

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 26, 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 **26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 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:** Deputy City Manager/Finance Director Mike Halsema, City Secretary Holly Owens, Shea Harp, Bobby Buster, Seth Phillips, Chief Jeff Clark, and Zeb Veazey.

**OTHERS:** Leo Corona, Travis VanBibber, Krista Gilbert, and George Scott.

3) **INVOCATION:** Kalinda Westbrook and **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Mayor Gary Chumley.

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George Scott came forward to ask questions regarding the Gaming Ordinance. Mr. Scott was given Ms. Owens' business card and encouraged to call and make an appointment to discuss the ordinance.

There were no further 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).*

- 5) End Executive Session and Reconvene the Open Meeting.
- 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 was cancelled.

#### **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 2025-079:** Discussion and possible action regarding approval of minutes from Regular City Council Meeting held on August 12, 2025.
  - b. **Resolution 2025-080:** June 2025 Financials
  - c. **Resolution 2025-081:** Third Quarter Investment Report
  - d. **Resolution 2025-082:** Water Rights Payment
  - e. **Resolution 2025-083:** Discussion and possible action regarding a request for temporary street closures on October 25, 2025, for the annual Boozaar.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by Greg Casey, seconded by Jon Salter to **APPROVE** the **CONSENT AGENDA (Items a-e)** as written. All six voting “Aye”, motion passed, 6-0-0.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

8. Discussion and possible action regarding the Rate Study.

Kim Bostk with NewGen joined the meeting via Teams Meeting.

Mike Halsema explained the numbers presented are based on renewing contracts with wholesale customers at a higher rate. However, the City did receive some bad news from the water development board that the City’s grant application was denied. Despite the denial, the City has identified three major projects on the water production side; 1) the intake which includes a backup generator and electrical, 2) improvements at the plant, and 3) boosters at station one. The City believes this can still be one without the water development board and the City will continue to pursue the low interest loan. These repairs are critically needed.

Councilwoman Westbrook asked what the interest rate would be. Mr. Halsema stated the current rate starts at .35% with a 3% increase.

Councilman Casey asked if the City can re-apply to the water development board. Mr. Halsema stated yes, the City can re-apply.

Councilwoman Westbrook asked if there was a pre-pay penalty. Mr. Halsema stated there is no pre-pay penalty.

Councilman Patterson asked if these items were part of the capital improvement plan. Mr. Halsema stated these three items were also listed on the capital improvement plan.

Mayor Chumley asked if Staff filled out the application for the grant or did the City hire a third party. Mr. Halsema stated the City hired FNI to apply for the grant on the City's behalf. There is still a chance for the City to amend the application if the entities that were approved are unable to meet the matching funds.

Councilman Patterson asked if the reserve requirements and the debt service ratio is an internal metric or water board metric. Mr. Halsema stated the debit service ratio is standard for bond issuance and the reserve requirements area stated in the City's policy.

Ms. Bostik stated the top ten CIP projects is driving the increase in water and sewer rates. Mr. Halsema added Fort Hood and the Department of Justice are key contributors.

Councilwoman Rainer asked if the discussions have begun with Fort Hood and TDCJ. Mr. Halsema explained that Mr. Hunt is working to meet with both to discuss the rates and the projects.

Councilwoman Westbrook asked if the numbers reflected what the City was depending on from the grant. Mr. Halsema stated yes and no. The numbers presented are the total cost of the projects, but without the grant, some items will need to be scaled down.

Councilwoman Rainer asked where the numbers come from. Mr. Halsema stated the numbers were provided by FNI.

Mayor Chumley expressed his concern regarding the 62% rise in rates and believes that it is too steep for the residents. The remainder of Council agrees. A workshop is needed to discuss these rates.

Councilwoman Rainer asked what the process was going to be to inform both Fort Hood and TDCJ. Mr. Halsema stated Staff have contacts for both.

Councilman Casey requested Staff to level out the rise over the five-year period.

Councilwoman Rainer requested to keep the monthly amount under \$100.00.

Mr. Halsema agreed to work on the numbers and speak with Staff about what can be cut.

Councilman Patterson believes that the workshop should include the projects and what needs to be delayed and would like Staff to guide Council on what absolutely needs to be done.

Councilwoman Westbrook asked if this could be a seven-year plan versus a five-year plan. Mr. Halsema stated yes.

No action is required.

## 9. Discussion and possible action to amend Chapter 18 – Fee Schedule.

Councilwoman Rainer what determines whether the review is done in-house versus BV. Ms. Owens stated most reviews will occur in-house, however, structures such as apartment buildings and hotels will need to be reviewed by BV. The staff, including myself, are not qualified to review those structures.

Mayor Chumley asked about the cemetery fees because in the past, interment fees were not charged. Mr. Halsema stated he would research the cemetery fees with staff and address it on the second reading.

Councilman Casey mentioned the proposed fee for civic center deposit is the same as the current fee. Mr. Halsema stated it should be \$600 under the proposed fee and that it would be corrected by second reading.

Councilman Patterson asked about short-term rental fees. Ms. Owens stated that when staff brings forward an ordinance regulating short-term rentals, a fee would be included and wanted to go ahead and include it on the fee schedule instead of waiting until next September to add it.

Councilwoman Rainer asked if this would be in addition to the hotel occupancy tax. Ms. Owens stated yes, the fee covers the annual inspection. The annual inspection is to make sure the rental is up to building code and is safe to occupy.

Councilwoman Westbrook asked about the food truck license. Ms. Owens stated the license is a one-time annual fee which allows the City to recoup the loss of sales tax.

Councilwoman Westbrook asked what if the vendor is paying sales tax. Ms. Owens stated the City has no way of proving whether sales tax is paid or not.

Councilman Patterson asked about the fees for annexation. Ms. Owens stated currently there are no fees for annexation, but a lot of staff time, legal review, mail outs, public notice to paper, and the county filing fee is occurring during the annexation process. Staff would like to recoup some cost for the process.

Councilwoman Rainer expressed some concern for the fee since the applicant is volunteering to annex into the city limits. Councilman Patterson agreed.

Councilman Smith believes the cost is justified due to the process and the man hours.

Mr. Halsema explained the inaccessibility fee for clearing debris located on the water meter and the tampering fee resulting in unauthorized usage.

**ORDINANCE 2025-17:** Kalinda Westbrook motioned, seconded by Greg Casey to **PASS ORDINANCE 2025-17** to consider repealing and replacing Chapter 18 (Fees), Section 18-1 (Fee Schedule) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gatesville with the removal of the water and sewer rates to the next meeting, **first reading**. All six voting “Aye”, motion passed, 6-0-0.

**10. Discussion and possible action to repeal Sec. 10-23. Fees for buildings.**

Councilwoman Rainer asked why repeal the entire section. Ms. Owens explained the entire section is redundant because all the fees are in Chapter 18.

**ORDINANCE 2025-15:** Greg Casey motioned, seconded by Meredith Rainer to **PASS ORDINANCE 2025-15** to consider repealing Sec. 10-23. Fees for buildings to the next meeting, **first reading**. Five voting “Aye”, One “Abstain”. motion passed, 5-1-0 (Salter abstained).

**11. Discussion and possible action to amend and repeal portions of Chapter 56 – Utilities.**

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

**12. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of Ordinance 2025-19 levying a tax rate for Fiscal Year 2025-26.**

Councilwoman Rainer stated that the tax rate is usually approved after the budget and not before. Mr. Halsema explained that Councilwoman Rainer was correct but is only necessary during the third reading.

**ORDINANCE 2025-19:** Jon Salter motioned, seconded by Greg Casey to **PASS the tax rate ordinance** to the **second reading** which is scheduled for September 2, 2025. All six voting “Aye”, motion passed, 6-0-0.

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

Councilwoman Rainer expressed concern about the line item for Fire Chief since the fire department is a voluntary fire department. Mr. Halsema explained that Mr. Hunt will go into more detail regarding this since Mr. Hunt has been negotiating with Coryell County and discussing the process with the voluntary fire department volunteers.

Councilwoman Rainer reminded Council that the County is working on their budget and maybe the City Council needs to reach out to the commissioners regarding the fire budget portions since the County uses the volunteer fire department too.

**ORDINANCE 2025-18:** Aaron Smith motioned, seconded by Meredith Rainer, we **PASS** this ordinance to the **second reading** which is scheduled for September 2, 2025. All six voting “Aye”, motion passed, 6-0-0.

**14. City Manager’s Monthly Report**

City Manager’s monthly report was removed.

**15. Adjourn Meeting**

City Council **adjourned at 7:35 p.m.**

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Mayor, Gary Chumley

ATTEST:

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City Secretary, Holly Owens

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 2, 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 **2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.**
- 2) **QUORUM CHECK/COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Gary Chumley, Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Casey, Councilmembers Kalinda Westbrook, Aaron Smith, Meredith Rainer, and John Salter.

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

**OTHERS:** Travis VanBibber.

- 3) **INVOCATION:** Jon Salter and **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Mayor Gary Chumley.

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There were no public comments.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

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

Mr. Hunt explained the only changes from the last reading were the cemetery fee from the proposed \$500.00 to \$250.00 and the civic center deposit to a proposed \$600.00 and \$750.00 with alcohol.

**ORDINANCE 2025-17:** Kalinda Westbrook motioned, seconded by Greg Casey to **PASS ORDINANCE 2025-17** to consider repealing and replacing Chapter 18. “Fees”, Section 18-1. “Fee

Schedule” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gatesville to the next meeting, **second reading**. All five voting “Aye”, motion passed, 5-0-0 (Patterson).

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

**ORDINANCE 2025-19:** Aaron Smith motioned, seconded by Meredith Rainer to **PASS** the **tax rate ordinance** to the third reading which is scheduled for September 9, 2025. All five voting “Aye”, motion passed, 5-0-0 (Patterson).

- 6) Recess Special Meeting and call a Public Hearing.

Mayor Chumley opened the public hearing at 5:35 pm.

Brad Hunt gave a brief presentation.

The contract with Billy Vaden as a volunteer is for \$50,000 annually, flat fee with no retirement (TMRS). The new position would be negotiated to include retirement and up to \$100,000 annually as a city employee.

Councilwoman Rainer asked about the process for choosing/hiring the new chief and how will the volunteer fire department be part of that process.

Mr. Hunt explained the volunteers would choose four to represent the entire group to aid in the process of hiring a chief.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Chumley closed the public hearing at 6:09 pm.

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

**ORDINANCE 2025-18:** Meredith Rainer motioned, seconded by Jon Salter, we **PASS** this ordinance to the **third reading** which is scheduled for September 9, 2025. All five voting “Aye”, motion passed, 5-0-0 (Patterson).

City Council **adjourned** at **6:11 p.m.**

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Mayor, Gary Chumley

ATTEST:

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City Secretary, Holly Owens





Date 9/9/2025

Agenda Item 7c

Resolution 2025-086

## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM FOR RESOLUTION

**To: Mayor & Council**

**From: Holly Owens, City Secretary**

**Agenda Item: Consider a resolution nominating a candidate for appointment to the Board of Directors of the Coryell Central Appraisal District.**

### Information:

The process for the election of members for the Board of Directors of the Coryell Central Appraisal District was changed in the 2023 legislative session. The process now requires the appointed members to have staggered four (4) year terms. The 2026 election process is for two (2) members that were randomly selected from five (5) total members to serve one (1) year terms starting 1/1/2025 and ending 12/31/2025. The two (2) members appointed from this election will serve a four (4) year term from 1/1/2026 to 12/31/2029.

- Members of the Board of Directors are appointed by vote of the taxing unit governing bodies.
- Each taxing unit entitled to vote may nominate, by resolution adopted by its governing body, one candidate for each position to be filled. There are two (2) positions to be filled which means you may nominate up to two persons. The names of these nominees must be submitted to the chief appraiser on or before October 15, or as soon thereafter as possible.
- Before October 30, you will receive a prepared ballot listing the candidates alphabetically.
- The governing body must cast its votes by resolution and submit the resolution to the chief appraiser by December 15.
- 104 is the number of votes your governing body may cast in the election for new board of director members for the Coryell Central Appraisal District.
- The chief appraiser shall count the votes, declare the two (2) candidates who receive the largest cumulative vote totals and submit the results before December 31 to the governing body of each taxing unit in the district and to the candidates.
- The governing body may cast all its votes for one candidate or may distribute their votes among any number of the candidates.

To be eligible to serve as a director, an individual must be a resident of the district and must have resided in the district for two years. An employee of a taxing unit that participates in the district

is not eligible to serve unless that person is also a member of the governing body or is an elected official of a taxing unit that participates in the district.

Nominee(s) by resolution is required to be submitted on or before October 15, or as soon thereafter as possible.

The present appointed members of the Board of Directors are:

<b>Justin Carothers</b>	<b>Tax Assessor/Collector</b>
<b>Bradi Diaz</b>	1/1/2025 to 12/31/2027
<b>Inez Faison</b>	1/1/2025 to 12/31/2025
<b>Andy James</b>	1/1/2025 to 12/31/2027
<b>Jay Manning</b>	1/1/2025 to 12/31/2027
<b>Kevin George</b>	1/1/2025 to 12/31/2025

The current members elected by the general election are:

<b>Cynthia Bell</b>	1/1/2025 to 12/31/2026
<b>Jack Wall</b>	1/1/2025 to 12/31/2026
<b>Stan Elliott</b>	1/1/2025 to 12/31/2026

**Motion:**

Motion to approve **Resolution 2025-086**; nominating **Inez Faison (52 votes)** and **Kevin George (52 votes)** as candidates(s) for appointment to the Board of Directors of the Coryell Central Appraisal District.

**Attachments:**

- Voting Calculation Sheet
- Resolution



CORYELL CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT  
705 EAST MAIN STREET  
GATESVILLE, TX 76528



2026 Board of Director Election Voting Calculation

Jurisdiction	2024	% of Total Levy	% x 1000	Total Votes
Coryell County	\$19,927,613	29.19%	292	<b>584</b>
Copperas Cove ISD	\$14,455,731	21.18%	212	<b>424</b>
City of Copperas Cove	\$14,342,786	21.01%	210	<b>420</b>
Gatesville ISD	\$9,941,837	14.57%	146	<b>291</b>
City of Gatesville	\$3,557,245	5.21%	52	<b>104</b>
Central Texas College	\$2,184,323	3.20%	32	<b>64</b>
Oglesby ISD	\$1,098,524	1.61%	16	<b>32</b>
Jonesboro ISD	\$822,311	1.20%	12	<b>24</b>
Evant ISD	\$730,743	1.07%	11	<b>21</b>
Moody ISD	\$461,088	0.68%	7	<b>14</b>
Middle Trinity GCD	\$288,790	0.42%	4	<b>8</b>
Crawford ISD	\$141,930	0.21%	2	<b>4</b>
City of Evant	\$94,742	0.14%	1	<b>3</b>
Clifton ISD	\$79,088	0.12%	1	<b>2</b>
City of Oglesby	\$51,262	0.08%	1	<b>2</b>
City of McGregor	\$46,104	0.07%	1	<b>1</b>
Lampasas ISD	\$21,319	0.03%	0	<b>1</b>
Valley Mills ISD	\$12,797	0.02%	0	<b>1</b>
TOTALS	\$68,258,233	100.00%	1000	<b>2000</b>

Votes Needed to Guarantee  
Election

2000/3

**667**



**CORYELL CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT  
705 EAST MAIN STREET  
GATESVILLE, TX 76528**



**RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF GATESVILLE TO NOMINATE CANDIDATE(S)  
FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORYELL  
CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 6 of the *Texas Property Tax Code*, City of Gatesville is authorized to nominate and vote on the appointment of a member or members to the Board of Directors of the Coryell Central Appraisal District ("Coryell CAD"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 6.03(g) of the *Texas Property Tax Code*, City of Gatesville may nominate one candidate for each position to be filled on the board of; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Appraiser of Coryell CAD has delivered written notification to City of Gatesville of its right to nominate a candidate or candidates for appointment to the board of directors and its voting entitlement; and

WHEREAS, City of Gatesville has determined that it would be in the public interest to nominate the following person(s) as candidate(s) for appointment to the board of directors of the Coryell CAD,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF GATESVILLE:

1. That the above recitals are true and correct.
2. That the City of Gatesville hereby nominates the following person(s) as candidate(s) for appointment to the board of directors of the Coryell CAD:

Candidate

3. That it is officially found and determined that this meeting was open to the public as required by law, and that notice of the time, place and subject matter of this meeting has been posted in the manner required by law.

CITY OF GATESVILLE

By: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_



Date 9/9/2025

Agenda Item 7d

Resolution 2025-087

## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM FOR RESOLUTION

**To: Mayor & Council**

**From: Holly Owens, City Secretary**

**Agenda Item: Consider a resolution declaring unopposed candidates in the November 4, 2025 general city election elected to office and cancelling the election.**

### Information:

The general city election was called for November 4, 2025, for the purpose of electing members to the City Council. The city secretary has certified in writing that no person has made a declaration of write-in candidacy, and that each candidate on the ballot is unopposed for election to office. Under these circumstances, Subchapter C, Chapter 2, Election Code, authorizes the City Council to declare the candidates elected to office and cancel the election.

The following candidates, who are unopposed in the November 4, 2025 general city election, are declared elected to office and shall be issued certificates of election following the time the election would have been canvassed:

Lewis A Smith – Ward 1, Place 1  
Travis VanBibber – Ward 1, Place 3  
Greg Casey – Ward 2, Place 5

The November 4, 2025 general city election is canceled, and the city secretary is directed to cause a copy of this Resolution to be posted on election day at each polling place used or that would have been used in the election.

### Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approving the resolution declaring unopposed candidates in the November 4, 2025 general city election elected to office and canceling the election.

### Motion:

Motion to approve **Resolution 2025-087**, declaring unopposed candidates in the November 4, 2025 general city election elected to office and canceling the election.

### Attachments:

- Order of Cancellation

Date 9/9/2025

Agenda Item 7d

Resolution 2025-087

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE:**

That the above stated recommendation is hereby approved and authorized.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Gatesville, Texas, this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, at which meeting a quorum was present, held in accordance with provisions of V.T.C.A, Government Code, § 551.001 *et seq.*

APPROVED

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gary Chumley, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Holly Owens, City Secretary

ORDER OF CANCELLATION  
ORDEN DE CANCELACIÓN

The City of Gatesville hereby cancels the election scheduled to be held on  
(official name of governing body)  
November 4, 2025 in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas  
(date on which election was scheduled to be held)  
Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby  
elected as follows:

El City of Gatesville por la presente cancela la elección que, de lo contrario,  
(nombre oficial de la entidad gobernante)  
se hubiera celebrado el 4 de noviembre de 2025 de conformidad, con  
(fecha en que se hubiera celebrado la elección)  
la Sección 2.053(a) del Código de Elecciones de Texas. Los siguientes candidatos han sido  
certificados como candidatos únicos y por la presente quedan elegidos como se haya indicado  
a continuación:

Candidate (Candidato)	Office Sought (Cargo al que presenta candidatura)
Lewis A Smith – Ward 1, Place 1	Lewis A. Smith – Distrito 1, Lugar 1
Travis VanBibber – Ward 1, Place 3	Travis VanBibber – Distrito 1, Lugar 3
Greg Casey – Ward 2, Place 5	Greg Casey – Distrito 2, Lugar 5

A copy of this order will be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been  
used in the election.

El Día de las Elecciones se exhibirá una copia de esta orden en todas las mesas electorales que  
se hubieran utilizado en la elección.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor (Alcalde)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary (Secretario)

(seal) (sello)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of adoption (Fecha de adopción)



Date 9/9/2025

Agenda Item 8

Ordinance 2025-17

## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM FOR ORDINANCE

**To: Mayor & Council**

**From: Mike Halsema, Deputy City Manager**

**Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Action regarding repealing and replacing Chapter 18 (Fees), Section 18-1 (Fee Schedule) of the City of Gatesville Code of Ordinances**

**Information:** As part of the FY 2026 budget process, Department Heads who assessed fees based on statutes or ordinances reviewed their fee structure to determine if it covered the cost of service. Department Heads also benchmarked the City of Gatesville's fee schedule against other cities in Central Texas (to compare what we were charging versus what they were charging for the same service).

**Staff Recommendation:** The staff recommends approving **Ordinance 2025-17** on repealing and replacing Chapter 18 (Fees), Section 18-1 (Fee Schedule) of the City of Gatesville Code of Ordinances.

**Motion:** Motion 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**.

**Attachments:**

- Draft Ordinance 2025-17



<u>Airport</u>	<u>Current</u>	<b>Proposed</b>
Rental fee for city municipal airport hangar #1 through #12	\$120 per month	\$120 per month
Rental fee for city municipal airport hangar #13 through #22	\$160 per month	\$160 per month
Rental fee for the city municipal airport maintenance hangar	\$400 per month	\$400 per month
Airplane ramp parking fee (airplanes may be parked on the ramp for a period of 14 days at no charge. After 14 days, a fee will be imposed on the owner until the airplane is removed.)	\$2 per day	\$2 per day

**Animals**

	<b>Current</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
Impoundment fee for impounded animals	\$30 per animal	
Daily care fee for impounded animals	\$6 per day	<b>\$7 per day</b>
Quarantine fee for impounded animals	\$15 per day	
Surrender fee for impounded animals	\$25 per animal	
Adoption fee for impounded animals	\$15 per animal	
Euthanasia fee for impounded animals	\$45 per animal	<b>\$50 per animal</b>
Kennel/multi-pet annual permit	\$20	<b>\$30</b>
Application fee for permit to raise, keep, and maintain livestock and/or fowl on a tract of land smaller than five acres (includes initial inspection)	\$50	
Reinspection fee for livestock and/or fowl on a tract of land smaller than five acres	\$25	
Animal license fee	\$2	<b>\$4</b>
Fee on surrendered animals who are not up to date on shots	\$12	<b>\$15</b>

Building Permits				
	Current		Proposed	
	Valuation	Fee	Square Footage	Fee
Fees for Commercial building permits (New, Addition, Remodel) These fees include Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing. All commercial structures and apartment complexes. THIS IS IN-HOUSE REVIEW	\$1.00 to \$10,000.00	\$76.92	0-1,000 SF	\$250.00
	\$10,001.00 to \$25,000.00	\$ 108.75 for the 1st \$10,000.00 plus \$8.40 for each additional \$1,000.00	1,001 and up	\$250.00 for first 1,000 SF +\$0.25 per SF
	\$25,001.00 to \$50,000.00	\$234.75 for the first \$25,000.00 plus \$6.06 for each additional \$1,000.00		
	\$50,001.00 to \$100,000.00	\$386.25 for the first \$50,000.00 plus \$4.20 for each additional \$1,000.00		
	\$100,001.00 to \$500,000.00	\$596.25 for the first \$100,000.00 plus \$3.36 for each additional \$1,000.00		
	\$500,001.00 to 1,000,000.00	\$1,940.25 for the first \$500,000.00 plus \$2.85 for each additional \$1,000.00		
	1,000,001.00 and up	\$3365.25 for the first \$1,000,000.00 plus \$1.89 for each additional \$1,000.00		
	Current		Proposed	
Residential building permits (New or Addition) These fees include Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing. Single-Family and Two-Four Family / Modular Home	Square Footage	Fee		
	0-1,500 SF	\$785.00		
	1,501-10,000 SF	\$785 for first 1,500 SF plus \$0.35 for each additional SF.		
	Over 10,000 SF	\$3,760.00 for the first 10,000 plus \$0.15 for each additional SF.		
Residential Remodels (Does not include Mechanical, Electrical or Plumbing)	\$0.20 per SF based on area being remodeled.			
Certificate of Occupancy (no charge if associated with a building permit)			\$150.00	
General Permits (Commercial or Residential)				
Fees for stand-alone building permits Roofing, Plumbing, Electrical, and Mechanical (each)	\$100.00			
Non-Living Space (Pools, Storage Buildings, Decks, Irrigation, Fences, Carports, Patios, Pergola, Detached Garage, Awning, Drive-way, and Portable Buildings)	\$100.00			
Solar Panels (includes electrical)	\$160.00			
Backflow			\$50.00	
Demolition			\$200.00	
	Current		Proposed	

Streets, Sidewalks, Approaches, and Other Public Places	\$100.00			
Manufactured Home (includes Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing)	\$400.00			
<b>Note:</b>				
(1) Mechanical—Air conditioning, heating, ventilation, exhaust and refrigeration systems.				
(2) Plumbing—All connections to a water or sewerage system. Gas pip systems are to be permitted separately.				
The plumbing fee column shall be used for gas piping systems.				
(3) Reinspection Fee:	1st Reinspection \$75.00			
	Each Additional \$100.00			
Working without a permit			Double the permit fee.	
Fee for moving any building or structure	\$100			
Underground Fire Alarm Permit	\$200.00			
Plan Review	\$250.00			
Third Party Review (Building and Engineering)			Actual Cost	
	Current		Proposed	
Fire Permits (Commercial or Residential)	Plan Review Table by Valuation			
Commercial building and Multi-family Fire Alarm & Fire Sprinkler System (Fees will include both Plan Review & Inspection)	Less than \$6,250.00	\$200.00		
	\$6,250.00 to \$250,00.00	\$300.00		
	\$251,000.00 to \$500,000.00	\$425.00		
	\$501,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00	\$550.00		
	\$1,001,000 to \$3,000,000.00	\$800.00		
	\$3,001,000.00 to \$6,000,000.00	\$1,200.00		
	\$6,000,000.00 and up	\$1,200.00 plus \$0.38 for each additional \$1,000.00		
	Inspection Table by Valuation			
	Less than \$6,250.00	\$300.00		
	\$6,250.00 to \$250,00.00	\$425.00		
	\$251,000.00 to \$500,000.00	\$525.00		
	\$501,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00	\$675.00		
	\$1,001,000 to \$3,000,000.00	\$950.00		
	\$3,001,000.00 to \$6,000,000.00	\$1,425.00		
	\$6,000,000.00 and up	\$1425.00 plus \$0.38 for each additional \$1,000.00		
Sign Permits			Sign Permits - includes electrical	
Wall	\$150.00		Signs up to 50 SF	\$75.00
Monument	\$150.00		Signs 51 SF to 100 SF	\$100.00
Pole	\$150.00		Signs greater than 100 SF	\$150.00

<u>Cemetery Fees</u>		
	Current	Proposed
Cemetery Plot (Resident & Non-resident) \$250 Perpetual Maintenance Fee \$750	\$750	\$1,000
2nd Internment Right for Cremains	\$75.00	\$150
Cremain Interment (Opening & Closing)	100	\$250
Cremain Disinterment	100	\$500
Cemetery Transfer (Owner/Location)	\$25 per space	\$100

Civic Center Rental				
	Current		Proposed	
	General Public Fee	Non Profit	General Public Fee	Non Profit
Large Room M-Th (6am-1am)	\$500	\$375	\$500	\$375
Large Room Fri or Sun (6am-1am)	\$750	\$500	\$750	\$500
Large Room Sat (6am-1am)	\$1500	\$750	\$1500	\$750
Large Room Full Weekend (Friday 5pm-Sunday 5pm)	\$2500	\$1500	\$2500	\$1500
Small Room M-F (6am-1am)	\$200			
Small Room M-F (partial day)	\$15/ hour	\$10/hour		
Small Room Sat -Sun (6am-1am)	\$100			
Security deposit	\$500		\$600 / \$750 w/alcohol	
Security (if alcohol is served)	\$50/hour per officer		\$50/hour per officer	
Charge per hour after 1AM	\$200 hour + security		\$200 hour + security	
Use/set up of stage	\$100	\$50	\$100	\$50
Use/set up of dancefloor	\$100	\$50	\$100	\$50
Use of AV system	\$100	\$50	\$100	\$50
Barn w/Outdoor Bathrooms	\$200		\$200	
Barn w/Indoor Bathrooms & Kitchen	\$300		\$300	
Kitchen ONLY - Weekend Use	\$100		\$100	
Kitchen ONLY - Weekday Use	\$50		\$50	
Auditorium				
	General Public Fee	Nonprofit	General Public Fee	Nonprofit
M-Th (8am-11pm)	\$50		\$50	
Fri-Sun (8am-11pm)	\$200	\$100	\$200	\$100
Security deposit	\$100		\$100	
Events @ Civic Center				
Breakfast with Santa	\$	25.00	\$	25.00
Vendor Events Hosted by Civic Center				
Indoor	\$	50.00	\$	50.00
Barn	\$	40.00	\$	40.00
Parking Lot	\$	40.00	\$	40.00
Food Truck	\$	40.00	\$	40.00

<u>Library</u>	Current	Proposed	
Material late fees (2 week grace period)	\$0.25	\$0.25	Two Week Grace Period
Meeting room rental business per hr.	\$20	\$20	Minimum of two hours
Meeting room rental business per day	\$100	\$100	8 hour day
Meeting room rental non profit per hr.	\$10	\$10	Minimum of two hours
Meeting room rental non profit per day	\$50	\$50	
Organizations benefiting the library and education of children	24 meetings free before paying the nonprofit fee	24 meetings free before paying the nonprofit fee	
Notary services non County resident	\$6	\$6	
Notary services County resident	No Fee	No Fee	
Hotspot check out	No Fee	No Fee	
Hotspot late fee per day	\$10	\$10	
Hotspot lost	\$100	\$100	
Boozaar event space - Commercial	\$55	\$55	
Boozaar event space – non profit	\$25	\$25	

<u>Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous fees</u>		
	Current	Proposed
Residential Alarm permit (year)	\$50 annually	
Commercial Alarm permit (year)	\$100 annually	
Service fee for each subsequent false alarm notification after the fifth false alarm notification during any 12-month period (the first five false alarm notifications during any 12-month period are free)	\$75	
Permit fee for a circus or carnival	\$15	\$100
Permit fee for Special Event/Parade that requires City Staff		Actual Cost of Personnel
License fee for an itinerant vendor license (Food Truck)	\$50 per vendor	\$100.00 annually
90 day license fee for a peddler/solicitor license	\$50 per peddler	
<del>90 day license fee for a solicitor license</del>	<del>\$50 per solicitor</del>	
Annual license fee for a sexually oriented business license, new or renewal	\$1,000	
Annual license fee for a sexually oriented business employee license, new or renewal	\$100	
Fee for return of property seized by the city police department (abandoned vehicles and property obstructing traffic)	\$100 plus all other costs of removal and storage that may have accrued thereon	
Off duty officer security (per hour), with vehicle additional \$25	\$50 \$75 w/vehicle	
TABC application fee	\$60	
Amusement Facility (primary use)		\$100 annually



Alcohol License and Permit Fees		One-half (1/2) of the State license and permit fee for each permit issued for premises located with the City of Gatesville.
Coin-Operated Machine Occupation Tax		One-fourth (1/4) of the rate of the tax imposed (Tex.Occ. C 2153.451) per machine annually
Mobile Home Park		\$10 per lot annually
Recreational Vehicle Park		\$10 per lot annually
Short-Term Rental Fee		\$200 annually / Hotel Occupancy Tax
Livestock License	\$50 annually	

Parks and Rec	Current	Proposed	
<b><i>ATHLETICS YOUTH SPORTS:</i></b>			
Adaptive Sports Registration	20		
Flag Football, Volleyball, Soccer, Baseball, Softball	\$60		
Youth Sports Late Registration	\$70		
Youth Sports Refund	\$ (47.50)		
Baseball/Softball Team Sponsor	\$250		
Flag Football, Soccer, Volleyball Team Sponsor	\$150		
<b><i>ADULT SPORTS:</i></b>			
Adult Softball	\$325		
Kickball League	250		
<b><i>OTHER SPORTS:</i></b>			
Disc Golf League	\$30/participant		
Disc Golf Tournament	\$20/participant		
Pickleball League	\$30/participant		
Pickleball Tournament	\$20/participant		
Racquetball Tournament	\$20/participant		
<b><i>FACILITY RENTAL:</i></b>			
Entire Complex	\$750/day		
Individual Field	\$125/day		
Individual Field hourly no lights-practice	\$20/hour		
Individual Field with lights- practice	\$30/hour		
<b><i>ADMISSSIONS:</i></b>			
Gate Fees for special events in lieu of field rental fees (optional 50/50 agreement if offered)	\$3 - \$10		
<b><i>Faunt Le Roy Park:</i></b>			
Fee for use of the entire park at Faunt Le Roy's Crossing	\$200 per day		
Fee for use of a recreational vehicle space at Faunt Le Roy's Crossing	\$25 per day		
Usage of dump station at Faunt Le Roy's Crossing	\$5 per dump		
<b><i>Outdoor Swimming Pool:</i></b>			
Daily Pass: Age 0 - 3	Free		
Age 4+	\$3 per day		
Season Pass: Individual	\$40		

Family of 4	\$70		
Each Additional Family Member	\$10		
Punch Card Pass: 10 - Visits	\$25		
Pool Party Rental Fees	# of Participants Hourly Charge		
*GISD/Boys & Girls Club rates half of regular rates	1-40 People \$80		
	41-50 People \$100		
	51-60 People \$120		
	61-70 People \$140		
	71 & over \$20 per 10 additional		
Swim Lessons	\$60.00 Per 4-hour Session		
Lifeguard Instructor Certification	\$350 (Gatesville class), \$400 (Out of town class)		
MISCELLANEOUS			
Team Sideline Chargeback Fee	20		
Vendor Fee			
Ball <i>pa</i> rk	\$50 w/out electric hook ups per day		
	\$60 w/ electric hook ups per day		
City Pool	\$100/day		
Pickleball events at Raby Park/Civic Center	\$50/day		
<b>Gatesville Fitness Center:</b>			
Membership Fees	Individual Paid in Full		
1 Month	\$45		
3 Months	\$75		
6 Months	\$138		
12 Months	\$252		
	Individual Auto Pay		
6 Months	\$25 per month		
12 Months	\$23 per month		

		Family Paid in Full			
1 Month		\$83			
3 Months		\$148			
6 Months		\$264			
12 Months		\$462			
		Family Auto Pay Contract			
6 Months		\$50 per month			
12 Months		\$45 per month			
		Senior (55+) Paid in Full			
1 Month		\$33			
3 Months		\$56			
6 Months		\$100			
12 Months		\$172			
		Senior Auto Pay Contract			
6 Months		\$19 per month			
12 Months		\$17 per month			
One Day Pass		\$5			
One Week Pass		\$15			
Punch Card		\$30 for 10 Visits			
Military Discount		\$25 for one month			
Locker Rental		\$5 per month			
Pool Party Rental		\$90 per hour			
Event Fee		\$35 - \$105			
Returned Check Fee		\$25			
Personal Trainer Fee		\$2/Session			
Fitness Center Corporate Membership Fees					
		Individual			
# of Participating Employees	Discount	6 Month	12 Month	6	
5-9	25%	\$103.50	\$189.00		
10-14	30%	\$96.60	\$176.40		
15-19	35%	\$89.70	\$163.80		
20-24	40%	\$82.80	\$151.20		
25-29	45%	\$75.90	\$138.60		
30	50%	\$69.00	\$126.00		

<u>Planning</u>	Current	Proposed
Annexation		\$250
ROW / Road Abandonment		\$250
Platting (Preliminary, Final, Amended, Minor, Replat)	\$250 per plat + \$5.00 per lot	
Zoning Change Application	\$250.00	
Specific Use Permit Application	\$250.00	
Variance Application	\$250.00	
Zoning Verification Letter		\$25
Third Party Review		Actual Cost

<u>Code Enforcement</u>	Current	Proposed
<u>Abatement</u>		
Grass Mowing/Lot Clean up		Actual Cost
Demolition		Actual Cost
Code enforcement lien interest rate (per year)	10%	
Lien Filing Fee		Actual Cost

Solid Waste					Proposed						
Monthly service charge for garbage, refuse, trash and recycling			\$23.55			\$23.55					
collection and disposal for a family unit (any one family residence or apartment, or any other single-family dwelling)											
Monthly service charges for garbage, refuse, trash and rubbish collection and disposal for multi-dwelling owners and mobile home park owners who pay the garbage and trash collection charges for their tenants			\$23.55 times the number of apartments or mobile home spaces			\$23.55 times the number of apartments or mobile home spaces					
Monthly service charges for small commercial customers with 96 gallon carts, per cart			\$27.06			\$27.06					
Residential extra cart			\$5.35			\$5.35					
Monthly service charge for commercial customers who do use dumpsters			See table below			See table below					
Dumpster Rate Schedule											
Size of dumpster      Number of Garbage Pickups											
1		2	3	4	5	1		2	3	4	5
2 yd	\$98.87	\$141.38	\$205.00	\$246.02	\$275.55	2 yd	\$98.87	\$141.38	\$205.00	\$246.02	\$275.55
3 yd	\$115.24	\$211.21	\$317.03	\$374.66	\$437.53	3 yd	\$115.24	\$211.21	\$317.03	\$374.66	\$437.53
4 yd	\$162.13	\$251.30	\$341.75	\$434.00	\$520.87	4 yd	\$162.13	\$251.30	\$341.75	\$434.00	\$520.87
6 yd	\$200.10	\$360.32	\$546.39	\$646.48	\$799.74	6 yd	\$200.10	\$360.32	\$546.39	\$646.48	\$799.74
8 yd	\$260.95	\$432.13	\$646.48	\$801.97	\$953.39	8 yd	\$260.95	\$432.13	\$646.48	\$801.97	\$953.39
Commercial unit   unusual accumulation/overage charge \$150 per dumpster overage											
Lock bar monthly			\$10.70			\$10.70					
Casters Monthly			\$10.70			\$10.70					
Snapshot charge			\$150.00			\$150.00					
Water and Sewer Utilities											
Deposit for water \$50, sewer \$50, and curbside garbage \$50 service to a residence, if all services provided totaling \$150. Deposits may be waived for new customers pending confirmation of 12 months of uninterrupted service and no late fees with another utility. <del>Deposits may also be waived or refunded if customer elects auto-draft a minimum of 12 months through the City's utility billing department.</del> Deposits will be credited to customer's account pending 12 months of uninterrupted service and no late fees after the 12 <sup>th</sup> consecutive month.			\$150			\$150					
Deposit for water and/or sewer service for commercial customers and other non-residential customers			Determined individually, minimum of \$50 for water and \$50 for sewer			Determined individually, minimum of \$50 for water and \$50 for sewer					
Bulk construction (fire plug) meter deposit			Determined by current replacement meter cost			Determined by current replacement meter cost					
Tap and connection charges											
Water Connections or Taps:											
			Tap	Mtr/Box	Meter	Per Foot Charge	Tap	Mtr/Box	Meter	Per Foot Charge	
¾" meter			\$1,546.25	\$433	\$398	\$31.88	\$1,546.25	\$433	\$398	\$31.88	
1" meter			\$1,671.85	\$545	\$510	\$32.18	\$1,671.85	\$545	\$510	\$32.18	
1½" meter			\$2,207.22	\$1,084	\$1,014	\$33.88	\$2,207.22	\$1,084	\$1,014	\$33.88	
2" meter			\$2,315.60	\$1,270	\$1,200	\$34.75	\$2,315.60	\$1,270	\$1,200	\$34.75	
Sewer connections or taps:			Standard tap fee covers up to 40 feet. If the tap requires more than 40 feet of material the customer will be charged for each additional foot.			Standard tap fee covers up to 40 feet. If the tap requires more than 40 feet of material the customer will be charged for each additional foot.					

The minimum charge shall apply to <del>up to</del> four-inch taps only. The additional cost of larger taps shall be paid by the customer.	Minimum charge of \$1,767 for connection taps, plus front footage.	Minimum charge of \$1,767 for connection taps, plus front footage.	
A sewer tap shall include all the cost of tapping, cost of sewer pipe, wyes and other materials needed to extend service to the nearest property or easement line, and the cost of street repairing whenever required.	Per foot Charge \$43.18	Per foot Charge \$43.18	
<b>Exception:</b> For sewers in business areas, or where deep-cut connections are involved, estimates of cost will be furnished upon request. Such estimated cost must be deposited with the city before work is done.	Standard tap fee covers up to 40 feet. If the tap requires more than 40 feet of material the customer will be charged for each additional foot	Standard tap fee covers up to 40 feet. If the tap requires more than 40 feet of material the customer will be charged for each additional foot	
<b>Monthly Water and Sewer Rates UNDER DISCUSSION</b>			
RESIDENTIAL INSIDE WATER RATES			
Base monthly charge			
3/4	\$24.21	\$38.87	
1	\$30.67	\$57.01	
1 1/2	\$46.81	\$102.36	
2	\$66.17	\$156.77	
NEW CONST.	\$24.21	\$38.87	
PER 1,000 GAL			
0-5K	\$3.34	\$5.36	
6K-15K	\$3.67	\$6.29	
16K-30K	\$4.07	\$7.42	
31K PLUS	\$4.45	\$8.70	
RESIDENTIAL OUTSIDE WATER RATES			
Base monthly charge			
3/4	\$36.32	\$58.31	
1	\$46.01	\$85.53	
1 1/2	\$70.22	\$153.55	
2	\$99.26	\$235.17	
NEW CONST.	\$36.32	\$58.31	
PER 1,000 GAL			
0-5K	\$5.01	\$8.04	
6K-15K	\$5.51	\$9.44	
16K-30K	\$6.11	\$11.14	
31K PLUS	\$6.68	\$13.05	
COMMERCIAL INSIDE WATER RATES			
Base monthly charge			
3/4	\$22.27	\$35.76	
1	\$35.34	\$58.17	
1 1/2	\$68.00	\$114.20	
2	\$107.19	\$181.42	
3	\$198.65	\$338.29	
4	\$329.30	\$562.39	

PER 1,000 GAL	\$3.34	\$5.36	
CORYELL COUNTY PER Kgal	\$3.00	\$5.36	
COMMERCIAL OUTSIDE WATER RATE			
Base monthly charge			
3/4	\$33.41	\$53.65	
1	\$53.01	\$87.26	
1 1/2	\$102.00	\$171.29	
2	\$160.79	\$272.14	
3	\$297.98	\$507.44	
4	\$493.95	\$843.58	
PER 1,000 GAL	\$5.01	\$8.04	
SPRINKLER INSIDE WATER RATES			
Base monthly charge			
3/4	\$11.13	\$17.87	
1	\$17.66	\$29.07	
1 1/2	\$33.99	\$57.07	
2	\$53.57	\$90.66	
3	\$99.28	\$169.05	
PER 1,000 GAL			
0-5K	\$3.34	\$5.36	
6K-15K	\$3.67	\$6.29	
16K-30K	\$4.07	\$7.42	
31K PLUS	\$4.45	\$8.70	
SPRINKLERS OUTSIDE WATER RATE			
Base monthly charge			
3/4	\$16.70	\$26.81	
1	\$26.49	\$43.60	
1 1/2	\$50.98	\$85.60	
2	\$80.37	\$136.01	
3	\$148.92	\$253.58	
PER 1,000 GAL			
0-5K	\$5.01	\$8.04	
6K-15K	\$5.51	\$9.44	
16K-30K	\$6.11	\$11.14	
31K PLUS	\$6.68	\$13.05	
STOCK WATER INSIDE WATER RATES			
Base monthly charge			



3/4	\$11.13	\$17.87	
1	\$17.66	\$29.07	
1 1/2	\$33.99	\$57.07	
2	\$53.57	\$90.66	
3	\$99.28	\$169.05	
PER 1,000 GAL	\$3.34	\$5.36	
STOCK WATER OUTSIDE WATER RATE			
Base monthly charge			
3/4	\$16.70	\$26.81	
1	\$26.49	\$43.60	
1 1/2	\$50.98	\$85.60	
2	\$80.37	\$136.01	
3	\$148.92	\$253.58	
PER 1,000 GAL	\$5.01	\$5.36	
NEW CONSTRUCTION INSIDE			
Base monthly charge (ALL)	\$24.75	\$39.74	
PER 1,000 GAL	\$3.34	\$5.36	
NEW CONSTRUCTION OUTSIDE			
Base monthly charge (ALL)	\$37.13	\$59.62	
PER 1,000 GAL	\$5.01	\$8.04	
BULK CONSTRUCTION			
Base monthly charge			
2"	\$107.19	\$181.42	
PER 1,000 GAL	\$3.34	\$5.36	
TDCJ			
Base monthly charge			
2	\$107.19	\$181.42	
6	\$655.92	\$1,122.62	
10	\$1,505.16	\$2,579.25	
PER 1,000 GAL	\$3.34	\$5.36	
WORSHIP CENTER INSIDE			
Base monthly charge (ALL)	\$20.00	\$32.11	
PER 1,000 GAL			
0-5K	\$3.34	\$5.36	
6K-15K	\$3.67	\$6.29	

16K-30K	\$4.07	\$7.42	
31K PLUS	\$4.45	\$8.70	
WORSHIP CENTER OUTSIDE			
Base monthly charge (ALL)	\$30.00	\$48.17	
PER 1,000 GAL			
0-5K	\$5.01	\$8.04	
6K-15K	\$5.51	\$9.44	
16K-30K	\$6.11	\$11.14	
31K PLUS	\$6.68	\$13.05	
RESIDENTIAL SEWER RATES			
Base monthly charge	\$11.13	\$17.87	
PER 1,000 GAL	\$4.00	\$6.42	
Residential customer bills are based on the customer’s average metered monthly water use during the months of December, January, and February. New customer’s volumetric rate will be based on a city wide average of 6,000 gallons per month until a winter average is established.			
COMMERCIAL SEWER RATES			
Base monthly charge	\$11.13	\$17.87	
PER 1,000 GAL	\$4.00	\$6.42	
Commercial customer bills are based on 100% of monthly metered water usage.			
TDCJ			
Base monthly charge	\$381.93	\$625.66	
PER 1,000 GAL	\$2.95	\$4.83	
TDCJ bills are based on 100% of monthly metered sewer flows.			
Admin fee for each time the city turns off water service for non-payment of the water account	\$35.00	\$35.00	
Connect fee for each time the city turns on water service or opens a new account for any water customer	\$22.00	\$22.00	
Transfer fee for each time an existing customer transfers water service from one house to another house	\$22.00	\$22.00	
Minimum charge for when water is turned on for as much as ten days of a billing period, even when there is no water consumption	\$24.21	\$24.21	
Rate schedule for the monitored group class, consisting of customers whose wastewater strength is abnormally high (this schedule replaces all charges previously made for industrial strength waste)			
See information and formula below			
MONITORED GROUP			

Volume charge \$5.96 per 1,000 gal.			
BOD and SS surcharge (according to the following formula):			
$S = C (BOD - 200) + (SS - 220) (8.345)(V)$			
Where:			
S = Surcharge to user in dollars to be added to monthly billing for sewer.			
C = Unit cost of treatment at \$/lb.			
V = Monthly volume of wastewater discharged by monitored customer.			
BOD = BOD strength index in mg/l.			
200 = Normal BOD strength in mg/l.			
SS = Suspended solids strength index in mg/l.			
220 = Normal suspended solids strength in mg/l.			
8.345 = Factor converting mg/l to pounds/gallons.			
Monitoring charge (testing) Total cost to the city			
The monitoring charge shall consist of all cost for personnel, material and equipment used to collect and analyze samples from customers' wastewater to determine the strength of the wastewater produced.			
Service charge for bills for water or sewer service not paid on or before the 15th day of the month they become payable	10% of bill	10% of bill	
Admin fee for water and/or sewer service turned off due to delinquent bills	\$35	\$35	
Rate for connection to the water or sewer lines or mains which are installed at the city's expense, if the water line or main is already in the ground on the lot or tract tow which water connections may be made	12" main- \$49.57/ Front Foot 10" main- \$35.27/Front Foot 8" main- \$22.76/Front Foot 6" main- \$16.22/Front Foot	12" main- \$49.57/ Front Foot 10" main- \$35.27/Front Foot 8" main- \$22.76/Front Foot minimum 6" main- \$16.22/Front Foot	
Rate for connection to the water or sewer lines or mains which are installed at the city's expense, if the sewer line or main is already in the ground on the lot or tract to which sewer connections may be made	12" main- \$28.37/Front Foot 10" main- \$19.64/Front Foot 8" pvc- \$17.06/Front Foot 6" pvc- \$11.98/Front Foot	12" main- \$28.37/Front Foot 10" main- \$19.64/Front Foot 8" pvc- \$17.06/Front Foot minimum 6" pvc- \$11.98/Front Foot	
Fee for extending the water main up to the applicant's property line plus the entire right of way length of the applicant's property. If line size is bigger than 8" main fee will be determined upon request.	8" pvc- \$100.00/Linear Foot 6" pvc- \$80.00/Linear Foot	8" pvc- \$100.00/Linear Foot minimum 6" pvc- \$80.00/Linear Foot	
Fee for extending the sewer main up to the applicant's property line plus the entire right of way length of the applicant's property.	Fee determined upon request	Fee determined upon request	
Charge for the city to cause a renewal field test for backflow prevention assemblies to be done when the customer fails to obtain a renewal field test	Fee to be as determined by the city from time to time to cover its costs for such service		
Late fee for construction/ fire plug meters if photo reading not submitted by the 25th of each month		\$25	
Water meter inaccessibility fee for clearing obstructions		\$50	
Water meter tampering and / or unauthorized usage fee		\$100 per instance plus gallons consumed	

<b>Drought contingency</b>			
Surcharge for residential water customers for the first 1,000 gallons over allocation	\$4.00	\$4.00	
Surcharge for residential water customers for the second 1,000 gallons over allocation	\$4.50	\$4.50	
Surcharge for residential water customers for the third 1,000 gallons over allocation	\$5.00	\$5.00	
Surcharge for residential water customers for each additional 1,000 gallons over allocation after 3,000 gallons	\$6.00	\$6.00	
Surcharge for master-metered multifamily residential customers for 1,000 gallons over allocation during drought up through 1,000 gallons for each dwelling unit	\$4.00	\$4.00	
Surcharge for master-metered multifamily residential customers for each additional 1,000 gallons over allocation during drought up through a second 1,000 gallons for each dwelling unit	\$4.50	\$4.50	
Surcharge for master-metered multifamily residential customers for each additional 1,000 gallons over allocation during drought up through a third 1,000 gallons for each dwelling unit	\$5.00	\$5.00	
Surcharge for master-metered multifamily residential customers for each additional 1,000 gallons over allocation during drought after 3,000 gallons over allocation	\$6.00	\$6.00	
Surcharge for nonresidential customers whose allocation during drought is 2,000 gallons through 10,000 gallons per month for the first 1,000 gallons over allocation	\$4.50 per 1,000 gallons	\$4.50 per 1,000 gallons	
Surcharge for nonresidential customers whose allocation during drought is 20,000 gallons per month or more for each 1,000 gallons in excess of allocation up through five percent above allocation	Two times the block rate	Two times the block rate	
Surcharge for nonresidential customers whose allocation during drought is 20,000 gallons per month or more for each 1,000 gallons in excess of allocation from five percent above allocation through ten percent above allocation	Three times the block rate	Three times the block rate	
Surcharge for nonresidential customers whose allocation during drought is 20,000 gallons per month or more for each 1,000 gallons in excess of allocation from ten percent above allocation through 15 percent above allocation	Four times the block rate	Four times the block rate	
Surcharge for nonresidential customers whose allocation during drought is 20,000 gallons per month or more for each 1,000 gallons in excess of allocation more than 15 percent above allocation	Five times the block rate	Five times the block rate	

**CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS  
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-17**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS REPEALING  
AND REPLACING CHAPTER 18 “FEES”, SECTION 18-1 “FEE SCHEDULE”  
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE;  
PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER  
CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gatesville has set forth its master fee schedule in Section 18-1 of Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council, from time to time, amends various portions of that master fee schedule to comply with changing laws and circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff has recommended, and the Council finds it to serve the general welfare of the City to repeal and replace the City’s master fee schedule;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
GATESVILLE, TEXAS THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 18 “Fees”, Section 18-1 “Fee Schedule” of the City of Gatesville, Texas Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed and replaced in its entirety to read as set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

**SECTION 2.** All ordinances, orders and resolutions heretofore passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Gatesville, Texas are hereby repealed to the extent said ordinances, orders or resolutions, or parts thereof, are in conflict herewith.

**SECTION 3.** If any section, article, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or work in this Ordinance or application thereto any person or circumstances is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance and the City Council hereby declares it would have passed such remaining portions of this Ordinance despite such invalidity, which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall become effective from and after the date of its passage in accordance with law.

The foregoing Ordinance No. 2025-17 was read the first time August 26th and passed to the second reading on the 3rd day of September 3, 2024.

The foregoing Ordinance No. 2025-17 was read the second time on September 2nd, and passed to  
the third reading on the 9th day of September, 2025.

The foregoing Ordinance No. 2025-17 was read the third time and was passed and adopted as an Ordinance of the City of Gatesville, Texas this 9th day of September, 2025 and will take effect October 1, 2025.

CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gary Chumley, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Holly Owens, City Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Victoria Thomas, City Attorney

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Date 9/9/2025

Agenda Item 9

Ordinance 2025-15

## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM FOR ORDINANCE

**To: Mayor & Council**

**From: Holly Owens, City Secretary**

**Agenda Item: Discussion and possible action to repeal Sec. 10-23. Fees for buildings.**

**Information:** The fee schedule is located in Chapter 18 which includes all fees for the City of Gatesville. Sec. 10-23 references Chapter 18 for the appropriate fees too. This is a matter of cleaning up the ordinances and reducing redundancy. Staff are requesting to repeal all of 10-23, but the main concern is the exemption portion.

*(c) Exemptions. Local taxing authorities and Coryell Memorial Hospital shall be exempt from payment of the described fees as provided in chapter 18.*

Generally, waiving the building permit fee for an individual or organization would be prohibited by the Texas Constitution. As a general rule, a donation or gift by a city is prohibited by the Texas Constitution, art. III, §52, and art. XI, §3, which, in part, state that the legislature may not authorize any county, city, or other political subdivision of the state to lend its credit or grant public money or anything of value in aid of an individual, association, or corporation. A city may, however, choose to waive building permit fees as an economic development tool, as it is expressly permitted to do under Article 3, Section 52-a of the Texas Constitution. Many cities do waive these fees for non-economic development reasons for churches or school districts but could only do so if the city council makes the determination that waiving the fee serves a valid municipal purpose. See *Barrington v. Cokinis*, 338 S.W.2d 133, 145 (Tex. 1960). If the council determines that the fee waiver accomplishes a valid municipal public purpose, a determination which is subject to judicial review, then arguably there is not a constitutional issue, because public funds are being spent to achieve a public purpose. There is one exception to this general rule: a city may waive fees related to the construction of buildings, including fees related to the inspection of buildings, in a neighborhood empowerment zone created by the city under Chapter 378 of the Texas Local Government Code. TEX.LOC.GOV'T CODE § 378.004

If the Council would like to continue this exemption practice, it is Staff's opinion that each case must be brought before Council to explain their position about why their fees should be waived and how it serves as a "valid municipal public purpose".

The first reading was heard on August 26, 2025 with no requested changes and passed for consideration to the next meeting with a vote of 5-0-1 (Salter abstained).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends passing **Ordinance 2025-15**, to consider repealing Sec. 10-23. Fees for buildings to the next meeting.

Date 9/9/2025

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Ordinance 2025-15

**Motion:** Motion to pass **Ordinance 2025-15** to consider repealing Sec. 10-23. Fees for buildings to the next meeting, **second reading**.

**Attachments:**

- Draft ordinance
- Existing code



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## **Sec. 10-23. Fees for buildings.**

- (a) ~~*New single-family residential construction.*~~ All fees for new single-family residential construction shall be calculated at a rate as provided in chapter 18. This fee includes permits for the structure, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, certificate of occupancy, and plans review. ~~Remodel and add-on to single-family residential construction shall be calculated at a rate as provided in chapter 18. The fee also includes permits for the structure, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, certificate of occupancy, and plans review. The fees do not include permits for fences, storage buildings, accessory structures, lawn irrigation, whole house water softener units, or swimming pools.~~
- (b) ~~*Multifamily, commercial, etc., construction.*~~ All fees are based on total square footage. The fee for new construction for duplexes, townhouses, multifamily, all commercial (except shell buildings, warehouses and parking garages), and all additions to square footage under roof (includes storage buildings, patio covers, modular/portable buildings, carports, and swimming pools) shall be as provided in chapter 18.
- (c) ~~*Exemptions.*~~ Local taxing authorities and Coryell Memorial Hospital shall be exempt from payment of the described fees as provided in chapter 18.
- (d) ~~*Finishing, repairs, maintenance, other.*~~ The fee for remodeling, alterations, repairs, finish-out of shell buildings, and signs shall be as provided in chapter 18.
- (e) ~~*Fee adjustment.*~~ The owner of an expired permit may make written request within 30 days after the date of expiration to the building official to reinstate said permit and shall be charged a fee of one-half the amount required for a new permit for such work, provided no changes have been made in the original plans and specifications for such work.
- (f) ~~*Penalty.*~~ Where construction is commenced before a permit is obtained, the permit fees shall be doubled.
- (g) ~~*Officials.*~~ Within all of said codes referred to in section 10-22, when reference is made to the duties of certain officials named therein that designated official of the city, who has duties corresponding to those of the named official in said code shall be deemed to be the responsible official insofar as enforcing the provisions of said code are concerned.
- (h) ~~*Violations.*~~ Any person, firm, corporation or agent who shall violate a provision of any of the Codes listed in subsection (a) of this section, or shall fail to comply therewith or with any of the requirements thereof shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.
- (i) ~~*Moving of a building.*~~ For the moving of any building or structure, the fee shall be as provided in chapter 18.
- (j) ~~*Demolition of a building or structures.*~~ There shall be no fee charged for the demolition of any building or structure.
- (k) ~~*Doubling of fees.*~~ Where work for which a permit is required by this Code is started, or proceeded with, prior to obtaining said permit, fees herein specified shall be doubled, but the payment of such double fee shall not relieve any persons from fully complying with the requirement of this Code in the execution of the work nor from any other penalties prescribed herein.

(Code. 2013, § 5-2; Ord. No. 91-07, §§ 1, 3, 4, 6-25-1991; Ord. No. 93-01, § 1, 3-9-1993; Ord. No. 94-10, §§ 1, 2, 8-9-1994; Ord. No. 2000-06, 6-27-2000; Ord. No. 2001-17, § 1, 12-11-2001; Ord. No. 2002-11, §§ 1, 2, 8-13-2002; Ord. No. 2005-15, § 1, 9-13-2005; Ord. No. 2013-05, § 1, 4-23-2013; Ord. No. 2019-03, § 5-2, 7-23-2019)

**ORDINANCE 2025-15**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE GATESVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REPEALING SEC. 10-23. FEES FOR BUILDINGS OF CHAPTER 10; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gatesville is a Home Rule Municipality operating under the laws of the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Gatesville would like to repeal Sec. 10-23. Fees for buildings due to all fees are listed in Chapter 18; and

**WHEREAS**, any exemptions for these fees shall be deliberated individually by City Council in a Public Meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The findings set forth in the above preamble to this Ordinance are true and correct and are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by this reference.

**SECTION 2.** The Code of Ordinances of the City of Gatesville, Texas is hereby amended at Chapter 10, Article II, Division 1, “Generally”, Repealing Sec. 10-23. “Fees for Buildings”.

**SECTION 3.** If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word in this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or under any circumstances is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, and the City Council of the City of Gatesville, Texas, hereby declares it would have enacted such remaining portions despite any such invalidity.

**SECTION 4.** It is officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public as required by law, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of this meeting was given as required by law.

**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

The foregoing **Ordinance No. 2025-15** was read the first time and passed to the second reading  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

The foregoing **Ordinance No. 2025-15** was read the second time and passed to the third reading  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

The foregoing **Ordinance No. 2025-15** was read the third time and was passed and adopted as  
an Ordinance to the City of Gatesville, Texas, **this** \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
GARY M. CHUMLEY, MAYOR

ATTESTED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
HOLLY OWENS, T.R.M.C.  
CITY SECRETARY



Date 9/9/2025

Agenda Item 10

Ordinance 2025-16

## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM FOR ORDINANCE

**To: Mayor & Council**

**From: Mike Halsema, Deputy City Manager/CFO**

**Agenda Item: Discussion and possible action to amend and repeal portions of Chapter 56. Utilities.**

### **Information:**

There is a large portion of Chapter 56 that has conflicting information when compared to Chapter 18. Fee Schedule and Water Code, Chapter 13, Water Rates and Services.

The first reading was heard on August 26, 2025 with no requested changes and passed for consideration to the next meeting with a vote of 6-0-0.

### **Sec. 56-16. Variance of terms of chapter.** (Amend this section with language per Legal)

Where the city council finds that extraordinary hardships may occur from strict compliance with the rules, rates and regulations contained **in this Chapter and/or in Chapter 18 as it relates to Utilities, the City Council may vary those** ~~herein, it may vary the~~ rates or regulations so that substantial justice and equity may be done and the public interest secured, provided such changes will not have the effect of nullifying the intent and purpose of this **Chapter** ~~article~~.

(Code 2013, § 21-31; Ord. of 1-9-1962, § 9; Ord. of 2-8-1972, § 9)

### **Sec. 56-37. Payment of utility bill by elderly person.** (Amend this section)

- (a) On the request of an elderly person, the city shall delay without penalty the payment date of a bill for providing water and sewer services to that person until the 25th day after the date on which the bill is issued. An elderly person may request that the city implement the delay for the most recent utility bill or for that utility bill and each subsequent utility bill (water, sewer or garbage) for which payment has not already been delayed.
- (b) An elderly person requesting the delay provided in subsection (a) of this section shall present reasonable proof that the person is ~~60~~ **65** years of age or older. (For the purpose of this section, the term "elderly person" means a person who is ~~60~~ **65** years of age or older.)
- (c) This section applies only to an elderly person who is a residential customer and who occupies the entire premises for which a delay is requested.

(Code 2013, § 21-26.2; Ord. No. 93-05, § 1—4, 8-24-1993)

Water Code Chapter 13 defines elderly at 65.

### **Sec. 56-67. Schedule.** (Amend this section)

A charge, which shall be known as the pro rata rate charge, shall be made against each person who shall hereafter apply for and be connected to the water or sewer lines or mains of in the city.

- (1) ~~For connection to the water or sewer lines or mains which are installed at the city's expense, the charge shall be at the following rates, which are a portion of the total costs of such water and sewer mains:~~
  - a. ~~\$3.00 per front foot if the water line or main is already in the ground on the lot or tract to which water connections may be made. ;~~
  - b. ~~\$3.00 per front foot if the sewer line or main is already in the ground on the lot or tract to which sewer connections may be made.~~
  - c. ~~\$5.00 per foot for either water or sewer lines or mains installed by the city to the lot or tract to which water or sewer connections may be made.~~
- (2) The city will install water or sewer lines to the perimeter of land being developed as a subdivision or for commercial purposes and the developer or owner shall extend the water and/or sewer lines or mains at their expense and when accepted by the city the same shall thereafter be the property of the city. The above foot rates shall apply only to the first 150 feet of property and shall apply to property fronting on streets and areas platted into the usual rectangular lots or tracts of land, with a depth not to exceed 150 feet. Where lots or tracts have greater depth than 150 feet from the front street line, and are occupied, or are to be occupied exclusively as dwelling places, the additional depth shall not be assessed. If the property is later subdivided, requiring an extension of mains or lines to serve the same, the terms of this provision shall govern. On lots or tracts of land which extend through one street to another, with frontage on both streets, and where the distance between the street lines is 260 feet or more, the pro rate charges herein provided for shall be paid on both frontages when a connection is secured to the tractor lot. Where lots or tracts are irregular in size or shape, pro rate charges shall be based on equivalent rectangular lots or tracts using one front foot for each 150 square feet of area, or the pro rate charges provided herein on the average frontage of such tracts, which is least. Where lots or tracts are intended to be used for business, commercial, or industrial purposes, or have a greater depth than 150 feet from the front street line, then the pro rata charges herein provided shall be paid on the frontage of all streets which the property may abut, minus 150 feet frontage for each corner of the property abutting a street intersection. Should said property be re-subdivided whereby water or sewer extensions are required to serve the same, the terms of this provision shall apply.

(Code 2013, § 21-41; Ord. of 1-9-1962; Ord. No. 80-07, § 1, 4-22-1980; Ord. No. 82-09, § 1, 6-8-1982; Ord. No. 86-04, § 1, 6-10-1986; Ord. No. 2006-02, §§ 1, 3, 3-14-2006)

This section is outdated and is not correct regarding fees. Chapter 18 is updated annually.

Sec. 56-69. Heavy users; 40 percent deposit. (repeal entire section)

Where extension is requested by an industry or commercial concern using large quantities of water and cannot meet the requirements of one customer per 100 feet of extension, such extension may be made at the discretion of the city council, provided 40 percent of the estimated annual revenue from such

customer will be sufficient to support interest and principal payments calculated on the cost of the extension at eight percent per annum to amortize the city's investment over a period of ten years.

(Code 2013, § 21-43; Ord. of 1-9-1962, § 5)

This section is generally done with individual developer agreements and is an outdated practice.

Sec. 56-132. Utility profile information. (repeal entire section)

(a) As of 2017, there are approximately 3,560 connections in the city water system, serving an estimated population of 15,960. The projected population for 2060 is 17,320, or approximately 300 additional connections, based on a 0.19 percent growth rate per year.

(b) The city purchased an average of 316.54 acre-feet over the previous five years. The five-year average water use was 269.42 acre-feet, making the average water loss 15 percent. The average residential water use was approximately 60 GPCD and the overall water use was approximately 167 GPCD during the previous five years.

(c) The city utility profile is attached to the ordinance from which this article is derived as appendix A. (Ord. No. 2018-05, 7-24-2018)

This section is outdated and inaccurate. This type of information is updated annually with the Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends to pass **Ordinance 2025-16** to the next meeting.

**Motion:**

Motion to pass **Ordinance 2025-16**, considering repealing and amending portions of Chapter 56. Utilities, to the next meeting, **second reading**.

**Attachments:**

- Draft Ordinance

**ORDINANCE 2025-16**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE GATESVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING AND REPEALING PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 56 – UTILITIES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gatesville is a Home Rule Municipality operating under the laws of the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Gatesville would like to amend Sec. 56-16. Variance of terms of chapter; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Gatesville would like to amend Sec. 56-37. Payment of utility bill by elderly person; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Gatesville would like to amend Sec. 56-67. Schedule; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Gatesville would like to repeal Sec. 56-69. Heavy users; 40 percent deposit; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Gatesville would like to repeal Sec. 56-132. Utility profile information; and

**WHEREAS**, these sections are outdated and inaccurate and by amending and repealing these sections, it optimizes the City’s Code of Ordinances.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The findings set forth in the above preamble to this Ordinance are true and correct and are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by this reference.

**SECTION 2.** The Code of Ordinances of the City of Gatesville, Texas is hereby amended at Chapter 56 – Utilities, by amending Sec. 56-16. “Variance of terms of chapter” to read as follows:

Where the city council finds that extraordinary hardships may occur from strict compliance with the rules, rates and regulations contained in this Chapter and/or in Chapter 18 as it relates to Utilities, the City Council may vary those rates or regulations so that substantial justice and equity may be done and the public interest secured, provided such changes will not have the effect of nullifying the intent and purpose of this Chapter.

**SECTION 3.** The Code of Ordinances of the City of Gatesville, Texas is hereby amended at Chapter 56 – Utilities, by amending Sec. 56-37. “Payment of utility bill by elderly person” to read as follows:

(a) On the request of an elderly person, the city shall delay without penalty the payment date of a bill for providing water and sewer services to that person until the 25th day after the date on which the bill is issued. An elderly person may request that the city implement the delay for the most recent utility bill or for that utility bill and each subsequent utility bill (water, sewer or garbage) for which payment has not already been delayed.

(b) An elderly person requesting the delay provided in subsection (a) of this section shall present reasonable proof that the person is 65 years of age or older. (For the purpose of this section, the term "elderly person" means a person who is 65 years of age or older.)

(c) This section applies only to an elderly person who is a residential customer and who occupies the entire premises for which a delay is requested.

**SECTION 4.** The Code of Ordinances of the City of Gatesville, Texas is hereby amended at Chapter 56 – Utilities, by amending Sec. 56-67. “Schedule” to read as follows:

A charge, which shall be known as the pro rata rate charge, shall be made against each person who shall hereafter apply for and be connected to the water or sewer lines or mains of in the city.

The city will install water or sewer lines to the perimeter of land being developed as a subdivision or for commercial purposes and the developer or owner shall extend the water and/or sewer lines or mains at their expense and when accepted by the city the same shall thereafter be the property of the city. The above foot rates shall apply only to the first 150 feet of property and shall apply to property fronting on streets and areas platted into the usual rectangular lots or tracts of land, with a depth not to exceed 150 feet. Where lots or tracts have greater depth than 150 feet from the front street line, and are occupied, or are to be occupied exclusively as dwelling places, the additional depth shall not be assessed. If the property is later subdivided, requiring an extension of mains or lines to serve the same, the terms of this provision shall govern. On lots or tracts of land which extend through one street to another, with frontage on both streets, and where the distance between the street lines is 260 feet or more, the pro rate charges herein provided for shall be paid on both frontages when a connection is secured to the tractor lot. Where lots or tracts are irregular in size or shape, pro rate charges shall be based on equivalent rectangular lots or tracts using one front foot for each 150 square feet of area, or the pro rate charges provided herein on the average frontage of such tracts, which is least. Where lots or tracts are intended to be used for business, commercial, or industrial purposes, or have a greater depth than 150 feet from the front street line, then the pro rata charges herein provided shall be paid on the frontage of all streets which the property may abut, minus 150 feet frontage for each corner of the property abutting a street intersection. Should said property be re-subdivided whereby water or sewer extensions are required to serve the same, the terms of this provision shall apply.



**SECTION 5.** The Code of Ordinances of the City of Gatesville, Texas is hereby amended at Chapter 56 – Utilities, by repealing Sec. 56-69. “Heavy users; 40 percent deposit”.

**SECTION 6.** The Code of Ordinances of the City of Gatesville, Texas is hereby amended at Chapter 56 – Utilities, by repealing Sec. 56-132. “Utility profile information”.

**SECTION 7.** If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word in this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or under any circumstances is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, and the City Council of the City of Gatesville, Texas, hereby declares it would have enacted such remaining portions despite any such invalidity.

**SECTION 8.** It is officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public as required by law, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of this meeting was given as required by law.

**SECTION 9.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

The foregoing **Ordinance No. 2025-16** was read the first time and passed to the second reading  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

The foregoing **Ordinance No. 2025-16** was read the second time and passed to the third reading  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

The foregoing **Ordinance No. 2025-16** was read the third time and was passed and adopted as  
an Ordinance to the City of Gatesville, Texas, **this** \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
GARY M. CHUMLEY, MAYOR

ATTESTED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
HOLLY OWENS, T.R.M.C., CITY SECRETARY



Date 9/9/2025

Agenda Item 11

Ordinance 2025-18

## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM FOR ORDINANCE

To: Mayor & Council

From: Brad Hunt, City Manager & Mike Halsema, Deputy City Manager/CFO

Agenda Item: Discussion and possible action regarding an ordinance adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

### Information:

According to the City Charter, certain ordinances, such as the budget ordinance, must undergo a reading during open council meetings on three separate occasions. The Council will consider three readings on August 26<sup>th</sup>, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the final reading of the ordinance to adopt and ratify the FY 2025-26 Budget on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

The total budget for FY-26 amounts to \$32,843,371 representing an increase from the approved FY-25 budget:

	Adopted FY2025 Resources	Proposed FY2026 Resources	Change
General Fund	\$ 8,628,968	\$ 9,255,460	\$ 626,492
Water & Sewer Fund	19,415,936	23,685,303	4,269,367
Airport	54,500	56,500	2,000
HOT Fund	158,000	208,000	50,000
Cemetery Fund	15,000	15,000	-
Municipal Court Fund	32,240	35,165	2,925
Debt Service Fund	299,473	310,575	11,102
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 28,604,117</b>	<b>\$ 33,566,003</b>	<b>\$ 4,961,886</b>

	Expenditures	Expenditures	
General Fund	\$ 8,628,968	\$ 9,255,460	\$ 626,492
Water & Sewer Fund	19,415,936	23,045,776	3,629,840
Airport	54,500	55,695	1,195
HOT Fund	155,133	152,500	(2,633)
Cemetery Fund	15,000	15,000	-
Municipal Court Fund	5,440	8,365	2,925
Debt Service Fund	299,473	310,575	11,102
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 28,574,449</b>	<b>\$ 32,843,371</b>	<b>\$ 4,268,922</b>

Date 9/9/2025

Agenda Item 11

Ordinance 2025-18

**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Ordinance 2025-18 on, adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

**Motion:**

I make the motion to approve Ordinance 2025-18 adopting the fiscal year 2025 budget.

**Attachments:**

- Ordinance 2025-18

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2025-18**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS, APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; PROVIDING THAT EXPENDITURES FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR SHALL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID BUDGET; APPROPRIATING AND SETTING ASIDE THE NECESSARY FUNDS OUT OF THE GENERAL AND OTHER REVENUES FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS OF THE CITY; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gatesville is a home rule municipality created in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6 of the Texas Local Government Code and operating pursuant to the enabling legislation of the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has received the City Manager's proposed budget, a copy of which along with all supporting schedules, has been filed with the City Secretary of the City of Gatesville, Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has conducted the necessary public hearing as required by law; and

**WHEREAS**, after full and final consideration, it is the opinion of the City Council that the FY2025 budget of revenues and expenditures as hereinafter set forth should be adopted and approved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the proposed budget of the revenue and expenditures necessary for conducting the affairs of the City of Gatesville, Texas, said budget being in the amount of \$33,566,003 revenues and \$32,843,371 of expenditures, providing a complete financial plan for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026, as submitted to the City Council by the City Manager, a copy of which is on file in the City Secretary's Office and which is incorporated herein by this reference, be and the same is hereby adopted and approved as the budget of the City of Gatesville, Texas, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026.

**SECTION 2.** That the sum of \$28,574,450 is hereby appropriated for the payment of the expenditures established in the approved budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025.

**SECTION 3.** That the expenditures during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025 shall be made in accordance with the budget approved by this Ordinance unless otherwise authorized by a duly enacted ordinance of the City of Gatesville, Texas.

**SECTION 4.** That all budget amendments and transfers of appropriations budgeted from one account or activity to another within any individual activity for the fiscal year 2023-2024 are hereby ratified, and the budget Ordinance for fiscal year 2023-2024, heretofore enacted by the City Council, be and the same is hereby amended to the extent of such transfers and amendments for all purposes.

**SECTION 5.** That specific authority is given to the City Manager to take and/or make the following actions:

1. Transfer of appropriations budgeted from one account classification to another account classification within the same department.
2. Transfer of appropriations from designated appropriation from one department or activity to another department or activity within the same fund.
3. Negotiate and execute the necessary contracts and related instruments, including any amendments thereto for the projects set forth in the Capital Projects Program included within the proposed budget.

**SECTION 6.** That all notices and public hearings required by law have been duly completed.

**SECTION 7.** That all provisions of the ordinances of the City of Gatesville, Texas, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance be, and the same are hereby, repealed, and all other provisions of the ordinances of the City of Gatesville, Texas, not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 8.** That should any word, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this Ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole, or any part or provision thereof other than the part so decided to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 9.** This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage as the law and charter in such cases provide.

**UPON CALLING FOR A VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THIS ORDINANCE, THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL VOTED AS FOLLOWS:**

Gary Chumley, Mayor	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Aaron Smith, Ward 1, Place 1	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Jon Salter, Ward 1, Place 2	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Meredith Rainer, Ward 1, Place 3	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Joe Patterson, Ward 2, Place 4	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Greg Casey, Ward 2, Place 5	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Kalinda Westbrook, Ward 2, Place 6	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent

**WITH \_\_\_\_ VOTING “AYE” AND \_\_\_\_ VOTING “NAY”, THIS ORDINANCE IS DULY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS, ON THE \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.**

APPROVED:

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GARY CHUMLEY, MAYOR

CORRECTLY ENROLLED:

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HOLLY OWENS, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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VICTORIA THOMAS, CITY ATTORNEY



Date 9/9/2025

Agenda Item 12 & 13

Ordinance 2025-19

## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM FOR ORDINANCE

**To: Mayor & Council**

**From: Mike Halsema, Deputy City Manager**

**Agenda Item: Discussion and possible action regarding approval of Ordinance 2025-19 levying a tax rate for Fiscal Year 2025-26.**

**Information:** At the August 12, 2025, City Council Meeting, the City Council took action to approve \$0.5600 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation as the “proposed” tax rate. The proposed tax rate is equal to the current FY 2024-2025 tax rate, higher than the No-New-Revenue tax rate of \$ 0.544942, lower than the Voter-Approval tax Rate of \$0.567529, and lower than the De Minimis Rate \$0.631017 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation. The No-New-Revenue, Voter-Approval, and De Minimis tax rates were calculated by the Coryell County Tax Assessor and Collector Justin Carothers. Although the actual tax rate proposed to be adopted is the same tax rate as we had last fiscal year, this tax rate is higher than the no-new-revenue rate (which is the rate we would have to charge to bring in the same amount of tax revenue we brought in last year) and thus applying this tax rate in FY2026 will bring in more tax revenue than it did in FY2025. This difference can usually be attributed to additional properties being added to the tax rolls for FY2026 and also to increases in property values for the new fiscal year.

This is the second reading of the tax rate adoption ordinance. According to the budget calendar, the date scheduled to adopt the tax rate is Sept 9, 2025. Approval of the tax rate requires a 60% majority vote. The Public Hearing to hear comments on the FY 2025 Tax Rate is also scheduled for the September 9th meeting.

**Staff Recommendation:** The staff recommends the approval of Ordinance 2025-19 adopting and levying a tax rate of \$0.5600 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation for Fiscal Year 2025- 26.

**Motion:** “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 2025-07 ADOPTING AND LEVYING A TAX RATE OF \$0.5600 PER \$100 OF TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.

**Attachments:**

- Tax Rate Adoption and Levy Ordinance 2025-19



## **ORDINANCE NO. 2025-19**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE ADOPTING AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 AND LEVYING THE AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2025 AT A RATE OF \$0.5600 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) ASSESSED VALUATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025, TO PROVIDE REVENUE FOR THE PAYMENT OF CURRENT EXPENSES; PROVIDING FOR AN INTEREST AND SINKING FUND FOR ALL OUTSTANDING DEBT OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE; PROVIDING FOR DUE AND DELINQUENT DATES TOGETHER WITH PENALTIES AND INTEREST; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, following public notice duly posted and published in all things as required by law, a public hearing was held by and before the City Council of the City of Gatesville, the subject of which was the adoption of the proposed tax rate for the City of Gatesville for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, submitted by the City Manager in accordance with the provision of law; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council, upon full consideration of the matter, is of the opinion that the tax rate hereinafter set forth is proper and should be approved and adopted;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** There is hereby adopted for fiscal year 2025-2026 and levied for the year 2025 on all taxable property, real, personal and mixed, situated within the corporate limits of the City of Gatesville, and not exempt by the Constitution of the State and valid State laws, a tax of \$0.5600 on each one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed valuation of taxable property, and shall be apportioned and distributed as follows:

- (a) For the purpose of maintenance and operation, defraying the current expenditures of the municipal government of the City of Gatesville, a tax of \$0.508295 on each one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed value on all taxable property.
- (b) For the purpose of creating a sinking fund to pay the interest and principal maturities of all outstanding debt of the City of Gatesville, not otherwise provided for, a tax of \$0.051705 on each one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed value of taxable property within the City of Gatesville and shall be applied to the payment of interest and maturities of all such outstanding debt.

**SECTION 2. THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.**

**THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 2.76 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$15.06.**

**SECTION 3.** All ad valorem taxes shall become due and payable on October 1, 2025, and all ad valorem taxes for the year shall become delinquent if not paid prior to February 1, 2026. There shall be no discount for payment of taxes prior to February 1, 2026. A delinquent tax shall incur all penalty and interest authorized by law, to wit:

- (a) A penalty of six percent on the amount of the tax for the first calendar month it is delinquent, plus one percent for each additional month or portion of a month the tax remains unpaid prior to July 1 of the year in which it becomes delinquent.
- (b) Provided, however, a tax delinquent on July 1, 2026, incurs a total penalty of twelve percent of the amount of delinquent tax without regard to the number of months the tax has been delinquent. A delinquent tax shall also accrue interest at the rate of one percent for each month or portion of a month the tax remains unpaid. Taxes for the year 2025 and taxes for all future years that become delinquent on or after February 1 but not later than May 1, that remain delinquent on July 1 of the year in which they become delinquent, incur an additional penalty in the amount of twenty percent (20%) of taxes, penalty and interest due, pursuant to Texas Property Tax Code Section 6.30 and 33.07, as amended. Taxes assessed against tangible personal property for the year 2024 and for all future years that become delinquent on or after February 1 of a year incur an additional penalty on the later of the date the personal property taxes become subject to the delinquent tax attorney's contract, or 60 days after the date the taxes become delinquent, such penalty to be in the amount of twenty percent (20%) of taxes, penalty and interest due, pursuant to Texas Property Tax Code Section 33.11. Taxes for the year 2024 and taxes for all future years that remain delinquent on or after June 1 under Texas Property Tax Code Sections 26.075(j), 26.15(e), 31.03, 31.031, 31.032, 31.033, 31.04, or 42.42 incur an additional penalty in the amount of twenty percent (20%) of taxes, penalty, and interest due, pursuant to Texas Property Tax Code Section 6.30 and Section 33.08, as amended.

**SECTION 4.** The City shall have available all the rights and remedies provided by law for the enforcement of the collection of taxes levied under this Ordinance.

**SECTION 5.** The tax roll as presented to the City Council, together with any supplements thereto, be and the same are hereby approved.

**SECTION 6.** All ordinances of the City of Gatesville in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance be, and the same are hereby, repealed and all other provisions of the ordinances of the City of Gatesville not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 7.** That should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, or section of this Ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part or provision thereof other than the part thereof decided to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid.

**SECTION 8.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, as the law and charter in such cases provide.

**UPON CALLING FOR A VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THIS ORDINANCE, THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL VOTED AS FOLLOWS:**

Gary Chumley, Mayor	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Aaron Smith, Ward 1, Place 1	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Jon Salter, Ward 1, Place 2	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Meredith Rainer, Ward 1, Place 3	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Joe Patterson, Ward 2, Place 4	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Greg Casey, Ward 2, Place 5	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Kalinda Westbrook, Ward 2, Place 6	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent

**WITH \_\_\_ VOTING “AYE” AND \_\_\_ VOTING “NAY”, AND AT LEAST 60% OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE ORDINANCE, THIS ORDINANCE IS DULY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS ON THIS THE \_\_\_ DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025.**

The foregoing **Ordinance No. 2025-19** was read the first time and passed to the second reading  
this **26th day of August 2025.**

The foregoing **Ordinance No. 2025-19** was read the second time and passed to the third reading  
this **2nd day of September 2025.**

The foregoing **Ordinance No. 2025-19** was read the third time and was passed and adopted as  
an Ordinance to the City of Gatesville, Texas, **this 9th day of September 2025.**

**APPROVED:**

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**GARY CHUMLEY, MAYOR**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**CORRECTLY ENROLLED:**

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**VICTORIA THOMAS, CITY ATTORNEY**

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**HOLLY OWENS, CITY SECRETARY**



Date 9/9/2025

Agenda Item 14

Resolution 2025-088

## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM FOR RESOLUTION

**To: Mayor & Council**

**From: Mike Halsema, Deputy City Manager**

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

### Information:

Local Government Code Section 102.007(c) mandates a separate, record vote by the city's governing body to ratify the property tax revenue increase reflected in the budget if the budget raises more property tax revenue than was generated in the previous year. The language of the statute is a bit confusing as it applies to any budget that raises more property tax revenue than was raised the prior year but then requires the governing body to ratify the "property tax increase" rather than the tax revenue increase. Regardless, the action is required by state law. This vote is in addition to and distinct from the vote to adopt the budget or the vote required to set the tax rate.

### Staff Recommendation:

The staff recommends the approval of **Resolution 2025-088** which complies with the mandatory requirement of section 102.007(c) of the Texas Local Government Code by ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

### Motion:

I move 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.

### Attachments:

- Resolution

## RESOLUTION NO. 2025-088

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS RATIFYING THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE CITY'S ADOPTED FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET, WHICH IS A BUDGET THAT WILL REQUIRE RAISING MORE REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, Texas Local Government Code §102.007(c) requires that adoption of a budget that raises more property tax revenue than was generated the previous year requires a record vote of the City Council to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget in addition to and separate from the record votes to approve the ordinance adopting the annual budget and the ordinance adopting the tax rate for the current tax year; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has adopted the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget, which will require raising more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Gatesville, Texas, desires to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the adopted 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** The property tax increase reflected in the adopted 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget, which is a budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than the previous year, is hereby ratified.

**SECTION 2.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, as the law and charter in such cases provides.

**UPON CALLING FOR A VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION, THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL VOTED AS FOLLOWS:**

Gary Chumley, Mayor	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Aaron Smith, Ward 1, Place 1	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Jon Salter, Ward 1, Place 2	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Meredith Rainer, Ward 1, Place 3	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Joe Patterson, Ward 2, Place 4	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Greg Casey, Ward 2, Place 5	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Kalinda Westbrook, Ward 2, Place 6	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent

WITH \_\_\_\_ VOTING "AYE" AND \_\_\_\_ VOTING "NAY", THIS RESOLUTION IS  
DULY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS, ON  
THE \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Holly Owens, City Secretary

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Gary Chumley, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Victoria W. Thomas, City Attorney