

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 27, 2018

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 27th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Chumley, Council Members Dwight Suson, Jack Doyle, Meredith Rainer, Ronnie Viss

REGRETS: Councilmembers David Mitchell and Randy Hitt

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager William H. Parry III, City Secretary Wendy Cole, Brenda Kiphen, Nathan Gohlke, Robert Rimlinger, Kate Edwards, Liz Reinhardt, Stan Albert, Seth Phillips, Tim Woodlock, Robert Buster, Chad Newman, Cheri Shepherd, Billy Vaden, Patrice Gilbert, Eric Penrod, Jeff Rankin, Jim Shepard

2) INTRODUCTION TO NEW GATESVILLE CITY ATTORNEY, CHARLIE OLSON, OF HALEY & OLSON, P.C.

Mayor Chumley provided a brief background for Mr. Charlie Olson of Haley and Olson and welcomed him as the new City Attorney for the City of Gatesville.

City Attorney Olson said that he looked forward to the opportunity to work for the City of Gatesville and getting to know the Council. Mr. Olson explained that he won't be present at every council meeting as he also represents other cities and has a lot of evening city council meetings and city litigations but will always be available by telephone.

3) 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.

Mr. Stanley Albert of 1206 Baldrige Drive told the council that the air conditioner at the Fitness Center for the racquetball court is not cold enough. Mr. Albert said he knows the City is trying to save money but it is too hot.

Mayor Chumley said that this would be looked into.

Next, Mr. Robert Rimlinger of 221 Clayton Drive said that at the last meeting he made an error referring to an Ordinance Code violation and wanted to correct it for the record, Chapter 22 Section 22-15. That section needed to be taken off his list because he read it wrong.

Mr. Rimlinger said that at the last meeting he was told that the City would look into the City Charter and Code of Ordinance violations that he alleged at 107 A&B Petsik Lane and wanted to know what actions had been taken by this council.

Mayor Chumley told Mr. Rimlinger that he submitted no specifics such as time, person or place regarding any violations.

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Mr. Rimlinger asked the Council how many of them had read the City Charter and the Code of Ordinances?

City Attorney Olson spoke up and said that because this part of the agenda has nothing posted for specific discussion the Council cannot respond. Mr. Olson told Mr. Rimlinger that he can say whatever he likes but unfortunately the law doesn't allow the Council to answer any questions or respond.

Mr. Rimlinger went on to say that the quality of the sound system in the Council Chamber is extremely poor.

4) RESOLUTION 2018-19 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 6, 2018

Motion by Jack Doyle , seconded by Dwight Suson to approve Resolution 2018-19, all four voting in favor, motion passed.

Because of technical difficulties in connecting to the internet for Agenda Item #5 Mayor Chumley skipped to the next agenda item as the connection problem was resolved.

6) RESOLUTION 2018-20 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE NEGOTIATION OF A CONTRACT WITH AN ENGINEERING FIRM IN ORDER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR THE CITY'S 2016 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) CONTRACT #7216028 - WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SOLAR PANEL PROJECT AND APPROVING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE FIRM ONCE AN AGREEMENT ON A NOT-TO EXCEED FEE HAS BEEN MET

City Manager William H. Parry III reminded the Council that the Texas Department of Agriculture approved a \$500,000 Community Enhancement Fund grant (as part of the CDBG program) to the City of Gatesville on November 8, 2016 for a solar energy project at the Leon Wastewater Treatment Plant. This solar array would provide cover for the sludge drying pit, which has demonstrated this week to be a real problem (because of the rain) as city workers are trying to move sludge. Due to the span of the support structure, it is required that a licensed structural engineer design must be designated in order for the City to go forward with this project. The request for qualifications packet was e-mailed to seven engineering firms and advertised in the newspaper with four firms responding. The firms were independently evaluated by city staff and are shown in the matrix below:

ENGINEERS:	Buster	Cole	Parry	Featherston	Total
KSA Engineers	74	76	87	76	313
EHT Engineers	53	67	55	59	234

Cleary Zimmermann	70	70	57	76	273
Hanson Professional	78	56	75	68	277

The high score indicates that KSA Engineer Inc. is the city staff recommended firm for Engineering Services and is proposed for Council approval. Mr. Parry said he had copies of the proposals if any councilmembers wanted to review them.

Motion by Meredith Rainer, seconded by Jack Doyle, all four voting in favor, motion passed to approve Resolution 2018-20 - the negotiation of a contract with KSA Engineering for the City's 2016 Texas Community Development Block Grant Contract #7216028 - Wastewater Treatment Plant Solar Panel Project and approve the City Manager to execute a contract with KSA once an agreement on a not-to exceed fee has been met.

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7) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RESOLUTION 2018-21 THAT AUTHORIZES THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE AMENDING PLATS, AND MINOR PLATS OR RE-PLATS INVOLVING FOUR OR LESS LOTS WITH EXISTING STREETS AND UTILITIES

City Manager Parry said that this resolution gives authorization by the Council to delegate the authority to approve amending plats, minor plat and minor re-plats with four or less lots on existing streets and utilities to the City Manager. Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 212

authorizes the City Council to delegate to one or more City employees the ability to approve:

1. Amending Plats (correcting errors in a course or distance on a preceding plat); or
2. Minor Plats and/or re-plats involving four or fewer lots fronting an existing street and not requiring the creation of any new street or extension of municipal utilities.

Delegating this authority expedites the process for a builder/developer who requires a final amended plat and/or minor re-plat to be recorded before selling a house or

building. That process currently can take over 40 days if the City Council retains the authority. Following a brief discussion Mayor Chumley asked for a motion.

Motion by Meredith Rainer, seconded by Jack Doyle, all four voting in favor, motion passed to approve Resolution 2018-21 that authorizes the City Manager the ability to approve amending plats, minor plats or re-plats involving four or less lots with existing streets and utilities.

The internet connection issue was resolved for presentation of Agenda Item #5 and Mayor Chumley invited Mr. Penrod to proceed with his briefing.

5) GATESVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATE OF THE DISTRICT REPORT – SUPERINTENDENT ERIC PENROD

A presentation was made by Gatesville Independent School District (GISD) Superintendent, Eric Penrod, regarding Career and Technology Education (CTE) in the Gatesville school system. Mr. Penrod said this program prepares students and gives them opportunities for success post high school. The GISD vision is to prepare all students to be college or career ready and teach the skillsets to get there with the foundation starting early, in 6th grade or Junior High.

Mr. Penrod discussed various high demand jobs that don't require four years of college, the pathways and funding to get certified or licensed for these jobs and the budget and cost analysis to self-sustain the CTE program. Mr. Penrod gave an overview of the eleven different endorsed pathways. Students must pick a pathway as a freshman but can change a pathway if they choose- but are encouraged to have a pathway set by the time they are a sophomore. There is no law/criminal justice pathway available but 58% of the students have voted to add in the future. Additional Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) classes are being added also.

Councilmember Viss asked if the school district had decided on the use of the old nursing home that was given to them- would it be used for the CTE program?

Superintendent Penrod said that an architect came and looked at the structure, layout and location of the building and said that it wasn't really feasible to mobilize back and forth from the campus and thought it would better to create space at the current campus.

8) BRIEFING/PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – POLICE CHIEF NATHAN GOHLKE

Police Chief Nathan Gohlke reminded the Council that each year the Police Department (PD) presents a racial profiling report as required by Texas State Legislature which also includes an overview of Gatesville's PD's activity for the previous year. Chief Gohlke pointed out that in

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2017, the City of Gatesville was once again voted one of the safest cities in Texas with a population of under 20,000. Chief Gohlke discussed the following points regarding 2017:

• PD responded to 11,613 calls for service with 445 arrests

National Incident Based Reporting System:

• Increases in 2017: aggravated assaults by 25%, burglary by 65%, larceny by 22%

• Decreases in 2017: forcible rape by 8%, assaults by 8%, and vehicle theft by 16%.

• Homicide (0) and robbery (1) both remained the same as last year.

Uniform Crime Reporting:

The number of overall UCR cases reported in 2017 increased over that of last year with 341 being reported. The 2017 clearance rate for those crimes was listed at 49.2%, well above the state average of 20%.

Also discussed was the juvenile curfew, traffic accidents & citations, animal control, alarm calls, Community Services (National Night Out, Citizen Police Academy which was cancelled this year due to low interest, Drunk Busters DWI Awareness Program, Child Safety Seat Checkups, Kid Print, Neighborhood Watch, Crime Prevention, Animal Adoption, Blue Christmas and the Drug Take Back Program).

Next, Chief Gohlke reported on racial profiling and noted that in 2017, the Gatesville Police Department received no formal or informal complaints of racial profiling. A

breakdown of data was presented to the council along with a racial comparative traffic review.

9) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE; CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE; FINANCIAL REPORT; FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. INITIATIVES:

• Joint Land Use Study Implementation: Technical Committee meeting is scheduled for

tomorrow, February 28, 2018

- Capital Projects

• Energy Savings Performance Contract: Mr. Parry provided a handout to the Council which

compared utility bills as of January 30, 2018 to as far back as 2014. Parry discussed the

difference of cost since some City facility lighting was retrofitted and some HVAC was

replaced beginning around March of last year. There has been a savings of almost \$135,000. However, some of this savings can be attributed to a lower electricity rate as of

May 2017. There are a few issues at the library and fitness center that are being worked on.

Other activities/dates of note: March 10, 2018 is the City-wide clean sweep and the Household Hazardous Waste event. Signup sheets and flyers were left for each councilmember. Keep Gatesville Beautiful is looking for volunteers for trash pickup.

2. BUDGET/FINANCIAL REPORT: General Fund expenses are at 30% and Enterprise Fund expenses are at about 26%. The General Fund revenue is up as a result of property taxes. As of today, the City has collected 92.8% of 2017 property taxes.

3. FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA TOPICS: Walker Partners is in the process of finalizing the City's drainage criteria for Council approval and will consider reviewing a drainage fee as a future agenda topic as recommended by Councilmember Rainer.

The Park Street engineering design is at 75% complete with the preliminary plans ready for review possibly in the next two weeks.

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Updated the Council on the warrant round-up.

The fireworks are planned for Wednesday, July 4th.

Councilmember Rainer asked Mr. Parry if city staff could look into the cost to stripe the parking lot at the Civic Center. City Manager Parry said staff would look into it and asked the Council to include any kinds of these concerns and priorities on the budget worksheet that would be provided to them in a few months regarding the 2019 budget.

10) RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CALL AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:51 P. M.

THIS CLOSED SESSION IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.074- PERSONNEL MATTERS-

1. Discuss Resignation of Randy Hitt as Councilmember, Ward 1 Place 2
2. Discuss Possible Successor to Fill Vacancy of Councilmember, Ward 1, Place 2, Unexpired Term

11) END CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:04 P. M.

12) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING:

1. Accept the resignation of Randy Hitt as Councilmember, Ward 1 Place 2:
Motion by Dwight Suson, seconded by Meredith Rainer, all four voting in favor, motion passed to approve Resolution 2018-22 to accept the

resignation of Randy Hitt as Councilmember, Ward 1, Place 2.

2. Appointment of successor to fill vacancy resulting from resignation of Councilmember

Ward 1, Place 2 unexpired term:

Motion by Ronnie Viss, seconded by Jack Doyle, all four voting in favor, motion passed

to approve Resolution 2018-23, the appointment of Tim Woodlock to fill the vacancy/unexpired term resulting from the resignation of Councilmember Randy Hitt,

Ward 1, Place 2.

13) ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:05 P.M. THIS 27th DAY OF FEBRUARY,

2018

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Wendy Cole
City Secretary

Gary M. Chumley
Mayor