

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 24, 2026  
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 5:33 P.M. THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2026.
2. **QUORUM CHECK/COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Gary Chumley, Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Casey, Councilmembers Kalinda Westbrook, Jon Salter, Aaron Smith, Joe Patterson, and Travis VanBibber.

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Brad Hunt, City Secretary Holly Owens, Deputy City Manager/Finance Director Mike Halsema, Chad Newman, Lori McLaughlin, Jessica Stiles, Lee Walters, Bobby Buster, Robert Featherston, and Shea Harp.

**OTHERS:** Leo Corona, Brandon Gibbs, Carrington Silva, Jay Smith, Diane Burnett, Roger Miller, Ken Mallach, Phil Gregory, Willie Taylor, Kelsey Sage, Chris Sam, Ethan Arther, Dustin Smallridge, David Miller, Joseph Schrode, Chris Miller, Tristen Byrd, and Tina Zimmerman.

**RECOGNITION OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE**

Mayor Gary Chumley and City Manager Brad Hunt presented all the first responders and the Gatesville Volunteer Fire Department with a Meritorious Service Certificate for the hard work they displayed during the Gatesville Town Square Fire.

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

CITIZENS/PUBLIC COMMENTS FORUM: INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE GATESVILLE CITY COUNCIL MAY DO SO DURING THIS SEGMENT. IF YOU INTEND TO COMMENT ON A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM, PLEASE INDICATE THE ITEM(S) ON THE SIGN IN SHEET BEFORE THE MEETING. EACH SPEAKER IS ALLOTTED A MAXIMUM OF 3 MINUTES FOR THEIR REMARKS, AND SPEAKERS ARE EXPECTED TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN A RESPECTFUL MANNER. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, THE CITY OF GATESVILLE CITY COUNCIL CANNOT DELIBERATE OR ACT ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE MEETING AGENDA.

Leo Corona, 409 State School Road, came forward to suggest a voluntary utility program where citizens can opt into donating small amounts or rounding their bill up to contribute funding to the city departments such as the animal shelter or volunteer fire department. Mr. Corona requested this subject be considered for a future agenda item for discussion.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

City Council entered into Executive Session at 5:43 P.M.

*The City Council of the City of Gatesville will convene into a closed Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.087 (Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations)*

5. End Executive Session and Reconvene the Open Meeting.

City Council reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:04 P.M.

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

**380 AGREEMENT:** Motion by Greg Casey, seconded by Jon Salter to authorize Brad Hunt to enter into a 380 Agreement with GRT-1, LLC d/b/a Crescent Townhomes. All six voting "Aye", motion passed, 6-0-0.

**CONSENT:**

7. All consent agenda items are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember requests an item to be removed and considered separately.

- a. **Resolution 2026-025:** Discussion and possible action regarding approval of minutes from Regular City Council Meeting held on **March 10, 2026.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by Jon Salter, seconded by Travis VanBibber to **APPROVE** the **CONSENT AGENDA**, as presented. All six voting "Aye", motion passed, 6-0-0.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

8. Discussion and possible action regarding the audit for the City of Gatesville.

Cameron Aaron with Pattillo Brown and Hill came forward to answer questions regarding the audit.

**RESOLUTION 2026-030:** Motion by Aaron Smith, seconded by Kalinda Westbrook to **ACCEPT** the **Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report** by Pattillo Brown and Hill. All six voting "Aye", motion passed, 6-0-0.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding FAA Master Plan.

**RESOLUTION 2026-031:** Motion by Kalinda Westbrook, seconded by Joe Patterson to **ADOPT** a resolution to request financial assistance and program management from the Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division and committing matching funds of up to \$30,000. All six voting "Aye", motion passed, 6-0-0.

10. Discussion and possible action of Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds Disbursement.

Tina Zimmerman with the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce came forward to explain the expenses that will be covered by the Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds.

**RESOLUTION 2026-032:** Motion by Travis VanBibber, seconded by Jon Salter to **APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-032**, disbursing \$8,500 in Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds to the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce, and \$5,000 in Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds to the Gatesville Riding Club. All six voting "Aye", motion passed, 6-0-0.

11. Discussion and possible action regarding Planning & Zoning Commission and Building Standards Commission application.

**RESOLUTION 2026-033:** Motion by Greg Casey, seconded by Aaron Smith to **APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-033**, **APPOINTING** Mance Wurtz to Place 7 of the Planning & Zoning Commission/Building Standards Commission and re-appointing John Westbrook to Place 6 and Yvonne Williams to Place 4.

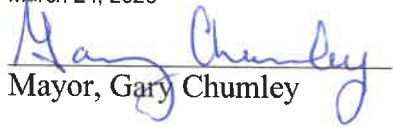
12. Discussion of the Zoning Ordinance Articles IX.

Holly Owens came forward to explain the Lighting portion of Article IX. This was a discussion item only and no action was taken.

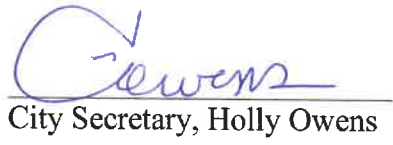
13. City Manager Report.

Brad Hunt came forward to present the City Manager's Monthly Report. This was a discussion item only and no action was taken.

14. City Council **adjourned at 7:16 P.M.**

  
Mayor, Gary Chumley

ATTEST:

  
City Secretary, Holly Owens

