CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 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 **14TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025.**

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

   CITY STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Brad Hunt, City Secretary Holly Owens, Deputy City Manager/Finance Director Mike Halsema, Seth Philips, Chad Newman, Chief Jeff Clark, and Zeb Veazey.

   OTHERS: Yvonne Williams, Tina Zimmerman, Scott Ayres, Michael Fogel, Travis VanBibber, and Gatesville Messenger.

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 ALLOTED 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.

Yvonne Williams with the Chamber of Commerce came forward to speak about special event vendor fees and explained that she spoke with the City Secretary earlier. After speaking with Ms. Owens, Ms. Williams has a better understanding of the fees and appreciates the assistance.

CONSENT:

4) 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. Regular City Council Meeting held on **September 23, 2025**.

   b. **Resolution 2025-101**: Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution to deny Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC's proposed increase in revenue and its proposed changes to rates.

   c. **Resolution 2025-102:** Discussion and possible action regarding a Resolution designating an official newspaper for the City of Gatesville for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

   d. **Resolution 2025-103:** Discussion and possible action regarding the August 2025 Financials.

   e. **Resolution 2025-104:** Health Insurance Agreement.

   f. **Resolution 2025-105:** Consider a resolution approving an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Cedar Hill.

   g. **Resolution 2025-106:** City Manager Agreement Amendment

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Greg Casey, seconded by Meredith Rainer to **APPROVE** the **CONSENT AGENDA** as written. All four voting "Aye", motion passed, 4-0-0. (Smith and Patterson absent)

OTHER BUSINESS:

5) Discussion and possible action to amend the Fee Schedule, Chapter 18 adjusting the water and sewer rates.

Scott Ayers came forward regarding the water and sewer rates. Mr. Ayers personally agrees with the rate increases due to the infrastructure needs. However, there is a large population that will have difficulty paying the rate increase because they already have difficulty paying the current rate. Mr. Ayers asked if the increase can be stretched out further and recommended the late fees be suspended for a short time so that citizens can have some time to prepare for the increase without added penalties.

Councilwoman Rainer asked Mr. Hunt where the late fees are credited regarding the City's funds. Mr. Hunt stated the late fees are put into the water fund.

Councilwoman Rainer likes the idea of suspending the late fees for a period. Mayor Chumley asked about taking the late fees and setting up a separate fund to assist with other accounts that fall behind.

ORDINANCE 2025-20: Motion by Kalinda Westbrook, seconded by Jon Salter to **PASS ORDINANCE 2025-20** to consider repealing and replacing Chapter 18. "Fees" Section 18-1. "Fee Schedule" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gatesville, **second reading.** All four voting "Aye", motion passed, 4-0-0. (Smith and Patterson absent)

6) Consider a resolution affirming Tax Exempt status of a Cadence Bank Lease Agreement.

RESOLUTION 2025-107: Motion by Jon Salter, seconded by Greg Casey, The City of Gatesville desires to designate the Agreement as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" of the Lessee, as defined in Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"). The aggregate face amount of all tax-exempt obligations (excluding private activity bonds other than qualified 501(c)(3) bonds) issued or to be issued by the Lessee and all subordinate entities thereof during the current calendar year is not reasonably expected to exceed $10,000,000. The Lessee and all subordinate entities thereof will not issue or enter into in excess of $10,000,000 of tax-exempt obligations (including the Agreement, but excluding private activity bonds other than qualified 501(c)(3) bonds) during the current calendar year, without first obtaining an opinion of nationally recognized counsel in the area of tax-exempt municipal obligations acceptable to the Lessor that the designation of the Agreement as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" will not be adversely affected.

Roll Call Vote:

Jon Salter – Yes	**Kalinda Westbrook – Yes**	**Greg Casey – Yes**
Joe Patterson – Absent	**Aaron Smith – Absent**	**Meredith Rainer – Yes**

All four voting "Aye", motion passed, 4-0-0. (Smith and Patterson absent)

7) Discussion and possible action regarding disbursement of HOT Funds.

Councilwoman Rainer asked about the committee's thought process for the decisions made regarding the disbursement of funds. Mr. Hunt stated the disbursement of HOT funds is required to be met with specific criteria. The only items that can be covered for the Corks & Kegs event are the advertising and the lanyards. Councilwoman Westbrook added if the event was for two days or more it would have triggered additional money for "heads in beds".

Mr. Hunt stated the sign for the Cotton Belt is located on a major thoroughfare and the committee believed that it would be good for advertising city events and promoting local arts.

Councilwoman Rainer asked about the spring deadline and if that would be enough time to prepare for those summer events.

Yvonne Williams with the Chamber of Commerce came forward to discuss the amount approved for distribution to the Chamber. The Chamber needs funding for events and the reason the summer events were included was to help secure big-name entertainment to draw in larger attendance. The Chamber is also used as an unofficial visitor's center with a great deal of traffic asking about where to stay, where to eat and who is a good local realtor.

RESOLUTION 2025-108: Motion by Meredith Rainer, seconded by Greg Casey to **APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-108**, disbursing $1,000 in Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds to the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce, and $20,000 in Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds to the Cotton Belt Depot Foundation and the committee will reconvene to re-consider funds for Shivaree. All four voting "Aye", motion passed, 4-0-0. (Smith and Patterson absent)

8) Discussion and possible action regarding a resolution approving a Facilities Agreement for Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure.

Mike Fogel with Trinity Housing (Gatesville Crossing) came forward to answer any questions.

RESOLUTION 2025-110: Motion by Kalinda Westbrook, seconded by Meredith Rainer to **APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-110** authorizing the City Manager to sign the Facilities Agreement for Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure on behalf of the City of Gatesville. All four voting "Aye", motion passed, 4-0-0. (Smith and Patterson absent)

9) Discussion and possible action to consider replacing and disposing of the fleet mechanic vehicle.

RESOLUTION 2025-111: Motion by Greg Casey seconded by Jon Salter to **APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-111**, authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to purchase a 2026 Ram 3500 with utility bed from SPUR Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Gatesville for a net purchase price of $67,774.72 after application of a $17,000 credit for trade-in of the City's 2017 Chevy 3500. All four voting "Aye", motion passed, 4-0-0. (Smith and Patterson absent)

10) Discussion and possible action to accept an Annexation application for 209 River Road.

RESOLUTION 2025-110: Motion by Meredith Rainer, seconded by Greg Casey to **APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-110**, accepting the application for annexation application for 209 River Road. All four voting "Aye", motion passed, 4-0-0. (Smith and Patterson absent)

11) Discussion and possible action to consider an ordinance annexing approximately 3.46 acres located in the Summer Addn.; Block 1, Lot 4A.

City Council requested the property be zoned Residential Single Family once it is annexed into the City. Ms. Owens stated she would reach out to the applicant to convey the zoning.

Mayor Chumley asked how long the City must provide sewer. Ms. Owens stated the standard service agreement states 10 years.

ORDINANCE 2025-21: Motion by Greg Casey, seconded by Jon Salter to **PASS ORDINANCE 2025-21** considering annexing the property described as Summer Addn.; Block 1, Lot 4A, Coryell County, addressed as 209 River Road, on 3.46 acres to the next meeting, **first reading.** All four voting "Aye", motion passed, 4-0-0. (Smith and Patterson absent)

12) City Council **adjourned** at **7:19 p.m.**

Mayor, Gary Chumley

ATTEST:

City Secretary, Holly Owens

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