

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 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 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025.**

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

OTHERS: Tonya Place, Tina Zimmerman, Scott Ayres, Jennifer Fowler, James Fowler, Tiffany Butler, Leo Corona, Robuck, Steve Dowell, Scott Ayres, Joel Solorzani, Travis VanBibber, and Gatesville Messenger.

3) **INVOCATION:** Kalinda Westbrook 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.

James Fowler Jr. came forward to thank Council and Staff for their support.

Steve Dowell came forward to announce that he is running for Congress.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Mayor Chumley recessed the Regular Meeting and called for an Executive Session at 5:40 PM.

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

5) End Executive Session and Reconvene the Open Meeting.

Mayor Chumley reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:15 PM. No action will be taken.

CONSENT:

6) 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 2025-112:** Discussion and possible action regarding approval of minutes from Regular City Council Meeting held on **October 14, 2025**.
- b. **Resolution 2025-113:** Discussion and possible action regarding Interlocal Agreement between the City of Gatesville and the Central Texas Emergency Communication District.
- c. **Resolution 2025-114:** Discussion and possible action regarding a request for temporary street closures on December 13, 2025, for the Christmas Parade.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Meredith Rainer, seconded by Joe Patterson to **APPROVE** the **CONSENT AGENDA** as written. All six voting “Aye”, motion passed, 6-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

Scott Ayers came forward. Mr. Ayers stated that he polled the citizens via Facebook about the water rates and if they were aware of the rate increase. According to the poll, 90% of people who voted were not aware of the rate increase. Mr. Ayers believes there should have been more of an effort to communicate this to the public and read aloud the comments to the poll. Mr. Ayers requested Council to pause late fees for a period to allow the citizens to adjust.

Councilman Patterson stated he appreciates Mr. Ayers social media platform. The city is in a situation where staff can no longer delay repairing and replacing the infrastructure.

Brad Hunt explained the rate increase and why the increase is necessary was advertised on the news station, the newspaper, and social media. The city worked to be as transparent as possible. Staff will continue to inform and work with the citizens.

ORDINANCE 2025-20: Motion by Kalinda Westbrook, seconded by Meredith Rainer to **APPROVE ORDINANCE 2025-20** repealing and replacing Chapter 18. “Fees” Section 18-1. “Fee Schedule” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gatesville and to impose a 90-day moratorium on late fees, **third and final reading**. All six voting “Aye”, motion passed, 6-0-0.

- 8) Discussion and possible action regarding award for engineering services RFQ 2026-1, related to EPA 2024 Consolidated Appropriates Act (PL118-42) funded project CG-02F95501-0.

Councilman Patterson asked about the cost for engineering services. Mr. Halsema stated that it is part of the negotiations.

Councilman Patterson asked if it on the west side of Highway 36. Mr. Halsema stated yes. Mr. Newman added that the line also supports Fort Gates and Fort Hood. Mr. Hunt stated it is phase 2 of the Lakewood Project.

RESOLUTION 2025-115: Motion by Joe Patterson, seconded by Aaron Smith to **APPROVE** the ranking of submissions for RFQ 2026-1 as presented and authorize the City Staff to enter into contract negotiations with Kasberg, Patrick & Associates, LP, d/b/a KPA Engineers as the highest ranked firm, and if those negotiations do not result in a contract, to formally end them and begin negotiations with the next highest ranked firm(s) until a contract is reached. All six voting “Aye”, motion passed, 6-0-0.

- 9) Discussion and possible action regarding disbursement of HOT Funds for Assessment of City Auditorium.

Councilwoman Rainer asked what the long-term plan was for the auditorium. Mr. Hunt stated the auditorium would continue with the County Music Hall of Fame and the other portion of the building could be used for an adult education campus. The building has connectivity to City Hall and the Library.

RESOLUTION 2025-116: Motion by Jon Salter, seconded by Joe Patterson to **APPROVE** **RESOLUTION 2025-116**, authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement with Freese &

Nichols, Inc., which allots the expenditure of Hotel Occupancy Funds in an amount not to exceed \$45,650, to support the assessment of the Gatesville Auditorium. All six voting “Aye”, motion passed, 6-0-0.

- 10) Review and Discuss Proposed Changes to Chapter 1 and 6 of the 2020 Comprehensive Plan.**

Discussion only with no action taken. Mr. Hunt agreed to send all the changes and maps to Council individually for further review.

- 11) Recess Regular Meeting and call a Public Hearing.**

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – 7:30 PM

Hear comments on Ordinance 2025-21, annexing property located at 209 River Road, Summer Addn.: Block 1, Lot 4A.

No one came forward during the public hearing.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING – 7:32 PM

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

ORDINANCE 2025-21: Motion by Aaron Smith, seconded by Greg Casey to **PASS ORDINANCE 2025-21**, considering annexing the property described as Summer Addn.: Block 1, Lot 4A, Coryell County, addressed as 209 River Run, on 3.46 acres to the next meeting, **second reading**. All six voting “Aye”, motion passed, 6-0-0.

- 13) Discussion and possible action regarding awarding a contract for installation of an Automatic Transfer Switch (ATS) at the Leon Wastewater Plant.**

Councilwoman Westbrook asked how often the plant loses power. Mr. Newman stated mainly during storms or if the power grid loses power.

RESOLUTION 2025-117: Motion by Meredith Rainer, seconded by Kalinda Westbrook to authorize the Public Works Director to authorize T. Morales to acquire and install an ATS switch in an amount not to exceed \$54,772.19. All six voting “Aye”, motion passed, 6-0-0.

- 14) Discussion and possible action regarding accepting a bid for replacement of a drainage culvert under Cottonwood Drive.**

RESOLUTION 2025-118: Motion by Joe Patterson, seconded by Aaron Smith to authorize the City Manager or his designee to negotiate and execute a contract for services for replacement of a drainage culvert under Cottonwood Drive with Gribble Construction, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$49,547.00.

- 15) City Manager Report**

No action taken.

- 16) City Council adjourned at 8:00 p.m.**


Mayor, Gary Chumley

ATTEST:


City Secretary, Holly Owens

