

NOTICE

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AGENDA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2020 AT 5:30 P.M
GATESVILLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
110 NORTH 8TH STREET, GATESVILLE, TEXAS 76528

An Open Meeting will be held concerning the following subjects:

1. Call to Order
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.
3. Discussion and possible action regarding the Consent Agenda: (all consent agenda items are considered routine by City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember requests an item be removed and considered separately.)
 - Resolution 2020-83:** Minutes from the Regular City Council meeting September 22, 2020
 - Resolution 2020-84:** Schedule only one City Council Meeting in November and December- November 10, 2020 and December 8, 2020
 - Resolution 2020-85:** Approve a Proclamation declaring October 17, 2020 as Old Time Fiddler's Day
4. Hear citizen's comments regarding the submission of an application to the Environmental Protection Agency for a Brownfields Cleanup Grant for the Rotunda Property located at 2525 Osage Road, Gatesville, Texas
5. Discussion and possible action regarding an Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Garbage and Trash Collection charges Section 10-6, Code of Ordinance of the City of Gatesville, Texas by changing the garbage rates (2nd reading of Ord. 2020-16)
6. Discussion and possible action regarding an Ordinance amending Chapter 21, Waters and Sewers, Article II, Service Rates and Charges, Section 21-26, Code of Ordinance of the City of Gatesville, Texas by changing certain tap or connection charges; and providing an effective date (1st reading of Ord. 2020-17)
7. City Manager's Report: Capital Projects, Budget Report, Future Agenda Topics, Boozaar, and Coronavirus Update
8. Adjourn Meeting

I hereby attest that the above agenda was posted on this the 9th day of October, 2020 by 5:00 p.m. on the official City of Gatesville website, www.ci.gatesville.tx.us and the official bulletin boards at the Gatesville City Hall, 110 N. 8th Street, Gatesville, Texas.

Wendy Cole, City Secretary

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COUNCIL CHAMBER, 110 NORTH 8TH STREET
GATESVILLE, TEXAS 76528

In accordance with guidelines of the Office of the Governor, the City Council of the City of Gatesville conducted an in-person meeting while maintaining social distancing to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). In order to provide a safe and healthy environment for the public 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 5:30 P.M. THIS 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Chumley, Council Members Meredith Rainer, Greg Casey, Jack Doyle and Bill Robinette

ABSENT: Council Member Randy Hitt

WARD 1 PLACE 1: Vacant

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager William H. Parry III, City Secretary Wendy Cole, Rene Ochoa, and Heather Ashley

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 REGARDING THE CONSENT AGENDA: (ALL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE BY CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS A COUNCILMEMBER REQUESTS AN ITEM BE REMOVED AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.)

RESOLUTION 2020-83: Minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting September 22, 2020

RESOLUTION 2020-84: Schedule only one City Council Meeting in November and December: November 10, 2020 and December 8, 2020

RESOLUTION 2020-85: Approve a Proclamation declaring October 17, 2020 as Old Time Fiddler's Day

Motion by Bill Robinette, seconded by Meredith Rainer, to approve the Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION 2020-83: Minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting September 22, 2020;

RESOLUTION 2020-84: Schedule only one City Council Meeting in November and December: November 10, 2020 and December 8, 2020;

RESOLUTION 2020-85: Approve Proclamation declaring October 17, 2020 as Old Time Fiddler's Day; all four voting "Aye", motion passed.

4) HEAR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS REGARDING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A BROWNFIELDS CLEANUP GRANT FOR THE ROTUNDA PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2525 OSAGE ROAD, GATESVILLE, TEXAS

City Manager Parry presented a Power Point program regarding an application for a cleanup grant for the Rotunda property located on Osage Road. Parry welcomed comments or questions from the council/ public during the presentation.

Parry explained that the Rotunda Nursing Home is a site eligible for Brownfields grant funding due to the presence of asbestos. The City of Gatesville has owned the facility since 2008 and have applied for Brownfields Cleanup grants four times in the past but was never approved for funding. Proposals must be submitted by October 28, 2020. The application criteria was highlighted:

- Project Area Description and Plans for Revitalization
- Community Need and Community Engagement
- Task Descriptions, Cost Estimates, and Measuring Progress
- Programmatic Capability and Past Performance

The maximum grant amount is \$500,000.00 with a required local cost share of 20% which may be in the form of money, labor, material, or services for eligible and allowable costs.

Potential site reuse was discussed and was recommended to be used for a municipal building that would principally house the Police Department and allow some space for some or all of City Hall offices.

The pros and cons of the Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) were discussed in detail with the recommended/preferred alternative to be a wet demolition with off-site disposal at a cost of \$210,000.00 plus overhead costs. Parry said that he had a copy of the draft application and ABCA if anyone would like to come to City Hall and review.

The timeline and application requirements were highlighted. Parry noted that by the end of this process, four public meetings will have been held which allows the community an opportunity to comment on the draft proposal.

Councilmember Rainer commented that not only is this building an eyesore but also a safety hazard. Because this property is located close to several schools and the Boys and Girls Club it is a constant worry regarding the many children that live in the area and those that walk to school. There is a fear that they don't realize how unsafe the building is.

Mayor Chumley said that it is a magnet for children that walk by and are curious to go inside and play.

5) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10, GARBAGE AND TRASH COLLECTION CHARGES SECTION 10-6, CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS BY CHANGING THE GARBAGE RATES (2ND READING OF ORD. 2020-16)

City Manager Parry said that the current contract with Waste Management allows an annual fee adjustment based upon the Urban Consumer Price Index of United States Cities average. This is a routine request and if approved will increase the residential garbage rate by \$0.12. Even though Waste Management sets up and bills all commercial accounts; the rate increase for commercial accounts must also be approved by the City Council. This ordinance requires three readings so if approved, the new fee would pass on October 27, 2020 and would take effect on the November 1, 2020 billing.

ORDINANCE 2020-16-02: Motion by Meredith Rainer, seconded by Jack Doyle , to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2020-16 amending Chapter 10, Garbage and Trash Collection Charges Section 10-6, Code of Ordinance of the City of Gatesville, Texas by changing the Garbage Rates; all four voting "Aye", motion passed.

6) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21, WATERS AND SEWERS, ARTICLE II, SERVICE RATES AND CHARGES, SECTION 21-26, CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS BY CHANGING CERTAIN TAP OR CONNECTION CHARGES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE (1ST READING OF ORD. 2020-17)

City Manager Parry said that the City last raised the fees for water tap/connections and water meters

nine years ago in 2011. As the City was preparing to implement the new water meter replacement project it was made apparent that there would need to be an increase in the fees required to install new taps and meters as the prices on all materials have gone up. These fees mostly impact new construction and is paid for by the builders. Materials, labor, and equipment have been included in these proposed fees and just cover the costs. The City is not trying to make money on these charges. The City Attorney has reviewed and approved the amendments to this ordinance.

ORDINANCE 2020-17-01: Motion by Greg Casey, seconded by Jack Doyle, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2020-17, amending Chapter 21, Waters and Sewers, Article II, Service Rates and Charges, Section 21-26, Code of Ordinance of the City of Gatesville, Texas by changing certain tap or connection charges; and providing an effective date; all four voting “Aye”, motion passed.

Prior to the City Manager’s report, Mr. Parry provided new Comprehensive Plan books to the Council and encouraged them to read it thoroughly.

7) CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

1. Capital Projects:

Stillhouse Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion: The project requires a public meeting on the environmental information document and will be conducted at the next council meeting on October 27th. This document is located at City Hall if anyone would like to review it. After the public meeting is done the document will be sent to the Texas Water Development Board for their review and approval. Then the project will move out of the Planning Phase and into the Design Phase of the project.

Booster Pump 2 Ground Storage Tank /Highway 84 & West Main Street Sewer: Work is completed on the replacement of the water Ground Storage Tank at Pancake (Booster Pump Station #2) and the sewer main replacement on West Main Street. There are still some challenges in the pump house at BP 2 that are being worked through.

Other activities/dates of note:

- October 19, 2020: TWDB Flood Infrastructure Fund application (Drainage Study) due
- October 19, 2020: Time TBD – Virtual Public Meeting on 2021 Brownfields Cleanup Grant application. Probably will take place after 5:00 p.m. and will be recorded so citizens can view at their convenience. Facebook Live will also be considered so more of the community can be engaged.

2. BUDGET/FINANCIAL REPORT: Due to the impacts of COVID-19 on both revenues and expenditures a budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2020 will be presented to the council for approval and must be done before the City’s financials are sent to the auditors for their review.

October 2020 Sales Tax allocation (\$198,732.21) was \$24,973.18 more (14.37%) than the October 2019 allocation. It is thought that the increase could be due to the fact that the City is now getting taxes from online sales and that people are staying in and shopping due to the impacts of COVID-19.

3. COVID-19 UPDATE: Guidance from the Governor’s latest Executive Order (GA-32) that was released on October 7th contains provisions for bars to open on October 14th (with restrictions) but documents must be submitted by the County Judge before the bars can open.

4. BOOZAAR: The Mayor would be required to approve the Boozaar and it is believed that it could not be conducted in a safe fashion as it would be difficult to enforce the mask and social distancing regulations. Following discussion, the Council agreed that the Boozaar would be cancelled this year.

5. FINANCE DIRECTOR: Finance Director, Brenda Kiphen, has submitted her resignation, effective at the end of December 2020. Brenda has had some health problems and has decided to retire and

concentrate on her health and spend more time with her grandchildren.

6. INTERNET: There was a meeting at Rancher's Steakhouse today which was focused on finding investors to fund local installation of fiber optic. It cost approximately \$50,000.00 per mile to run buried fiber optic and the City cannot/ is not prepared to commit city funding to this endeavor. The City has been approached by a few companies about internet infrastructure but it needs to be a market driven approach that needs to be reviewed on a case-to case basis.

7. ADVANCED METER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT: Ameresco is waiting for all the infrastructure to be delivered with the projected start date to be October 19, 2020. The whole project is estimated to be completed in twelve weeks.

8. FORT HOOD: There is a military mixer event scheduled in November. There will be a limited number of civilians invited as the meet & greet needs to be reduced due to COVID-19 regulations and restrictions.

8) ADJOURN MEETING AT 6:38 P.M., THIS 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Wendy Cole
City Secretary

Gary M. Chumley
Mayor