

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2021 AT 5:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 110 NORTH 8TH STREET
GATESVILLE, TEXAS 76528

In accordance with guidelines of the Office of the Governor regarding the public health disaster declaration, the City Council of the City of Gatesville conducted an in-person meeting. In order to provide a safe and healthy environment for the public and councilmembers attending the meeting, social distance regulations and guidelines were followed.

AN OPEN MEETING WAS HELD CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

1) CALL TO ORDER REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 5:32 P.M. THIS 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Chumley, Councilmembers Meredith Rainer, Greg Casey, Barbara Burrow, Claude Williams, Billy Sinyard, and Jack Doyle

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager William H. Parry III, City Secretary Wendy Cole, Rene Ochoa, Mike Halsema, Nathan Gohlke, and Rob Atkins

2) HEAR VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM: AT THIS TIME, ANY PERSON WITH BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL NOT SCHEDULED ON THE AGENDA MAY SPEAK TO THE COUNCIL FOR A MAXIMUM OF THREE (3) MINUTES. NO FORMAL ACTION CAN BE TAKEN ON THESE ITEMS AT THIS MEETING.

Visitors present were only concerned with an Agenda item.

3) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2021

RESOLUTION 2021-06: Motion by Jack Doyle, seconded by Greg Casey, to approve the Minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting February 9, 2021; all six voting "Aye", motion passed.

4) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS REORGANIZING AND RENUMBERING ITS CODE OF ORDINANCES FROM THAT EXISTING ON APRIL 23, 2018; ADOPTING TABLES, INCLUDING A CODE COMPARATIVE TABLE; REVISING GENERAL PENALTY PROVISIONS; ADOPTING CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF DRAINAGE PLANS; ADOPTING PROVISIONS RELATING TO INSPECTION AND APPROVAL OF ELECTRICAL SERVICE FACILITIES; PROVIDING MINOR REVISIONS TO PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL CODES; PROVIDING FOR MINOR REVISIONS TO THE CITY'S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR MINOR REVISIONS RELATING TO AD VALOREM AND HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX PROCEDURES; REWORDING DEFINITION OF BUSINESS OWNED OFF PREMISES SIGNS; PROVIDING REVISIONS TO SIGN RESTRICTIONS; PROVIDING REVISIONS RELATING TO OPERATING HOURS FOR PRIVATE CLUBS; PROVIDING AN EXEMPTION FOR DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS AT A SPORTS SHOOTING RANGE; PROVIDING FOR REVISION OF MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 14; PROVIDING REVISIONS RELATING TO PUBLIC NUISANCES; DELETING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO APPLICATION FOR SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS LICENSE; RATIFYING ALL TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNS, SIGNALS, DEVICES AND MARKINGS; DELETING PROVISIONS RELATING TO EXEMPTION OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES FROM THE APPLICATION OF THIS CODE OF ORDINANCES; CONSOLIDATING SIMILAR PROVISIONS AND DELETING OBSOLETE PROVISIONS; MAKING REVISIONS TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE OF ORDINANCES WITH STATE LAW AND DELETING PROVISIONS PREEMPTED BY STATE LAW; MAKING REVISIONS TO CORRECT MINOR CLERICAL ERRORS; UPDATING

DESCRIPTIVE TERMS; SAVING AND PRESERVING EXISTING ORDINANCES NOT OF A GENERAL AND PERMANENT NATURE; SAVING AND PRESERVING THE CITY OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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GATESVILLE'S ZONING ORDINANCE; AND SAVING AND PRESERVING ALL ORDINANCES ADOPTED AFTER APRIL 23, 2018 TO REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT TO BE ADOPTED WITHIN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AT A LATER TIME
(3RD AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2021-01)

Mayor Gary Chumley said that there had been no changes or amendments to this recodification ordinance and asked council for a motion.

ORDINANCE 2021-01-03: Motion by Barbara Burrow, seconded by Claude Williams, all six voting "Aye", motion passed to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance 2021-01 of the City of Gatesville, Texas reorganizing and renumbering its Code of Ordinances from that existing on April 23, 2018; adopting tables, including a code comparative table; revising general penalty provisions; adopting certain provisions relating to the approval of drainage plans; adopting provisions relating to inspection and approval of electrical service facilities; providing minor revisions to plumbing and mechanical codes; providing for minor revisions to the city's emergency management program; providing for minor revisions relating to ad valorem and hotel occupancy tax procedures; rewording definition of business owned off premises signs; providing revisions to sign restrictions; providing revisions relating to operating hours for private clubs; providing an exemption for discharge of firearms at a sports shooting range; providing for revision of miscellaneous provisions of chapter 14; providing revisions relating to public nuisances; deleting certain requirements relating to application for sexually oriented business license; ratifying all traffic control signs, signals, devices and markings; deleting provisions relating to exemption of Texas Department of Criminal Justice facilities and activities from the application of this Code of Ordinances; consolidating similar provisions and deleting obsolete provisions; making revisions to assure compliance of ordinances with state law and deleting provisions preempted by state law; making revisions to correct minor clerical errors; updating descriptive terms; saving and preserving existing ordinances not of a general and permanent nature; saving and preserving the City Gatesville's zoning ordinance; and saving and preserving all ordinances adopted after April 23, 2018 to remain in full force and effect to be adopted within the code of ordinances at a later time.

5) BRIEFING/PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – POLICE CHIEF NATHAN GOHLKE

Police Chief Nathan Gohlke provided each councilmember a 2020 Police Department Annual Report which includes an overview of Gatesville PD's activity for the previous year and the Racial Profiling Report as is required by Texas State Legislature. Chief Gohlke encouraged the council to ask questions as he discussed the report and stated that he was always available if anyone has concerns or comments later.

- Presented the PD Organizational Chart which includes 33 Full Time employees.
- PD responded to 13,957 calls for service with 394 arrests for a variety of crimes and generated 760 Reports. While the calls for service increased from last year, the COVID-19 pandemic effected the written reports and arrests, which were slightly down.
- Juveniles: 18 warnings & 3 citations were issued compared to 29 warnings & 6 citations last year. There were 22 juvenile arrests which included Drug/Narcotics Violations, Burglary, Theft, Assault, Sexual Assault, Criminal Mischief, and Runaway.
- There were 135 vehicular accidents in 2020, a decrease of 2 from last year. Citations, traffic warnings, and DWI arrests also decreased from last year.
- Officers responded to 174 alarm calls, 110 of which were determined to be false alarms. \$150.00 were collected for false alarm fees. The ordinance requires that the PD allow 5 free false alarm calls.
- Chief Gohlke credited Animal Control Division and volunteers (Brandi Hipp, Yvonne Williams, and Jaimie Newman) for all of their hard work in promoting the animal adoptions and keeping the euthanasia rate low. Officers responded to 1316 calls for service that resulted in 42 citations and 5 warnings being issued for animal related offenses.
- Code Enforcement: There were 219 calls for service regarding code enforcement issues with 190 of

these cases brought into compliance. Absentee landlords is a big problem because it makes it difficult to get issues resolved.

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Chief Gohlke discussed the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) which collects data on each single crime occurrence. The report gave an overview and comparison of both the 2019 and 2020 calendar years with regard to Gatesville’s crime data. Gatesville’s 2020 crime rate per 1000 people is calculated at 12.3, which is a decrease from 18.8 that was reported in 2019.

Community Outreach initiatives and events were affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic and had to be cancelled. The Beard Campaign (No Shave November) did occur and \$7,200.00 was raised and donated to the Gatesville Care Center. The Police Department was able to purchase a Police K-9 dog and is currently in training with a Gatesville PD officer in Leander.

Chief Gohlke reported on racial profiling which included a breakdown of census information data and a racial comparative traffic review regarding traffic stops.

Chief Gohlke answered questions from the Council and again told the Council to contact him if they have any other concerns.

6) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE ENGINEERING FIRM FOR THE 2021-2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

City Manager Parry reminded the Council that the City of Gatesville intends to apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - Community Development Fund with a recommended project of replacing Clarifier #2 at the Water Treatment Plant. Requests for Qualifications were advertised for engineering firms regarding this project and two firms submitted proposals. The engineering firms were independently evaluated by the Mayor Pro Tem Rainer, Water Production Supervisor Mansell, and Planning Director Ochoa:

ENGINEERING SERVICES:	Rainer	Mansell	Ochoa	Average
Walker Partners Engineers	99	78	100	92.3
TRC Engineers, Inc.	94	65	98	85.6

Following a brief discussion, City Manager Parry recommended that Walker Partners Engineers be selected as the firm for the 2021-2022 CDBG-Community Development Fund.

RESOLUTION 2021-07: Motion by Greg Casey, seconded by Billy Sinyard, to approve Walker Partners as the Engineering Firm for the 2021-2022 Community Development Block Grant- Community Development Fund; all six voting “Aye”, motion passed.

7) CITY MANAGER’S REPORT & INITIATIVES:
Capital Projects:

- Stillhouse Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion: Walker Partners Engineers informed staff yesterday that the Environmental Information Document – which is the key document to be able to move into the design phase and that was submitted November 18, 2020 is now on the short list for review. Walker Partners anticipates March 10, 2021 as the date to receive an update from the Texas Water Development Board.
- Water Meter Replacement: As of yesterday, the meter installations were 86% complete. Meter installation must be 100% complete before the Customer Portal can be activated. The Customer Portal will allow customers to look at their water usage on their phones and also will have the ability to get alerts if excessive usage is indicated. A critical usage report has been generated so staff can see if a customer possibly had a pipe issue during last week’s ice storm.

WHOLESALE WATER RATE STUDY: The consultants are reviewing the draft contract one more time which include the recommended rates, a fixed wholesale water rate based on cost of raw water (water rights),
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debt service, Operations and Maintenance cost, and recapitalization. The final provisions/contract will also be sent to the City's Attorney for final review.

COVID -19 UPDATE: The State has not updated the COVID numbers for the last week as they were trying to get the recent reported discrepancy issue reconciled. COVID-19 Vaccinations are still ongoing at Coryell Health.

NEW COUNCIL ORIENTATION: Planning to start the first orientation at the next Council meeting on March 9th beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the regular Council meeting to begin at 6:00 p.m. All Councilmembers are invited to participate if desired. Councilmember Burrow suggested a windshield tour be incorporated into the orientation at a different time so new councilmembers can view the many city facilities such as the water and sewer plants.

MARCH WATER BILLS: There was a message printed on the back of the current water bills offering Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assistance for individuals and households impacted by last week's severe winter weather. Assistance is available for damages or losses that individual's insurance won't cover.

POLAR VORTEX TIMELINE: Parry discussed the severe weather timeline from last week and issues that employees faced. Parry reviewed the City day-by-day operations in chronological order which included the loss of power at the intake for many hours, frozen valves, and the effluent pumps that were and still are an issue. So far there have been 18 water line breaks that water and street department employees have been diligently repairing. In the future, if there is a long range freezing weather prediction, the City needs to be proactive instead of reactive. Backup generators need to be ordered and delivered before the predicted weather arrives and the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system needs to be weatherized. Because the SCADA system froze, city staff was getting false readings regarding how water was transferring to town. The City of Gatesville recovered thanks to the persistent work of many city employees but the City's Emergency Management Plan needs to be reviewed and re-budgeted. Mayor Chumley agreed that an after action review would be very invaluable. The cost to quantify all the damages that impacted the city will have to be captured as city staff will submit a requested amount for public assistance per the President's Disaster Declaration.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL: Finance Director, Mike Halsema, discussed changes to the financial report that was included in the read ahead book. There was a lengthy discussion and questions from the Council regarding these changes. Mr. Halsema thought this new formula would be more transparent and easier to gauge information by being able to compare current and projected numbers with last year's revenues and expenditures. Halsema welcomed feedback from the Council as this was still a work in process.

8) RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:20 P.M.

THIS CLOSED SESSION IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.072- REAL PROPERTY- DELIBERATION REGARDING POTENTIAL SALE OF 4 PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS:

- SE corner of Lutterloh and Mills, Gatesville, TX, legally known as Lutterloh Addn, Blk 13, Lot 8, .1148 acres
- 2006 Saint Louis Street, Gatesville, TX, legally known as Grandview Addn, Blk 4, Lot 8, .138 acres
- 302 State School Road, Gatesville, TX, legally known as Northern Annex, Blk 3, Lot 4, .293 acres
- 306 N. 14th Street, Gatesville, TX, legally known as Original Town Gatesville, Blk 75, Lot 3, S PT, .1748 acres

9) END CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:33 P.M.
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10) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE POTENTIAL SALE OF 4 PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS:

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Mayor Chumley asked for a motion regarding the closed session.

RESOLUTION 2021-08: Motion by Barbara Burrow, seconded by Billy Sinyard, to approve the sale of 4 properties by sealed bid; all six voting “Aye”, motion passed.

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8) ADJOURN MEETING AT 7:35 P.M., THIS 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Wendy Cole
City Secretary

Gary M. Chumley
Mayor

