **Resolution 2025-085:** Discussion and possible action regarding approval of minutes from Special City Council Meeting held on **September 2, 2025.**

c. **Resolution 2025-086:** Consider a resolution nominating a candidate for appointment to the Board of Directors of the Coryell Central Appraisal District.

d. **Resolution 2025-087:** Consider a resolution declaring unopposed candidates in the November 4, 2025 general city election to office and cancelling the election.

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 8) Discussion and possible action to amend Chapter 18 – Fee Schedule.

ORDINANCE 2025-17: Motion by Jon Salter, seconded by Joe Patterson to **APPROVE ORDINANCE 2025-17**, repealing and replacing Chapter 18. “Fees”, Section 18-1. “Fee Schedule” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gatesville, third and final reading.

- 9) Discussion and possible action to repeal Sec. 10-23. “Fees for Buildings”.

ORDINANCE 2025-15: Motion by Aaron Smith, seconded by Meredith Rainer to **PASS ORDINANCE 2025-15** to consider repealing Sec. 10-23. “Fees for Buildings” to the next meeting, second reading. All six voting with one abstaining, motion passed, 5-0-1 (Salter abstained).

- 10) Discussion and possible action to amend and repeal portions of Chapter 56 – “Utilities”.

ORDINANCE 2025-16: Motion by Kalinda Westbrook, seconded by Aaron Smith to **PASS ORDINANCE 2025-16**, considering repealing and amending portions of Chapter 56 “Utilities”, to the next meeting, second reading. All six voting “Aye”, motion passed, 6-0-0.

- 11) Discussion and possible action regarding Ordinance 2025-18, adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

ORDINANCE 2025-18: Motion by Meredith Rainer, seconded by Jon Salter to **APPROVE ORDINANCE 2025-18**, adopting the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. All six voting “Aye”, motion passed, 6-0-0.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Jon Salter	Aye
Kalinda Westbrook	Aye
Greg Casey	Aye
Meredith Rainer	Aye
Aaron Smith	Aye
Joe Patterson	Aye

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

Hear comments on Ordinance 2025-19, levying a tax rate for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Mayor Chumley opened the public hearing at 6:28 PM.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Chumley closed the public hearing at 6:29 PM.

13) Discussion and possible action regarding approval of Ordinance 2025-19 levying a tax rate for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

ORDINANCE 2025-19: Motion by Joe Patterson, second by Meredith Rainer “I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.56000, which is effectively a 2.76 percent increase in the tax rate” and that we **APPROVE ORDINANCE 2025-19** adopting and levying a tax rate of \$0.56000 per \$100 of taxable assessed value for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. All six voting “Aye”, motion passed, 6-0-0.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Jon Salter	Aye
Kalinda Westbrook	Aye
Greg Casey	Aye
Meredith Rainer	Aye
Aaron Smith	Aye
Joe Patterson	Aye

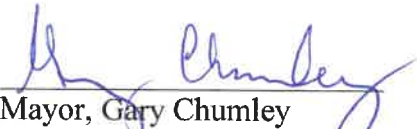
14) Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 2025-088 which ratifies the property tax increase reflected in the adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

RESOLUTION 2025-088: Motion by Greg Casey, seconded by Aaron Smith to **APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-088** which ratifies the property tax increase reflected in the City’s adopted Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget, which is a budget that raises more property tax revenue than was generated the previous year. All six voting “Aye”, motion passed, 6-0-0.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Jon Salter	Aye
Kalinda Westbrook	Aye
Greg Casey	Aye
Meredith Rainer	Aye
Aaron Smith	Aye
Joe Patterson	Aye

City Council **adjourned** at 6:33 p.m.


Mayor, Gary Chumley

ATTEST:


City Secretary, Holly Owens

