

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 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 5:34 P.M. THIS 9TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021

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

REGRETS: Councilmember Billy Sinyard

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager William H. Parry III, City Secretary Wendy Cole, Rene Ochoa, Mike Halsema, John Doyle, Nathan Gohlke, Daniel White, Mike Lanese, Andrew Friedman, Georgiana Cleverley, Bryan Nimerick, Anthony Martinez, 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 JANUARY 26, 2021

RESOLUTION 2021-05: Motion by Meredith Rainer, seconded by Claude Williams, to approve the Minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting January 26, 2021; all five voting "Aye", motion passed.

4) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE REFUNDING THE SERIES 2011 CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION AND THE ISSUANCE OF CITY OF GATESVILLE "GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, TAXABLE SERIES 2021" FOR INTEREST RATE SAVINGS (ORDINANCE 2021-02)

City Manager William Parry and SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc. representative, Andrew Friedman discussed the possibility of refunding the Series 2011 certificates which were issued to finance Phase II of upgrades to the City's water system in 2011. Parry said that the interest rates were finalized this afternoon and the savings will be much better than first anticipated. Parry reminded the council that at the meeting on January 12, 2021, they were briefed on wholesale water rates and the increase of water rights effective September 1, 2021 and that refunding these certificates of obligation with a much lower interest rate would partially offset the known increase of these costs. At the meeting in January it was thought that the interest rate would be in the 3% range but the current rates are now much more favorable at 1.8% and would be a fixed interest rating. If the council approves Ordinance 2021-02 the City would receive an actual savings of \$1,612,205.00 over the remainder of this debt.

Mr. Friedman provided the council a report regarding the prior debt service and the projected annual savings over the next fifteen years if the debt service is approved to be refunded.

Following the presentation, Mr. Parry recommended that Council approve Ordinance 2021-02 authorizing issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds Taxable Series 2021. State mandates that this ordinance can be approved/passed on one reading since this is General Obligation Refunding Bonds.
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ORDINANCE 2021-02: Motion by Jack Doyle, seconded by Barbara Burrow, to approve Ordinance 2021-02 of the City of Gatesville, Texas Authorizing the issuance of “City of Gatesville, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2021”; levying an annual ad valorem tax, within the limitations prescribed by law, for the payment of the bonds; prescribing the form, terms, conditions, and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale and delivery of the bonds, including the approval and distribution of an official statement pertaining thereto; authorizing the execution of a paying agent/registrar agreement, a purchase contract, and an escrow and trust agreement, complying with the letter of representations on file with the depository trust company; authorizing the execution of any necessary engagement agreement with the City’s financial advisors; and providing an effective date; all five voting “Aye”, motion passed.

5) RECOGNIZE GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES OF THE QUARTER

Mayor Gary Chumley presented Police Department Officers Anthony Martinez and Bryan Nimerick Employee of the Quarter certificates and recognized them for saving a Gatesville resident’s life while responding to a Welfare Concern call. Mayor Chumley commended them for their dedication to service and that their actions made a direct impact in this resident’s life.

6) 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 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
(2ND READING OF ORDINANCE 2021-01)

City Manager Parry said that there had been no changes to this recodification ordinance which includes Ordinances that were adopted through April 23, 2018. Ordinances that were approved after April 2018 have been provided to Municode and once Council has approved the final reading of this Ordinance an electronic version of the code will immediately be posted on the City website and then subsequent

ordinance supplements will be published and posted yearly on the City's website until the next recodification.

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ORDINANCE 2021-01-02: Motion by Greg Casey, seconded by Barbara Burrow, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2021-01 reorganizing and renumbering the Gatesville Code of Ordinances, conforming Ordinances to State Law, 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; all five voting "Aye", motion passed.

7) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE: City Manager Parry presented slides showing the before and after pictures of 600 & 600 ½ Bridge Street which was a substandard demolition project that was completed approximately a little over a week ago. Parry discussed the process of disconnecting and capping off the utilities and stated that a lien had been filed against the property owner. The demolition company did a very good job and is now over on St Louis Street cleaning up a city owned property where a house burned down a few years ago and had become somewhat of a junk yard. The demolition project has been a very long process but is finally completed.

Other activities /dates of note:

Monday, February 15, 2021- President's Day federal holiday- City Hall closed.

February 27, 2021- Household Hazardous Waste Day event- There will be an ad in the February 20th and 24th edition of the Gatesville Messenger advertising this event. Had a meeting with the contractor of the HHW event last week and his staff will be wearing personal protective equipment and the City has acquired all this type of protective equipment for its volunteers from the Coryell County Emergency Management Coordinator. Residents that bring items for disposal will be required to observe all COVID protocols and will need to stay in their cars while volunteers unload trunks and vehicles. Because of the rule for residents to stay in their vehicles, more city employees and volunteers will be needed to unload items. Keep Gatesville Beautiful will assist and Parry asked any councilmembers that would be available to volunteer that day would be very much appreciated. Volunteers are asked to sign up on the Keep Gatesville Beautiful website. The Coryell County Judge has offered to supply lunch for the volunteers. City wide clean-up options were discussed including the possibly of asking residents to put some items at the curb for crews to pick up the next week. Manned dumpsters will also probably be placed around the city.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL: There will be some changes how future Financial Reports will be displayed in the council book regarding city financial information. Parry asked the Council for feedback as these changes are implemented. As of February 5th 86% of the Fiscal Year 2021 budgeted amount of property taxes had been collected.

FEMA DISASTER DECLARATION 4416- FALL 2018 FLOODING: The FEMA offer to repair the damage to pre-flood condition in Faunt Le Roy Park was rejected by a previous council as the park would just inevitably be damaged by a flood again as it had on many occasions before. City Staff is pursuing an alternate project which would entail planning and designing a park. The consultants that are assisting staff with this flood project have proposed an overall Parks Master Plan that looks promising. This process will include citizen input as the plan starts to be considered and examined.

COVID -19 UPDATE: The CARES Act funding is still in the audit process. The City should be reimbursed soon for the already acquired items which were approved expenses.

Parry said that he had a conversation with Carly Latham of Coryell Health and they discussed the sign-up process for the COVID -19 vaccine. To receive the vaccination a person has to sign up on the website and Ms. Latham said that they would be willing to help anyone sign up.

NEW COUNCIL ORIENTATION: Because of councilmembers work schedules Parry proposed to split the orientation up into 3 or 4 different segments and do them at 5:30 p.m. starting with the first meeting

in March. The Council meetings would then start at 6:00 p.m. Council feedback regarding this plan would be appreciated.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS: Solid Waste Contract/Waste Management options at the April 13th
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meeting and Executive Session regarding Real Estate matters- potential sale of City property at the next meeting on February 23, 2021.

Mayor Chumley updated the Council on the Keep Gatesville Beautiful (KGB) meeting that was held last week. The board voted to buy two Ring Doorbell cameras to attach to the recycle area down at the utility yard. City staff would be able to monitor what is going on at the recycle facility and questions could also be asked of City staff because a city staff's phone would be attached to the equipment and notified if a citizen had a question.

Councilmember Rainer said that the Keep Gatesville Beautiful board is also needing an Ex-officio to join the board and attend the once quarterly meetings. If any councilmember is interested to let staff know.

8) ADJOURN MEETING AT 6:12 P.M., THIS 9TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Wendy Cole
City Secretary

Gary M. Chumley
Mayor