

**NOTICE**

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**AGENDA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 9, 2019  
5:30 P.M.  
GATESVILLE COUCIL CHAMBER  
110 NORTH 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. 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 2019-27:** Discussion and possible to approve Minutes from Regular City Council Meeting March 26, 2019.

**RESOLUTION 2019-28:** Discussion and possible action to approve 2 Commissioners to the Gatesville Housing Authority

4. Receive Appreciation Award from the Commander of the Fort Hood Mobilization Brigade
5. Discussion and possible action to approve a proclamation declaring the month of April as Parkinson's Awareness Month
6. Recess Regular Meeting and -----

**Call Public Hearing**

Hear comments concerning the program performance of the Texas Community Development Block Grant - Community Enhancement Fund #7216028 – Leon Wastewater Treatment Plant Solar Panel Project

7. End Public Hearing and reconvene Regular Meeting
8. Discussion and possible action regarding the Fiscal Year 2018 Audit
9. City Manager's Report: Capital Projects, Comprehensive Plan, Budget Report, Future Agenda Topics
10. Adjourn Meeting

I hereby attest that the above agenda was posted on this the 5th day of April, 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

APRIL 9, 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 5:31 P.M. THIS 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Chumley, Council Members, Ronnie Viss, Dwight Suson, Meredith Rainer, Bill Robinette, Randy Hitt, and David Mitchell

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager William H. Parry III, City Secretary Wendy Cole, Andy Williams, Max Rudolph, Brenda Kiphen, Janell Foster, Judy Langford, Dane Legg, Cody Lee, Becky Adams, Command Sergeant Major Carrie Cieslak, Colonel Colin Morrow, Lt. Colonel Ed Bowdish, and Lt. Colonel Tamara Litney

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 COUNCILMEMBER REQUESTS AN ITEM BE REMOVED AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.)

RESOLUTION 2019- 27: Discussion and possible action to approve the Minutes from the Regular City Council meeting March 26, 2019

RESOLUTION 2019-28: Discussion and possible action to approve 2 Commissioners to the Gatesville Housing Authority

Mayor Gary Chumley read the items on the consent agenda and asked if anyone would like to remove any items from the agenda for discussion. No one objected and Mayor Chumley asked for a motion to approve all the items on the consent agenda.

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

4) RECEIVE APPRECIATION AWARD FROM THE COMMANDER OF THE FORT HOOD MOBILIZATION BRIGADE

The commander of the Fort Hood Mobilization Brigade, Colonel Colin Morrow, presented Mayor Gary Chumley and the Gatesville City Council an Appreciation Award Plaque recognizing the relationship between the City of Gatesville and North Fort Hood. Colonel Morrow noted that there are approximately 22,000 soldiers either leaving for combat or coming back from combat over a course of twelve months. The generous support that Gatesville gives the military is very much appreciated. Morrow stated that \$12.8 million currently is being invested in North Fort Hood so this relationship will just be more

enhanced as this upgrade continues. Morrow said the soldiers have felt welcomed into the Gatesville community and thanked the City Council and the Gatesville Community Council for their support and for welcoming and including them in so many local events as this improved unit morale.

Mayor Chumley said that it is always a pleasure involving the soldiers in local events and wanted the military to know that the Gatesville Community appreciates Fort Hood and thanks them for their service.

5) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Chumley read aloud and then presented a Proclamation declaring the month of April as Parkinson's Awareness Month to Gatesville resident, Becky Adams.

RESOLUTION 2019-29: Motion by Bill Robinette, seconded by Meredith Rainer, to approve the proclamation declaring the month of April as Parkinson's Awareness Month; all six voting "Aye" motion passed.

6) RECESS REGULAR MEETING AT 5:41 P.M. AND -----

CALL PUBLIC HEARING

HEAR COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PROGRAM PERFORMANCE OF THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FUND #7216028 – LEON WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SOLAR PANEL PROJECT

City Manager Parry presented a power point program and said that the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) require a close-out public hearing for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) to ensure all administrative and program agreements between HUD/TDA and the City have been completed. This public hearing will close out the 2016 Community Enhancement Fund project that was completed at the Leon Wastewater Treatment Plant to erect a solar array. The administrator for this grant was Langford Community Management Services (LCMS) and Judy Langford and Janell Foster from LCMS were both present at the meeting to answer any questions that the Council or public might have. KSA Engineering performed the engineering for this project and served as the overall project manager. Solar Cen-Tex located in Harker Heights conducted the construction of the solar array.

The total cost for this solar array project was \$555,900 and the City received \$500,000 in TDA funding for the project with the City paying the \$55,900 as a required local match for this project. The solar array was totally completed and up and running by the beginning of March of 2019. The solar array has a 5 year warranty and a projected 20- year useful life. The projected annual electricity savings = 331,442 kWh (\$15,246.33) which is a return on investment of 3.7 years. The solar array producing electricity in excess of needs to operate the plant during daylight hours- will sell excess electricity back to Texas- New Mexico Power Company (TNMP). The solar array has already been producing excess electricity, so the meter has reversed and is selling power back to TNMP through the grid.

Parry asked if there were any questions and there were no comments from the Council or the public.

7) END PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:47 AND RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

8) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 AUDIT

Dane Legg representing Lott, Vernon & Company, P.C. was present at the meeting and summarized/ highlighted items in the audit and offered to answer any questions that the Council might have.

As Mr. Parry distributed the financial reports he pointed out that these Financial Statements are from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018.

There was discussion on the Statement of Net Position which is the overall balance sheet for the City at large. Dane pointed out a few new governmental accounting standards:

The Net Pension Liability (City's share) which is in regards to the Texas Municipal Retirement System that the City uses. He compared the total liabilities and assets and commented that the liabilities are going down.

The Post-Employment Benefit Obligations is in regards to the supplemental death plan and health insurance that the City has in place for post- retirement employees.

Discussion and points were made on the following:

Balance Sheet- Governmental Funds: Assets are up 32% from last year. Liabilities have no significant change compared to last year, and Total Fund Balances are up 47% from last year. There is currently 2.7 months of operating expenditures in the Fund Balance as compared to the City policy of 2 months of budgeted operating expenditures. The threshold has been met and is good policy that the City has established this balance.

Revenues and Expenditures: Revenues are up due to property and other tax and special assessments (such as internet sales) -up 14%. Total Expenditures are down 2% from last year with the biggest decrease being from Capital Outlay. There was a 40% increase in Total Fund Balances due to the transfer from the Enterprise Fund.

Enterprise Funds: Assets and Cash are down compared to last year. Cash is being spent on Capital Assets which reduces the City's cash and of course increases Capital Assets - but then depreciation becomes a factor. Total Liabilities are down \$800,000 from last year. Total Net Position is at a .2% increase after the funds are transferred over to the General fund.

Revenues and Expenses from Water/Sewer: Water & Sewer numbers are down from last year, mostly due to a decrease in usage from Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ). The decrease happened because TDCJ wardens were directed to cut their budgets by 10%. Total operating expenses are down 6% compared to last year as well as depreciation. The Total Operating Income is very close to last year's amount. After total adjustments were made it was determined there was an increase of about 10%.

After the annual financial report was concluded, Dane referred to the other report, titled the "Report to the City's Council". This report communicates information as to how the consultation and audit reporting process went. One of the requirements of the audit is to communicate the summary of audit adjustments which Dane pointed out were on pages 6 through 17. Advisory comments still lingering from last year included issues with the capital assets software program. Dane recommended that the Finance Department change the depreciation status for construction in progress and the general fund. The listing should be maintained on the fund financial basis. As a response, the Finance Department completed the process of updating assets and changing the depreciation information.

RESOLUTION 2019-30: Motion by Meredith Rainer, seconded by David Mitchell, to approve the Fiscal Year 2018 Audit; all six voting "Aye" motion passed.

## 9) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

### 1. CITY MANAGER INITIATIVES:

#### Other activities/dates of note:

- Parry thanked those on the Council who attended the Get Involved Gatesville (GIG) Volunteer Fair last night (April 8th). Over 100 people attended and staff is getting positive feedback about the event. CVB Director Cheri Shepherd will follow up with all the agencies

that had tables set up and see if they have comments on how to improve the event next year.

Channel 25 aired a great segment on the news last night regarding Gatesville's recycling program. They explained how the recycle center could be shut down if issues concerning unacceptable items being put in the bins is not resolved. The segment can be viewed on the website: kxxv.com

- Friday, April 19, 2019 the City and schools will be closed for Good Friday.

2. BUDGET/FINANCIAL REPORT: Financially, the City is currently in good shape. City Staff has closed out the Park Street water and sewer replacement project. The street work is currently underway and they will pave as weather permits.

3. FEMA DISASTER DECLARATION 4416-FALL 2018 FLOODING: Applicant Briefing for Public Assistance conducted by the Texas Department of Emergency Management was on 19 March 2019. This Disaster Declaration is for the flood damage in Faunt Le Roy Park, Raby Park, and Brown Park in the fall of 2018. FEMA will fund 75% of eligible projects; there is a 25% match from the City. The exploratory call with the FEMA Program Delivery Manager was on 4 April; the recovery scoping meeting (face-to-face) with FEMA is Friday, 26 April. At that meeting, will explore mitigation projects that could potentially avoid damage from future flooding. The park has been flooded numerous times: 1991, 2007, 2011, 2015, and 2018. The FEMA funds are generated from citizen's paying federal income tax and then these taxes are appropriated to Homeland Security who then gives the money to FEMA. FEMA may look at some alternative options for Faunt Le Roy Park since the park just gets repaired over and over again.

4. CORYELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT FUTURE FACILITIES WORKSHOP: City Manager Parry attended the County Commissioners workshop on 1 April; no decisions were made. Much discussion about the future jail, consolidation of County law enforcement functions, a facility for all the District/County Courts, and leased County facilities in Copperas Cove. On the Commissioners agenda for April 8, 2019 there is an item "County departments and other agencies to be included in a proposed Law Enforcement Center."

5. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Meredith Rainer: Complemented the Police Department for recent videos that have highlighted dog adoptions. Rainer noted that Bar N Veterinary Clinic is hosting an upcoming adoption event that will offer reduced shot rates for animals that are up for adoption.

Ronnie Viss: Asked for more information regarding the recycle issue.

City Manager Parry explained that Fort Hood doesn't charge the City to allow our residents to recycle which saves from more trash going into the landfills. Fort Hood has single stream recycling and several times has notified the City that plastic bags and other unrecyclable items are continually being dumped in the recycle bins and are constantly clogging up their machines. Keep Gatesville Beautiful is planning to put out educational material to inform the public of the recycle process. Currently there are signs clearly posted that say NO HOUSEHOLD TRASH OR PLASTIC BAGS and residents still leave unacceptable items. If this isn't resolved soon, Fort Hood will stop taking Gatesville's recyclables.

City Manager Parry pointed out a display that CVB Director had in the Council Chambers that highlighted several events for the upcoming "Spursesquicentennial" (Gatesville's 150th Birthday). There will be more information to follow as Cheri will come to a future Council meeting to discuss.

10) ADJOURN MEETING AT 6:25 P.M., THIS 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 2019

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Wendy Cole, City Secretary

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Gary M. Chumley, Mayor

