

**NOTICE**

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**AGENDA**

**GATESVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2019**

**5:30 P.M.**

**GATESVILLE COUNCIL CHAMBER  
110 N. 8<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 2019-69: Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting September 10, 2019**

**RESOLUTION 2019-70: Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes from the Special City Council Meeting, September 17, 2019**

- 4. Discussion and possible action regarding an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Gatesville, Texas, changing a certain area inside the corporate limits of the City of Gatesville from the Community Facility Zoning District to Residential Single Family Zoning District, being 1509 Golf Course Road, legally known as Lot 1, Block 1, VFW Subdivision (3rd & final reading of Ord. 2019-05)**
- 5. Discussion and possible action regarding an Ordinance adopting the 2020 Fiscal Year Budget for the City of Gatesville (3rd and final reading of Ord. 2019-06)**
- 6. Discussion and possible action regarding an Ordinance adopting a tax rate of \$0.56 per \$100 valuation to support the 2019-2020 Budget. (3rd and final reading of Ord. 2019-07)**
- 7. City Manager's Report: Comprehensive Plan Projects, Capital Projects, Budget Report, Future Council Agenda Topics, Department Head Reports: Fire, Finance, Code Enforcement/Building Permits, Utility, Police, Court, Recreation, Convention and Visitor's Bureau**
- 8. Adjourn Meeting**

**I hereby attest that the above agenda was posted on this the 20th day of September 2019, by 5:00 p.m. on the official City of Gatesville website, [www.ci.gatesville.tx.us](http://www.ci.gatesville.tx.us) and the official bulletin boards at the Gatesville City Hall, 110 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Gatesville, Texas.**

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**Wendy Cole  
City Secretary**

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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 24, 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 5:30 P.M. THIS 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Ronnie Viss, Council Members, Bill Robinette, Randy Hitt, Meredith Rainer, and Dwight Suson

REGRETS: Mayor Gary Chumley and Council Member David Mitchell

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager William H. Parry III, City Secretary Wendy Cole, Brenda Kiphen, Robert Featherston, Dennis Fueston, 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 2019-69: Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council meeting September 10, 2019

RESOLUTION 2019-70: Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes from the Special City Council meeting September 17, 2019

Motion by Bill Robinette, seconded by Randy Hitt, to approve the consent agenda; all five Voting "Aye" motion passed.

4) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS CHANGING A CERTAIN AREA INSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE FROM THE COMMUNITY FACILITY ZONING DISTRICT TO RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY ZONING DISTRICT, BEING 1509 GOLF COURSE ROAD, LEGALLY KNOWN AS LOT 1, BLOCK 1, VFW SUBDIVISION (3RD READING OF ORD. 2019-05)

City Manager Parry said that there have no changes to Ordinance 2019-05 since the first two readings of the Ordinance. Mr. Parry reminded the Council that the Planning and Zoning Commission approved this rezone classification and that city staff recommended the same.

Mayor Pro-Tem Viss asked if the property owner knew about this change and City Manager Parry assured the Council that the owner knows, as he spoke with the owner.

ORDINANCE 2019-05-03: Motion by Meredith Rainer, seconded by Dwight Suson, to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance 2019-05 amending the zoning ordinance of the City of Gatesville, Texas changing a certain area inside the corporate limits of the City of Gatesville from the Community Facility Zoning District to Residential Single Family Zoning District, being 1509 Golf Course Road, legally known as Lot 1, Block 1, VFW Subdivision; all five Voting “Aye” motion passed.

5) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2020 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF GATESVILLE (1ST READING OF ORD. 2019-06)

City Manager Parry said that there had been no changes to the budget since it was presented to the Council on August 13, 2019. Texas state law requires that on the third and final reading the budget must be adopted on a record vote.

There were no questions or discussion and City Manager Parry recommended approval of the 2020 Fiscal Year Budget Ordinance for the City of Gatesville on the third and final reading.

ORDINANCE 2019-06-03: Motion by Dwight Suson, seconded by Bill Robinette, to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance 2019-06 adopting the 2020 Fiscal Year Budget for the City of Gatesville;

Record Vote:

Councilwoman Rainer, Ward 1, Place 3: “Aye”  
Councilman Robinette, Ward 2, Place 4: “Aye”  
Councilman Suson, Ward 2, Place 6: “Aye”  
Councilman Hitt, Ward 1, Place 2: “Aye”  
Mayor Pro-tem Viss, Ward 2, Place 5 “Aye”  
Ward 1 Place 1, Vacant:

Motion passed.

6) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A TAX RATE OF \$0.56 PER \$100 VALUATION TO SUPPORT THE 2019-2020 BUDGET. (3RD READING OF ORD. 2019-07)

City Manager Parry stated that the City Council proposed the tax rate of \$0.56 per \$100 assessed valuation on August 13, 2019. Texas state law requires that the budget be approved prior to the tax rate adoption because the budget is based on the tax rate.

This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year’s tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 2.1 percent and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$11.60.

There were no questions or discussion and City Manager Parry recommended approval of the third and final reading of the Tax Rate Ordinance which will support the 2019-2020 City of Gatesville Budget.

ORDINANCE 2019-07-03: Motion by Meredith Rainer: “I move that Ordinance 2019-07 be approved on the third reading, and the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 56 cents per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 2.1 percent increase in the tax rate.”, seconded by Dwight Suson; all five Voting “Aye” motion passed.

7) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

INITIATIVES:

- Capital Projects:

- Safe Routes to Schools (Update) – working with Gatesville ISD on a TxDOT grant (100% funded) for two sidewalk projects. The Detailed Application was submitted to TxDOT by the 15 August 2019 deadline. The first part of the application consisted of sidewalks in the immediate campus area and was submitted on time, however, the second grant (continuation of sidewalks off-campus up 26th & 27th Streets, Bridge Street and Lovers Lane) was submitted 84 seconds after the deadline and will not be considered. The second grant was a bit more undeveloped in that there was a need of commitment and support for easements from affected residents in these proposed sidewalk areas. TxDOT is targeting December 2019 to compile a list of projects to be presented to the Texas Transportation Commission for award, with a target of February 2020 for approval/funds release.

Other activities/dates of note:

- Tuesday, 1 October: National Night Out – Sports Complex starting at 6:00 p.m.- hosted by the Police Department
- Saturday, 12 October: Keep Gatesville Beautiful “Fall Sweep” clean-up/ litter pick-up.
- 16 November: “Corks & Kegs” which is co-sponsored with the Chamber of Commerce. Chet Garner (Daytripper) <https://thedaytripper.com/> will be in attendance to speak. This event is designed to bring in wine & brewies who will set up in buildings in the downtown area with Pop-Up shops so people can “sip and shop”. It is hopeful that interested citizens might come and view the safe vacant buildings which could possibly generate an interest in revitalization for the buildings downtown.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL REPORT: Parry pointed out a table in the City Manager's report that showed comparison of the City's cash position approaching the end of the fiscal year which indicated the steady improvement over the past three years.

ROTUNDA ABATEMENT BROWNSFIELD GRANT (Update): The Director of Planning, Rene Ochoa, left this afternoon to attend an EPA Region 6 Brownsfield Grant workshop in Addison, TX on September 25th and 26th. The key challenge on the state of this situation right now is whether congress will be able to pass the appropriations and authorization bills this year. Currently there are no appropriations or authorizations approved for Fiscal Year 2020. Hopefully, the House and Senate will come to an agreement on funding the government which would include the Brownsfield Grant, otherwise, the city may have to come up with another solution for demolishing the Rotunda.

FLAT WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION TRANSITION: Mr. Parry said that he spoke with Mr. James Smith from the Texas Rural Water Association who is assisting the Flat with their transition plans. Mr. Smith believes that they will be prepared to transition to merge with the Leon Junction Water Supply Corporation (WSC) by January 1, 2020 but am now hearing reports from the Flat committee that they cannot merge because the Flat WSC is not an official WSC. Flat must get re-orientated/re-connected with the state to complete the merge.

CITY OF GATESVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES RECODIFICATION: City staff, under the direction of the City Manager, have been working with Municipal Code Corporation (MuniCode) for the past year to review and recodify the City's Code of Ordinances. This effort has been solely focused on ensuring our Code of Ordinances conform with State laws and statutes – no changes to current provisions in our Ordinances are being proposed. MuniCode has identified 26 chapters within our Code of Ordinances that do not conform with current law/statute. We are currently reviewing their proposals to make the Ordinances conforming and suggestion on recodifying the Code of Ordinances to be consistent with standard organization of Municipal Codes of Ordinances. After the Ordinances are

recodified to conform with state law and approved as an ordinance, the Council will need to examine and assess individual ordinances that will have been reviewed and updated within departments and recommended for approval.

There was a brief discussion on ordinances that will need to be revised; some changes being quite minor. It will be a long process but will be presented to the City Council in small increments. Following the final Ordinance recodification, Municode will keep the City Codes/Ordinances amended and supplemented as long as the Council continues to approve their services.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

- 2019-2020 Athletic Schedule (Youth Sports and adult softball) is included in the council book. It is also on the City of Gatesville website.
- Street Department completed seal coating on Petsick Lane, Creek Cliff, Watts Lane, and South Levita/West Leon Street. The asphaltting on Golf Course Road is near completion.
- 12 winners of the Spursquicentennial Art Contest (“Gatesville Through My Eyes”) have been selected; 6 will be featured on pole banners and all 12 will be featured in a calendar. There is a great representation of artwork spanning from young children to adults. There will be a recognition presentation at the next Council meeting on October 8th.

FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA TOPICS: Looks to be light agendas for the month of October.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

RAINER: Commented on the note in the Department Head Report regarding the recent Animal Control Adoption event. The Pet Adoption Extravaganza at the Bell County Expo on August 14th was a huge success and wished to recognize Animal Control and the Police Department on adopting out so many animals. Connected 16 of 17 dogs and 7 of 8 cats with adopted owners.

ROBINETTE: Asked about the status of the Parking Lot Striping Project at the Ballpark/Civic Center. Parry explained that city staff is in the process of determining the right design: angled or square straight parking spaces. Possibly may need to bid out the striping plan and possibly the actual striping. The Street Department has a small machine that can stripe the spaces but it may not be able to do an adequate job. This project will not be completed by the time flag football starts on October 5th.

8) ADJOURN MEETING AT 6:03 P.M., THIS 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Wendy Cole  
City Secretary

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Gary M. Chumley  
Mayor

