

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 14, 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 14TH DAY OF APRIL 2026.
2. **QUORUM CHECK/COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Gary Chumley, Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Casey, Councilmembers Kalinda Westbrook, Jon Salter, Aaron Smith, 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, Jolie Archie, Robert Featherston, Robert Ferguson, Seth Phillips, and Shea Harp.

OTHERS: Leo Corona, Diane Burnett, Allysen Hinkle, and Tina Zimmerman.

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 requesting Item 7c under Consent to be considered and discussed separately.

PROCLAMATION

4. Proclamation of Child Abuse and Prevention

Brad Hunt announced the proclamation recognizing the month of April to be Child Abuse and Prevention Awareness month.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

City Council entered into Executive Session at 5:35 P.M.

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

6. End Executive Session and Reconvene the Open Meeting.

City Council reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:10 P.M.
No action was taken.

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. Mayor Chumley requested all items be considered separately.
 - a. **Resolution 2026-035:** Discussion and possible action regarding approval of minutes from Regular City Council Meeting held on **March 24, 2026.** (Holly Owens)

RESOLUTION 2026-035: Motion by Aaron Smith, seconded by Kalinda Westbrook to **APPROVE** the minutes dated March 24, 2026, with the following amendments: add citizen comments. All five voting “Aye”, motion passed, 5-0-0.

- b. **Resolution 2026-036:** Discussion and possible action regarding approval of February Financials. (Mike Halsema)

RESOLUTION 2026-036: Motion by Kalinda Westbrook, seconded by Jon Salter to **APPROVE** the February 2026 Financials as presented. All five voting “Aye”, motion passed, 5-0-0.

- c. **Resolution 2026-037:** Discussion and possible action regarding the Special Event Town Square Benefit. (Chief Clark)

Leo Corona came forward to state this is an important event that affects everyone.

RESOLUTION 2026-037: Motion by Greg Casey, seconded by Travis VanBibber to **APPROVE** the Special Event “Square Benefit” being held on April 25, 2026, and the closure of the square. All five voting “Aye”, motion passed, 5-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 8. **Resolution 2026-038:** Discussion and possible action regarding Texas Parks and Wildlife funding recommitment. (Mike Halsema)

RESOLUTION 2026-038: Motion by Travis VanBibber, seconded by Aaron Smith to **APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-038**, supporting application for the TPWD Local Parks Grant, and recommitting matching funds of up to \$150,000. All five voting “Aye”, motion passed, 5-0-0.

- 9. **Resolution 2026-039:** Discussion and possible action regarding renewing the depository agreement with Huntington (formerly Cadence) Bank for one year. (Mike Halsema)

RESOLUTION 2026-039: Motion by Jon Salter, seconded by Travis VanBibber to extend the Depository Service Agreement with Huntington Bank under the same terms and conditions for the period beginning May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027. All five voting “Aye”, motion passed, 5-0-0.

- 10. **Resolution 2026-040:** Discussion and possible action regarding implementing Downtown District Wayfinding Signs. (Brad Hunt)

RESOLUTION 2026-040: Motion by Kalinda Westbrook, seconded by Aaron Smith to **APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-040**, disbursing up to \$150,000 in Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds to support the design and implementation of wayfinding and marker signs for the Downtown Historic District. All five voting “Aye”, motion passed, 5-0-0.

- 11. **Resolution 2026-041:** Discussion and possible action regarding the Volunteer Fire Department Grant. (Robert Ferguson)

Robert Ferguson came forward and explained the Firehouse Sub grant and how it works.

RESOLUTION 2026-041: Motion by Greg Casey, seconded by Jon Salter to **APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-041**, accepting the Firehouse Subs grant to assist in purchasing critical personal protective equipment (PPE) for the Volunteer Fire Department. All five voting “Aye”, motion passed, 5-0-0.

- 12. **Resolution 2026-042:** Discussion and possible action regarding Board and Commission Applications. (Holly Owens)

RESOLUTION 2026-042: Motion by Jon Salter, seconded by Kalinda Westbrook to **APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-042**, appointing Kaleb Hitt to Place 2 and Payden Smalley to Place 7 to the Planning & Zoning Commission/Building Standards Commission. All five voting “Aye”, motion passed, 5-0-0.

- 13. **Ordinance 2026-05:** Discussion and possible action regarding an alley abandonment at 22nd St *1st reading*. (Holly Owens)

Holly Owens explained the request to vacate the alley located off of 22nd Street and asked for guidance from Council. Staff was unable to find any definitive information showing the “alley” was ever officially platted as an alley. The only information found was from a TxDOT survey. The adjacent

property owners are not interested in obtaining additional property and the owner of POCO Automotive, Robert Jenkins, would like to just put up a fence to separate the property.

Council expressed concern about once the alley is abandoned, who will maintain the property. Staff shared the same concerns. Council requested that Staff reach out to Mr. Jenkins again and propose that Mr. Jenkins obtain the remainder of the alley. Staff agreed.

The other alternative is for the City to claim the alley and

ORDINANCE 2026-05: Motion by Travis VanBibber, seconded by Jon Salter to **PASS ORDINANCE 2026-05** to the next meeting requesting additional information, first reading. All five voting "Aye", motion passed, 5-0-0.

14. Resolution 2026-043: Discussion and possible action regarding the Massey Addition Replat and Variance. (Holly Owens)

RESOLUTION 2026-043: Motion by Aaron Smith, seconded by Greg Casey to **APPROVE** the replat of Original Town Gatesville, Block 108, Lots 4-6 (1413 & 1419 Mill Street) to create five (5) lots, and approval of the requested variance to allow 6,000 square foot lot sizes in lieu of the 8,000 square foot minimum. All five voting "Aye", motion passed, 5-0-0.

15. Resolution 2026-044: Discussion and possible action regarding substandard cases. (Holly Owens)

RESOLUTION 2026-044: Motion by Greg Casey, seconded by Aaron Smith to **APPROVE** Staff to move forward with the demolition process for 105 Oak Lane and 1418 W Main Street. All five voting "Aye", motion passed, 5-0-0.

16. Discussion of the Zoning Ordinance Articles X. (Holly Owens)

Holly Owens explained Article X, Landscaping.

Kalinda Westbrook and Jon Salter requested information be included regarding crushed granite landscaping or zero scape for drought conditions and an alternative for the dry and hot summers.

No action was taken.

17. Resolution 2026-045: Discussion and possible action regarding Coryell City Rd Annexation Application. (Holly Owens)

RESOLUTION 2026-045: Motion by Kalinda Westbrook, seconded by Travis VanBibber to **APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-045**, accepting the application for annexation of 504 and 506 Coryell City Road, located in the Salter Subdivision in Coryell County. All five voting "Aye", motion passed, 5-0-0.

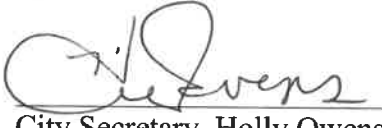
18. Ordinance 2026-04: Discussion and possible action regarding Coryell City Rd Annexation and Zoning Designation *1st Reading* (Holly Owens)

ORDINANCE 2026-04: Motion by Travis VanBibber, seconded by Kalinda Westbrook to **PASS ORDINANCE 2026-04** to the next meeting, authorizing the annexation and zoning designation of property located in the Salter Subdivision, Block 1, Lots 9 & 10, consisting of 0.6818 acres in Coryell County and addressed as 504 and 506 Coryell City Road, to Residential Mobile Home (RMH), first reading. All five voting "Aye", motion passed, 5-0-0.

19. City Council adjourned at 7:15 P.M.


Mayor, Gary Chumley

ATTEST:


City Secretary, Holly Owens

