

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 29, 2017

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 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 5:30 P.M., THIS 29th DAY OF AUGUST, 2017

REGRETS: City Attorney Sandy Gately and Councilmember Jack Doyle

PRESENT: Mayor Chumley, Council Members, Viss, Mitchell, Rainer, Hitt, and Suson

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager William H. Parry III, City Secretary Wendy Cole, Finance Director Brenda Kiphen

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.

The visitor present was 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.)

Approval of 2nd reading of Ordinance 2017-05 amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Gatesville, Texas being Ordinance Number 95-17, changing the zoning of 3.073 acres out of the Southeast Annex, legally known as Lot 1 Block 1 and more commonly known as Veterans of Foreign War Post 8230, 1509 Golf Course Road, Gatesville, Texas from Residential Single Family Zoning District to Community Facility Zoning District

Councilmember Rainer requested to remove and discuss as she wanted to ask a question.

Councilmember Rainer asked if Community Facility was the appropriate zoning for the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) since it is essentially a bar that serves alcohol.

City Manager William H. Parry III said that the similar organization, American Legion, is zoned Community Facility so it is believed that these need to be consistent with each other. Parry also

pointed out that the VFW has veteran service organizations that assist veterans with health care and other issues.

Councilmember Hitt commented that the VFW is also a non-profit organization.

Motion by Suson, seconded by Hitt, all voting "Aye" to approve:

Resolution Number 2017-62A: Approve 2nd reading of Ordinance 2017-05 amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Gatesville, Texas being Ordinance Number 95-17, changing the zoning of 3.073 acres out of the Southeast Annex, legally known as Lot 1 Block 1 and more commonly known as Veterans of Foreign War Post 8230, 1509 Golf Course Road, Gatesville, Texas from Residential SingleFamily Zoning District to Community Facility Zoning District

4) CONSIDER ALL MATTERS INCEDENT AND RELATED TO REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION PERTAINING THERETO

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City Manager Parry explained that this application request is for the expansion of the Stillhouse Wastewater Treatment Plant that has been discussed in previous meetings. Mr. Parry discussed the multiple funds and different options of applying for loans within the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). The assistance request with TWDB that the City will try to pursue uses the combination of government grants to the state and bonds that are issued and packaged by the State of Texas. This option would result in significantly lower interest rates and most likely would save the City approximately a million dollars in debt service over the period of the loan.

One of the first steps required to submit an application to the TWBD is for the Council to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a resolution requesting financial assistance and also authorize the bond counsel to aid the City of Gatesville with the preparation and filing of the application. This application must be submitted by September 24, 2017.

Since the City needs help from the prison to help with this debt service City Manager Parry will be meeting with an attorney this Friday that has experience with working these kinds of contracts.

Mr. Parry recommends Council approval of Resolution 2017-62 as the first step for this application.

Motion by Viss, seconded by Mitchell, all voting "Aye" to approve:

Resolution Number 2017-62: Approve Resolution 2017-62 regarding all matters incident and related to requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board and authorizing the filing of an application for assistance, including the adoption of a resolution pertaining thereto.

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5) RECESS SPECIAL MEETING AT 5:43 PM AND CALL A -----

PUBLIC HEARING

Hear comments on the proposal to set tax rate at \$0.5100 per \$100 of taxable value
City Manager Parry said that this is the second required public hearing for the proposed tax rate with the proposed rate of \$0.51 falling between the current rate of \$0.46 and the Rollback rate of \$0.5740. Mr. Parry discussed the different revenues that would be generated if certain rates were adopted at a 97% collection rate.

Capital items were discussed that weren't funded in the 2018 budget:

1. Upgraded ticket writer for the Police Department at \$43,000
2. Mobile Command Console for the inside of the Command Vehicle at \$21,000
3. Infrared Camera for the Fire Department at \$16,000
4. Street Sweeper at \$375,000
5. Upgrade to the electrical equipment building outside where the equipment is parked at \$10,000
6. Additional street repair not included in the current/proposed at \$167,000 per mile
7. Gutter and curb work at \$132,000 per mile

Mr. Parry reminded the council that the tax rate cannot be approved higher than the proposed tax rate and the proposed budget is based on the current tax rate of 0.46 per \$100 valuation.

There was a discussion on what projects would be funded if the rate was lowered to \$0.49.

6) END PUBLIC HEARING at 5:54PM AND RECONVENE SPECIAL MEETING

7) DISCUSS TAX RATE

Mr. Parry said that Councilmember Rainer had asked for this agenda item so the council could have a more in depth discussion about the tax rate and asked her to lead the discussion and ask the questions that she wants answered.

Councilmember Rainer said that she was not against the proposed 5 cent increase to the tax rate but thought there should have been much more discussion than there was. There was no discussion after the vote on how the funds would be spent. There was a lengthy discussion about engaging in much more discussion at future council meetings as they would all be on the Council next year.

It was suggested that there was probably a need to discuss parliamentary procedures at a future council meeting or workshop.

Councilmember Viss recommended that council members ask Mr. Parry any questions between council meetings if needed.

There was further discussion on the many projects and issues that the council is considering and what their priorities are and how to implement a plan to fund them.

8) ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 6:39 P.M. THIS 29th DAY OF AUGUST, 2017

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Wendy Cole
City Secretary

Gary M. Chumley
Mayor