

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 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 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 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, Patrice Gilbert, Zeb Veazey, Chief Jeff Clark, Shea Harp, Nicole Clark, and Chad Newman.

OTHERS: Vicki Casey, Jenny Casey, Tina Zimmerman, Scott Ayres, Roger Miller, Bob Brown, Wendy Cole, Leo Corona, John Rook, Bodie James, Joel Robledo, Andrew Collar, Travis VanBibber, Ashley VanBibber, Scarlett VanBibber, Braxten Bell, Kaira Diaz, Christopher Barr, Luke Jackson, Smith, Sonia Blanchard, and Gatesville Messenger.

3. **INVOCATION:** Greg Casey and **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**: Led by Mayor Gary Chumley.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

City Council entered Executive Session at 5:32 PM.

The City Council of the City of Gatesville will convene into a closed Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).

5. End Executive Session and Reconvene the Open Meeting.

City Council reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:41 PM.

6. Discussion and possible action to provide directions to the City Manager regarding matters discussed in Executive Session.

No action was taken.

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.

Leo Corona came forward to request Council remove Item 7b from Consent to discuss openly.

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 2025-119:** Discussion and possible action regarding approval of minutes from Regular City Council Meeting held on **October 28, 2025**.
 - b. **Resolution 2025-128:** Consider Resolution approving naming portions of the Gatesville Library after a donating patron. (Mike Halsema)
 - c. **Resolution 2025-125:** Discussion and possible action regarding September 2025 Financial Report. (Mike Halsema)

Councilwoman Rainer requested Item 7b be removed from Consent and discussed separately.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Meredith Rainer, seconded by Joe Patterson to **APPROVE** the **CONSENT AGENDA** Items 7a and 7c. All six voting “Aye”, motion passed, 6-0-0.

Shea Harp came forward to discuss how donations are acknowledged in the library with a donation tree.

RESOLUTION 2025-125: Motion by Aaron Smith, seconded by Jon Salter to **APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-125** naming the library study rooms “Charles D. and Mary Alice Wise Study Rooms” and the adult area of the library to “Charles D. and Mary Alice Wise Gathering Place”. All six voting “Aye”, motion passed, 6-0-0.

ELECTIONS:

8. November 4, 2025 Election:

- a. Administer Oath to newly elected and re-elected Council Members.
 - Greg Casey, Ward 2, Place 5
 - Aaron Smith, Ward 1, Place 1
 - Travis VanBibber, Ward 1, Place 3

Holly Owens administered the oath of office.

- b. Issue Certificates of Election
- c. Recognize outgoing Council Member Meredith Rainer.

Mayor Chumley recognized Meredith Rainer for her service as a Council Member and presented Mrs. Rainer with a memento for the time that was served. The Regular Meeting was recessed at 6:58 PM.

Recess Regular Meeting for 15 Minutes to celebrate Meredith Rainer.

Reconvene Regular Meeting

Mayor Chumley reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:19 PM.

9. Discussion and possible action to appoint a Mayor Pro-Tem.

Motion by Aaron Smith, seconded by Travis VanBibber to nominate **Greg Casey** as **Mayor Pro-Tem**. There were no other nominations. The motion **PASSED** unanimously, 6-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

10. Discussion and possible action regarding purchase of one (1) marked 2026 Dodge Durango Police vehicle.

RESOLUTION 2025-126: Motion by Jon Salter, seconded by Kalinda Westbrook to **APPROVE** the purchase of one (1) 2026 Dodge Durango police vehicle through the vendor Donaldson CDJR. All six voting “Aye”, motion passed, 6-0-0.

11. Discussion and possible action regarding a Resolution amending Water Supply Contracts.

RESOLUTION 2025-124: Motion by Kalinda Westbrook, seconded by Aaron Smith to **APPROVE** 2025 Amendments to each of the five water supply contracts between the City of Gatesville and, respectively, (1) Coryell City Water Supply District, (2) Flat Water Supply Corporation, (3) Fort Gates Water Supply Corporation, (4) Mountain Water Supply Corporation, and (5) Grove Water Supply Corporation; Authorizing Mayor to execute the 2025 amendments and the City Manager to execute any further necessary and related documents; Providing a repealing clause; Providing a severability clause; and Providing an effective date. All six voting “Aye”, motion passed, 6-0-0.

12. Discussion and possible action regarding awarding a contract for roofing repairs for the Fitness Center.

RESOLUTION 2025-122: Motion by Greg Casey, seconded by Joe Patterson, to authorize the City Manager to authorize engaging Cotton Commercial USA d/b/a Target Solutions, and to negotiate and execute a contract therefor in an amount not to exceed \$61,500. All six voting “Aye”, motion passed, 6-0-0.

13. Discussion and possible action regarding disbursement of HOT Funds.

Tina Zimmerman, Chamber liaison handed out a budget for Shivaree to Council.

RESOLUTION 2025-120: Motion by Aaron Smith, seconded by Jon Salter, to **APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-120**, disbursing \$60,000 in Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds to the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce, for Shivaree 2026. All six voting “Aye”, motion passed, 6-0-0.

14. Discussion and possible action regarding amending the FY 2025-26 Budget.

ORDINANCE 2025-22: Motion by Kalinda Westbrook, seconded by Joe Patterson, to **PASS ORDINANCE 2025-22** amending the FY 2025-2026 Budget, to a future Council meeting, **first reading**. All six voting “Aye”, motion passed, 6-0-0.

15. Discussion and possible action to cast a vote for a candidate to the Board of Directors of the Coryell Central Appraisal District.

Leo Corona came forward and requested that resumes should be part of the ballot. Mayor Chumley stated it is up to the County Appraisal District to provide those resumes.

RESOLUTION 2025-121: Motion by Joe Patterson, seconded by Aaron Smith to cast **52 votes** for **Inez Faison** and **52 votes** for **Kevin George**. All six voting “Aye”, motion passed, 6-0-0.

16. TxDOT Resolution for placement of Flock Safety ALPR cameras on TxDOT Right-of-way.

Mayor Chumley asked how the system is tied to the patrol car. Chief Clark stated it is a software which is cloud based. The license plate must be manually entered into the system to be able to track it.

Councilwoman Westbrook asked if the patrol car is alerted about the license plate. Chief Clark stated the patrol car is receiving an alert if the specific license plate drives past a flock camera. At that point, the software would let the patrol car know in what direction the vehicle is traveling.

Councilwoman Westbrook asked how many other municipalities are using this software. Chief Clark stated that Gatesville is on the tail end of using this software. It is widely used through the United States.

Councilman Patterson asked Council if they had googled “flock safety”. The cameras are not just cameras, but they are fully enabled with AI within a network of cameras. Any organization can look at our cameras driving through town with the information stored in a private database in a for profit

company. Councilman Patterson stated there is no way he would vote for this despite the legitimate reasons to have them. It goes against the fourth amendment that protects people from unreasonable government searches and seizures. It is reasonable to say that the data and/or recordings are subject to open records request.

Chief Clark stated the cameras were approved in the budget and this is to place the cameras on TxDOT right-of-way. Councilman Patterson stated that when cameras were mentioned, it was about placing them in the cemetery to keep the site secure.

Councilman VanBibber asked if the cameras are indiscriminately taking photos of everyone's license plates. Chief Clark stated it will take a picture of the license plate and if the plate number is in the system, it will trigger an alert. The data on the City's end is deleted after 30 days. There are safety measures in place to deter malicious activity.

RESOLUTION 2025-127: Motion by Travis VanBibber, seconded by Jon Salter to **APPROVE** the resolution to place the cameras on TxDOT right-of-way. Four voting "Aye" and two voting "Nay", motion passed, 4-2-0 (Casey and Patterson against).

17. Discussion and possible action regarding authorization for City Manager to sign a Municipal Maintenance Agreement with TxDOT on behalf of the City of Gatesville.

Leo Corona came forward and asked who was responsible for moving the utility lines in the middle of the sidewalks along Main Street. These sidewalks are unsafe and are in some instances unusable. Mayor Chumley stated there is no good answer to that.

RESOLUTION 2025-091: Motion by Greg Casey, seconded by Kalinda Westbrook, authorizing City Manager, Brad Hunt to sign the TxDOT Municipal Maintenance Agreement, as presented. All six voting "Aye", motion passed, 6-0-0.

18. Review and Discuss Proposed Changes to Chapters 2 and 3 of the 2020 Comprehensive Plan.

Brad Hunt presented Chapters 2 and 3 of the Comprehensive Plan to Council. Council did not make any changes to the draft of Chapters 2 and 3 of the Comprehensive Plan.

Leo Corona came forward to discuss the retail coach report.

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

Councilman VanBibber asked about the zoning. Ms. Owens stated the applicant does plan to bring the zoning forward to the Planning Commission and Council to make the zoning Residential Single-Family.

ORDINANCE 2025-21: Motion by Jon Salter, seconded by Travis VanBibber to **APPROVE** **ORDINANCE 2025-21**, annexing the property described as Summer Addn.; Block 1, Lot 4A, Coryell County, addressed as 209 River Run Road, on 3.46 acres, **final reading**.

20. Discussion and possible action regarding a variance request located on Barnes Street.

Councilman Patterson asked if this would match the other homes on the same side of the street. Mayor Chumley stated it looks like there are only two houses on the street. Chad Newman confirmed there are only a few houses in the immediate area.

RESOLUTION 2025-123: Motion by Joe Patterson, seconded by Aaron Smith to **APPROVE** the requested variance to all for two 7,000 square foot lots and a reduced front setback of 20 feet for the property located on Barnes Street in the Hartwell & Chambers Addn; Block 1, Lot 5.

21. Discussion regarding additions and amendments to City Ordinance, Chapter 40, Parks and Recreation.

Councilman Casey asked about toy motorized jeep. Mr. Hunt agreed to add the definition into the ordinance.


ORDINANCE 2025-23: Motion by Greg Casey, seconded by Jon Salter to **PASS ORDINANCE 2025-23** to amend the City Ordinances, chapter 40, of the City of Gatesville Code of Ordinances with the proposed definition changes to the next meeting.

22. City Manager Report

Brad Hunt presented the city manager’s report. No action was taken.

23. City Council adjourned at 8:55 p.m.


Mayor, Gary Chumley

ATTEST:

City Secretary, Holly Owens

