

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 28, 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 AT 5:35 P.M. THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017

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

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager William H. Parry III, City Secretary Wendy Cole, City Attorney Sandy Gately, Brenda Kiphen, Nathan Gohlke, Cheri Shepherd, Berry Mansell, Faye Nichols, Janis Barnhill, Hazel Meyer, Nancy Ashcraft, Corilea Dye, Doris Hoff, Roger Miller, Carol Smith, Betty Brown, Catherine Fulton, Danny Corbett, David Scott, Billy Vaden, Reggie Davis, Buffy Cleaveland, and Cody Mungia

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.)

2017-09  
APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2017-10  
CONSIDER THIRD AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 2017-01 AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2014-11, OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHANGING CHAPTER 15, SECTION 15-5 CONCERNING CHARGES AT THE GATESVILLE CIVIC CENTER AND ADDING A NEW CLAUSE PROVIDING FOR RATES AND CHARGES

2017-11  
CONSIDER THIRD AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 2017-02 AMENDING CHAPTER 10, GARBAGE AND TRASH, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS

2017-12  
CONSIDER PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup> WEEK AS "TEXAS WEEK" AND THE MONTH OF MARCH AS "TEXAS HISTORY MONTH".

Mayor Gary Chumley removed item 2017-12 from the consent agenda so he could read the Genealogical Society's Proclamation aloud to the representatives that were present at the meeting as well as present to them. Mayor Chumley then stated "If there are no objections to the first three items on the consent agenda, I ask for a motion to approve the February 14, 2017 minutes, third and final reading of Ordinance 2017-01 concerning charges at the Civic Center, and Ordinance 2017-02 amending Chapter 10, Garbage and Trash,.

Motion by Doyle, seconded by Suson, all voting "Aye" to approve Resolution Numbers 2017-09, 2017-10, and 2017-11.

2017-12

CONSIDER PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup> WEEK AS “TEXAS WEEK” AND THE MONTH OF MARCH AS “TEXAS HISTORY MONTH”.

Mayor Chumley read aloud and presented the proclamation declaring the week that March 2<sup>nd</sup> comes as “Texas Week” and the Month of March as “Texas History Month”.

***TEXAS HISTORY MONTH AND TEXAS WEEK***

WHEREAS, The Texas Declaration of Independence was adopted on March 2, 1836 and Texans declared themselves a free and independent republic; and

WHEREAS, March 2 is also Flag Day for Texas, as declared by the Legislature in 1915; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the importance of Texas history, the Legislature enacted legislation on June 20, 2003 declaring March 1-31 of every year as Texas History Month; and

WHEREAS, in 1932 the Legislature set apart annually the entire week in which March the Second comes as a season to be known as Texas Week; and

WHEREAS, To this end it is recommended that, all departments of government, city, county, and State; and any and every other group of citizens for whatever purpose they may be assembled, be urged now and ever in the future to observe Texas Week appropriately; and

WHEREAS, the Coryell County Genealogical Society, is hereby recognized for its ongoing efforts to honor and preserve our Texas history and values;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary Chumley, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gatesville, and on behalf of the City Council and Citizens of Gatesville, do hereby proclaim the week in which March 2 comes as

*“TEXAS WEEK”*

*And the month of March as*

*“TEXAS HISTORY MONTH”*

in the City of Gatesville, Texas and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals of our City and State and exalt and extol the highest and best cultural and spiritual values of Texas.

Motion by Viss, seconded by Rainer, all voting “Aye: to approve Resolution Number 2017-12.

**4) CONSIDER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR 2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT #7216028 REGARDING THE SOLAR ARRAY PROJECT INVOLVING CIVIL RIGHTS:**

RESOLUTION 2017-13, ADOPTING CIVIL RIGHTS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. This resolution agrees to reaffirm and adopt several Federal and TxCDBG requirements in conformity with the Civil Rights Act, the Fair Housing Act, and that the City will promote fair housing.

RESOLUTION 2017-14, ADOPTING A SECTION 3 PROGRAM. This program will provide training and employment opportunities for low and very low income persons and contract opportunities to businesses in the project area.

RESOLUTION 2017-15, ADOPTING A SECTION 504 POLICY AGAINST DISCRIMINATION. This resolution outlines city’s policy and procedures regarding discrimination against the handicapped and written grievance procedures to handle discrimination complaints.

RESOLUTION 2017-16, ADOPTING A CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN AND COMPLAINT PROCEDURES. This resolution outlines city’s policy and procedures regarding complaint procedures.

City Manager William Parry said that these four specific Resolutions, must all be approved as part of the requirements for the City of Gatesville’s Community Development Block Grant for the Solar Array Project at the Leon Wastewater Treatment Plant. All four resolutions affirms the City’s stance on Civil Rights.

City staff has read through these resolutions and have found no issues and recommends Council approval on all four resolutions and authorize the Mayor to sign them.

Motion by Suson, seconded by Mitchell, all voting "Aye" to approve Resolution Numbers 2017-13, 2017-14, 2017-15, and 2017-16 adopting the Civil Rights Policies and Procedures, Section 3 Program, Section 504 Policy Against Discrimination, and Citizen Participation Plan for the Texas Community Development Block Grant #7216028, Solar Array Project.

#### 5) CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Date of Note: The next Council meeting is scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup> which is during "Spring Break." Please let us know if you won't be able to attend as a result of Spring Break week. City staff would need to determine if this date would need to be changed as we need to maintain a quorum at the meeting.

Budget/Financial Report. The City has received almost 95% of the Ad Valorem taxes. The City is still owed about \$91,000 in back taxes, but financially the City is in good shape.

Live Oak Infrastructure Rehabilitation. The second notice for bids was posted in Saturday's paper which satisfies the requirements for advertising bids. Bids are due March 14<sup>th</sup> and will be evaluated at that time with the recommendation for the awarded contract to be approved at the March 28<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

#### Department Head Report Highlights:

- 462 youths are signed up to play soccer which requires approximately fifty qualified coaches. It is always a challenge to find that many coaches.
- Convention and Visitors Bureau report was noted for many interesting items of information.
- Passed out a report and discussed information regarding the results of the Copperas Cove Household Hazardous Waste Day which was held February 18, 2017.

Mr. Parry reported that Central Texas Council of Governments is funding \$21,000 of Gatesville's Household Hazardous Waste Day this Saturday. We are prepared to take a lot of tires and we will also be able give away donated paint in five gallons buckets to any resident that would care to have some – white, lights, and darks.

First Baptist Church is hosting breakfast starting at 6:30 a.m. Saturday morning for anyone that would like to attend.

Duties, project goals, and advertising were discussed and Mr. Parry said he hoped to see everyone there.

#### --- 2016 Annual Police Department Report:

- Police Chief Nathan Gohlke presented the 2016 Annual Police Department Report to the Council as is required by the Texas State Legislature. Chief Gohlke also presented the Racial Profiling Report. Chief Gohlke said that in 2016, The City of Gatesville was once again voted one of the safest cities in Texas with a population of under 20,000.

The following points were discussed:

- Calls for service – which are slightly down from 2015
- Reports Written
- Uniform Crime Reports (which are crimes reported directly to the State of Texas each month). Included in this report is criminal homicide, forcible rape, robbery, assaults, burglary, larceny – theft, vehicle theft and offenses against family.
- Juvenile Curfew
- Traffic
- Animal Control
- Alarm Calls
- Community Services the Police Department is involved in. October 3<sup>rd</sup> is the date for the next National Night-Out. Crime Stoppers is back in Gatesville. Fundraisers are now being conducted to support this endeavor.

Racial Profiling:

Information submitted to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement:

Total Stops: 1491

- Number of motor vehicle stops by citation only, arrest only and both
- Race or Ethnicity
- Was race known prior to stop?
- Was search conducted?
- Was search consented?

Chief Gohlke reported that in 2016 there were no formal or informal complaints concerning racial profiling.

Traffic Stops were also discussed and compared to 2015.

Councilmember comments:

Councilmember Rainer commented that the Military Appreciation Fish Fry was great – wonderful fish prepared by the Fire Department and a really good time. Also Rainer praised Seth Phillips in the Recreation Department and recognized all the improvements his department has accomplished at the Ballpark.

Parry: Ballpark improvements are being made in hopes to continue attracting outside tournaments to Gatesville.

Councilmember Viss asked about the Warrant Roundup –

Parry said that the Municipal Court has been very busy and the thought is that putting people's names in the paper made a tremendous difference this year. A lot of out of town people have paid which is a big change from years past.

Chief Gohlke said that the two Municipal Court employees have done the majority of work for the warrant round up and the Police Department plays a small part. Gohlke commended the two ladies for all their hard work.

Mayor Chumley thanked everyone that has been involved in the Round-up process.

6) ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 6:25 P.M. THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Wendy Cole  
City Secretary

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Gary M. Chumley  
Mayor







