

NOTICE

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**AGENDA
GATESVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GATESVILLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
110 N. 8th STREET, GATESVILLE, TEXAS 76528
NOVEMBER 12, 2019 at 5:30 P.M.**

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 2019-74: Discussion and possible action to approve the Minutes from Regular City Council meeting October 8, 2019

Resolution 2019-75: Discussion and possible action to approve the Minutes from the Regular City Council meeting October 22, 2019

4. Recognize Spursquicentennial Community Volunteer, Marsha Lee
5. Consider all things necessary in regard to the November 5, 2019 Election:
 - A. Canvass Votes
 - B. Declare Election Results
 - C. Swear in newly elected Council Members
 - D. Issue Certificates of Election
6. Consider appointing a Mayor Pro-Tem
7. Discussion and possible action regarding resignation of City of Gatesville Councilmember Dwight Suson Ward 2, Place 6
8. Recognize outgoing Councilmembers Ronnie Viss and Dwight Suson
9. Recess Regular Meeting and call a -----

Public Hearing

Hear 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

10. End Public Hearing and reconvene Regular Meeting
11. City Manager's Report: Comprehensive Plan, Budget Report, Future Agenda Topics
12. Adjourn meeting

I hereby attest that the above agenda was posted on this the 8th day of November, 2019, 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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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2019 AT 5:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 110 NORTH 8TH STREET
GATESVILLE, TEXAS 76528

AN OPEN MEETING WAS HELD CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

1) CALL TO ORDER REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 5:32 P.M. THIS 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Chumley, Council Members, Bill Robinette, Randy Hitt, Ronnie Viss, Meredith Rainer, Dwight Suson, and incoming Council Members, Greg Casey and Robert Kent

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager William H. Parry III, City Secretary Wendy Cole, Rene Ochoa, Leslie Ortega, Liz Reinhardt, Dora De La Torre, Cheri Shepherd, Vicki Casey, Jerry Casey, David Scott, Alex Scott, Steve Forsythe, Marsha Lee, Kyle Casey, Seth Casey, Jason Yarbrough, Nicholas Ortega, 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) 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 2019-74: Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council meeting October 8, 2019

RESOLUTION 2019-75: Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council meeting October 22, 2019

Motion by Ronnie Viss, seconded by Dwight Suson, to approve the consent agenda; all five Voting "Aye" motion passed.

4) RECOGNIZE SPURSQVICENTENNIAL COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER, MARSHA LEE

Convention & Visitors Bureau Director, Cheri Shepherd reminded the Council that as part of the upcoming Spursquicentennial celebration, local citizens are encouraged to give the gift of 150 hours of volunteer time between July 1, 2019 and December 1, 2020. Ms. Shepherd introduced Marsha Lee and recognized her as the first person to complete 150 hours of community service by volunteering at the Care Center. Mayor Chumley presented a spur lapel pin to Ms. Lee and recognized the dedication it takes to volunteer and complete 150 hours of community service and thanked her for her part in making Gatesville a great place to live.

5) CONSIDER ALL THINGS NECESSARY IN REGARD TO THE NOVEMBER 5, 2019 COUNCILMEMBER ELECTION:

- A. CANVASS VOTES
- B. DECLARE ELECTION RESULTS
- C. SWEAR IN NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS
- D. ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

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Mayor Chumley read the Summary of Precinct Returns and canvassed and certified the votes for the Councilmember election:

Councilmember Ward 1 Place 1: Robert Kent	400 votes received
Councilmember Ward 1 Place 1: Dennis M. Fueston	217 votes received
Councilmember Ward 1 Place 3: Meredith Rainer	655 votes received (unopposed)
Councilmember Ward 2 Place 5: Greg Casey	657 votes received (unopposed)

Mayor Chumley declared the election results final, and congratulated the winners of the 2019 General election: Robert Kent, Meredith Rainer, and Greg Casey.

City Secretary Wendy Cole administered the oath of office to the newly elected Councilmembers and issued the Certificates of Election.

RESOLUTION 2019-76: Declare Robert Kent as winner for Ward 1 Place 1; declare Meredith Rainer as winner for Ward 1 Place 3, and declare Greg Casey as winner for Ward 2 Place 5.

Mayor Chumley skipped agenda item #6 and advanced to Agenda item #7 and #8.

7) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RESIGNATION OF CITY OF GATESVILLE COUNCILMEMBER DWIGHT SUSON WARD 2, PLACE 6

Mayor Chumley noted that the councilmembers received a copy of Councilmember Suson's resignation letter. The letter stated that due to his recent move out of the ward that he was elected, he was submitting his resignation to the Gatesville City Council effective immediately.

RESOLUTION 2019-77: Motion by Bill Robinette, seconded by Randy Hitt, to approve the resignation of Dwight Suson, Councilmember Ward 2, Place 6 effective immediately; all five voting "Aye" motion passed.

8) RECOGNIZE OUTGOING COUNCILMEMBERS RONNIE VISS WARD 2, PLACE 5 AND DWIGHT SUSON WARD 2, PLACE 6

Mayor Chumley presented an engraved clock on behalf of the Council, City Staff, and citizens of Gatesville to outgoing Councilmembers Ronnie Viss (served 8 years) and Dwight Suson (served 3 years) and recognized each of them for their service, commitment, and dedication to the City and the citizens of Gatesville. Mayor Chumley expressed appreciation for all the hours and hard work they committed to as they served as Councilmembers of Ward 2 Place 5 and Ward 2, Place 6.

Mr. Viss and Mr. Suson thanked the Mayor and said that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve the City of Gatesville and was thankful of the opportunity. Viss stated that he has learned a lot of how a city works and thinks the City has made much progress during his eight years on the Council.

6) CONSIDER APPOINTING A MAYOR PRO-TEM

Mayor Chumley asked for a motion to appoint a Mayor Pro-Tem.

RESOLUTION 2019-78: Motion by Randy Hitt, seconded by Bill Robinette, to appoint Meredith Rainer as Mayor Pro-Tem; all five voting "Aye" motion passed.

Councilmember Rainer said she appreciated the appointment and was honored to serve.

9) RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CALL A -----

PUBLIC HEARING

HEAR 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 said that there is an extensive list of requirements to be provided in the Brownfields Grant narrative (which was included in the council members read ahead books). Tonight's public hearing meets the grant requirement to hold one public hearing, but there is an additional meeting scheduled to be held at the Boys and Girls Club, this Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Both of these meetings will include discussion of the Brownfields grant process which will increase community knowledge of the grant and increase the opportunity of engagement of Gatesville's residents.

Mr. Parry said that if anyone present at this meeting desired to review the draft of the Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives Analysis, copies can be furnished to them.

Points highlighted in the power point presentation and public hearing discussion were:

PURPOSE: To provide the City Council, the public, and other stakeholders information on the FY 2020 Brownfields Cleanup Grant program to assess whether the City should pursue a FY 2020 cleanup grant.

BACKGROUND: Brownfield definition: real property, the expansion, redevelopment or re-use of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substances (i.e. asbestos).

The Rotunda Nursing Home is a City owned site and is eligible for Brownfields grant funding due to presence of asbestos. The City has applied for Brownfields Cleanup grants in FY 2011, FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2019 but funding was not approved.

Fiscal Year 2020 Brownfields Grants guidelines were posted on October 10, 2019 with proposals due by December 3, 2019.

Parry presented a map showing the Rotunda property located at 2525 Osage Road and the properties that are within a half mile proximity of the Rotunda: Residential areas, property belonging to the Gatesville Independent School District (GISD), Boys and Girls Club, and several businesses that are located along U.S. 84/Main Street and Business 36. Stakeholders include the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce, GISD, and the Boys and Girls Club. The GISD and Boys and Girls Club are included as stakeholders because many students walk by the Rotunda on the way to and from school as school property sits across the street from the Rotunda.

Parry discussed the points that proposals will be evaluated on the extent to which the applicants demonstrates. Parry said that if anyone knows of a club or organization that would want to be informed of this grant proposal in the next few weeks to let him know of the opportunity and he would attend and discuss and welcome any comments from the public.

The maximum grant amount is \$500,000 and a local cost share of 20% (up to \$100,000) is required. It may be in the form of labor, material, or services for eligible and allowable costs.

Site re-use options/proposals were discussed:

- The 2.46 acre Rotunda property is a significant piece of land and could be used to build a new Police Department. The current Police Department has outgrown their approximate 5000 square foot building and would greatly benefit from a new facility. Being located close to school properties would be useful if there were ever situations that the police were quickly needed for school safety. The current PD is far from the schools and far from where most traffic accidents occur. Patrol cars have to negotiate through many traffic lights to get to that side of the town.
- Possibly co-locate City Hall with the Police Department until a new City Hall could be built as the current City Hall is very old and not up to code.

Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives Analysis (ABCA) was discussed with four options to consider:

1. No Action
2. Abatement with off-site disposal
3. Abatement and Wet demolition
4. Abatement and Renovation of Existing Structure

Following a detailed analysis of all alternatives, option 3 was the recommended and preferred option for the Rotunda property. Alternative 3 seemed to be the safest alternative; most efficient and effective abatement/disposal technique with fewer potential health hazards. This alternative also seemed the best option because of the close proximity of the school and Boys and Girls Club to the Rotunda property.

Several Councilmembers offered assistance in getting the word out about the Brownfield grant which included putting on the Chamber of Commerce website and sending flyers home with school children. Other options included speaking at the Lion's Club and Exchange Club meetings.

Following the Public Hearing Mayor Chumley asked if the Council or public had any further questions or comments and there were none.

10) END PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:15 P.M. AND RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

11) CITY MANAGER REPORT:

Other activities/dates of note:

- Saturday, 19 November: "Corks & Kegs"/ Tapping the Potential with Chet Garner (Daytripper). The Cork & Kegs event will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will involve Pop-Up Shops and wine and brewery vendors which will give people the opportunity to look around the downtown area as well as shop and sip.

Randy Hitt will open his building at 205 North 8th Street at 4:00 p.m. to allow interested parties to gather and talk about investments in the City of Gatesville.

The Chet Garner event will take place at 5:00 p.m. in the City Auditorium where he will talk about tapping the potential of Gatesville. Mr. Garner is a popular local personality so it should be an entertaining event.

These events will hopefully attract potential investors to the downtown area around the courthouse square.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL REPORT: The City is experiencing the lean time of the year as city staff is waiting property taxes to come in, however, the City is still in a good cash position.

FEMA DISASTER 4416-FALL 2018 FLOODING (Update): Weekly coordination meetings with FEMA and the Texas Department of Emergency Management are still occurring. Have received two responses to staff's Request for Qualifications (RFQ) from Engineering firms to develop the scope of work to rehabilitate Faunt Le Roy Park where the embankment caved in. City Staff is currently evaluating.

Parry offered copies of the 2 firm's submittals if any Councilmember would like to review and score their response to the RFQ. These RFQ's only qualify the engineer's ability to manage the job –not do the actual work.

There was a question about Brown Park and the old bridge. Parry said that Brown Park damages are included in the FEMA evaluation but the 1904 bridge is not included as it was not damaged in the flood. Staff is still waiting on the bridge assessment report from the firm out of Austin which will tell what it will take to get the bridge back open again.

CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOT STRIPING PROJECT: The final plan to stripe the parking lot is completed. Staff is currently in discussion to potentially bid the project out. The plan includes 306 marked spaces which are a bit wider and longer than standard spaces which will accommodate the many 1 ton pickup trucks that are in Gatesville. There was a discussion if charging stations would ever be needed.

NEW COUNCILMEMBER ORIENTATION: Asked the two new councilmembers to coordinate a day and time to meet with the City Manager and Mayor to go over information that will familiarize them on how a city runs.

Mayor Chumley asked the Council to start thinking about someone that would be willing to serve to replace Dwight Suson in Ward 2 Place 6, which is the south side of Main Street. This appointment would last until the election next year when Mr. Suson's term would have expired. Council will go into Executive Session at the next meeting to discuss this.

12) ADJOURN MEETING AT 6:26 P.M., THIS 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019

ATTEST:

Wendy Cole
City Secretary

APPROVED:

Gary M. Chumley
Mayor