

NOTICE
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AGENDA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
5:30 P.M
GATESVILLE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
110 NORTH 8TH STREET, GATESVILLE, TEXAS 76528
OCTOBER 8, 2024

An Open Meeting will be held concerning the following subjects:

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum check
3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
4. Citizens/Public Comments Forum: Individuals wishing to address the Gatesville City Council may do so during this segment. If you intend to comment on a specific agenda item, please indicate the item(s) on the sign-in sheet before the meeting. Each speaker is allotted a maximum of 3 minutes for their remarks, and speakers are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful & civil manner. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City of Gatesville City Council cannot deliberate or act on items not listed on the meeting agenda.

CONSENT:

5. All consent agenda items are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember requests an item to be removed and considered separately.

RESOLUTION 2024-106: Discussion and possible action regarding approval of Minutes from Regular City Council Meeting held on September 24, 2024.
(Holly Owens)

RESOLUTION 2024-107: Discussion and possible action regarding August 2024 Financials.
(Mike Halsema)

RESOLUTION 2024-108: Discussion and possible action to approve Proclamation honoring Dale and Laura White.
(Wendy Cole)

OTHER BUSINESS:

6. Presentation from Tony Austin, Director of Rural Operations of the Hill Country Transit District, regarding the HOP services.
7. Discussion and possible action regarding a request from the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce regarding temporary street closures for the Christmas Parade. (Mason Matthews)
8. Discussion and possible action regarding the closure of Shady Lane between Bridge Street and Wren Circle due to traffic safety concerns, and to allow Public Works crews to repair the bridge and adjacent water and sewer lines. (Brad Hunt)
9. Discussion regarding an Ordinance of the City of Gatesville, Texas, Amending the Gatesville Code of Ordinances by amending Section 18-7A; School Zones; Designating School Zones; Establishing the Prima Facie Speed Limit; Amending Effective Time Periods; Providing a Repealing Clause; Providing a Severability Clause; Providing a Savings Clause; Providing for a Penalty of a fine not to exceed Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars for each Offense; and Providing an Effective Date. (3rd reading of Ordinance 2024-10) (Brad Hunt)

10. Discussion and possible action to approve a contract with G2 General Contractors for remediation services of the Gatesville Public Library. (Brad Hunt)

11. City Manager Report

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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13. End Executive Session and Reconvene Regular Meeting-----

14. Discussion and possible action resulting from deliberations in Executive session.

15. Adjourn Meeting

I hereby attest that the above agenda was posted on this the 4th day of October, 2024 by 5:00 p.m. on the official City of Gatesville website, www.gatesvilletx.com and the official bulletin boards at the Gatesville City Hall, 803 E. Main Street and Gatesville Council Chambers, 110 N. 8th Street, Gatesville, Texas.

Holly Owens
City Secretary

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As authorized by section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed, executive session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item herein. The City of Gatesville reserves the right to reconvene, recess, or realign the regular session or called executive session or order of business as set forth on the agenda at any time prior to adjournment.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2024
5:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 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 10TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024.

2) QUORUM CHECK/COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Meredith Rainer, Councilmembers Barbara Burrow, Greg Casey, and Aaron Smith.

CITY STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Brad Hunt, City Secretary Wendy Cole, City Secretary Holly Owens, Deputy City Manager/Finance Director Mike Halsema, Parks & Recreation Director Seth Phillips, Library Director Shea Harp, and Interim Police Chief Georg Cleverley.

OTHERS: Yvonne Williams with Gatesville Chamber, Travis VanBibber, Diana Barnett, David Scott, Gatesville Messenger Staff Writer Alex Meelbusch, and Hill Country Transit District, Tony Austin and Darrell Burtner.

3) INVOCATION: Councilmember Casey and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Meredith Rainer.

4) CITIZENS/PUBLIC COMMENTS FORUM: INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE GATESVILLE CITY COUNCIL MAY DO SO DURING THIS SEGMENT. IF YOU INTEND TO COMMENT ON A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM, PLEASE INDICATE THE ITEM(S) ON THE SIGN IN SHEET BEFORE THE MEETING. EACH SPEAKER IS ALLOTTED A MAXIMUM OF 3 MINUTES FOR THEIR REMARKS, AND SPEAKERS ARE EXPECTED TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN A RESPECTFUL MANNER. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, THE CITY OF GATESVILLE CITY COUNCIL CANNOT DELIBERATE OR ACT ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE MEETING AGENDA.

Yvonne Williams, Chamber of Commerce, updated the Council on up-and-coming events.

5) ALL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMSS ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY A SINGLE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS A COUNCILMEMBER REQUESTS AN ITEM TO BE REMOVED AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

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CONSENT AGENGA: Motion by Greg Casey, seconded by Barbara Burrow to approve the Consent Agenda as written. All four voting “Aye”, motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

6) PRESENTATION FROM TONY AUSTIN, DIRECTOR OF RURAL OPERATIONS OF THE HILL COUNTRY TRANSIT DISTRICT, REGARDING THE HOP SERVICES.

Tony Austin and Darrell Burtner gave a presentation on the Hill Country Transit District (the presentation was made part of the permanent record of the Council Book).

Councilwoman Burrow asked how the non-emergency transport from the hospital is conducted. Mr. Austin stated non-emergency rides to and from the hospital are required to go through a broker provided by the hospital.

Councilwoman Burrow asked about liability for people leaving the hospital. Mr. Austin stated if the driver is asked to sign for a client, the driver is instructed to not sign on behalf of the client and to not pick up the ride.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rainer asked about the technology barrier for senior citizens. Mr. Austin stated that dispatch is still available to accept phone calls.

No action was taken.

7) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A REQUEST FROM THE GATESVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REGARDING TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURES FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARADE. (Mason Matthews)

Yvonne Williams, Chamber of Commerce came forward to answer questions.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rainer asked what a soft closure was. Ms. Williams stated a soft closure is a temporary closure of a collector street (e.g. Lutterloh) from an arterial road (e.g. Main/Hwy 84) during the parade. Mr. Hunt clarified that a soft closure is slowed down with a possible detour and a hard closure is stop and turn around.

Councilwoman Burrow asked if the traffic was still passible running east and west. Ms. Williams stated that traffic would be stopped, and the road fully blocked off for the parade.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rainer asked what the parade times were. Ms. Williams stated the parade starts at 10 a.m. and will continue until it ends.

Ms. Williams added that Chief Cleverley requested volunteers on Lutterloh to keep the float traffic moving.

RESOLUTION 2024-109 CHRISTMAS PARADE ROUTE AND CLOSURE: Motion by Greg Casey, seconded by Aaron Smith to approve the road closure as described. All four voting "Aye", motion passed.

8) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CLOSURE OF SHADY LANE BETWEEN BRIDGE STREET AND WREN CIRCLE DUE TO TRAFFIC SAFETY CONCERNS, AND TO ALLOW PUBLIC WORKS CREWS TO REPAIR THE BRIDGE AND ADJACENT WATER AND SEWER LINES. (Brad Hunt)

Councilwoman Burrow asked how the street would be closed. Mr. Hunt stated gates would be put up on Lovers Lane. These gates would serve two purposes: closure while the repairs are being made and as flood gates during flooding events.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rainer clarified that the goal is to re-open the street. Mr. Hunt stated yes, once all three issues have been resolved: the waterline and bridge repairs and the ownership.

Councilman Casey requested the area be cleaned up, specifically trim the trees. Mr. Hunt agreed.

Councilwoman Burrow asked if the City has the legal right to make the repairs. Mr. Hunt stated the City has a right-of-way easement for the waterline and only the bridge is in question.

Councilwoman Burrow asked if the residents will be notified. Mr. Hunt stated yes.

RESOLUTION 2024-110 SHADY LANE CLOSURE: Motion by Barbara Burrow, seconded by Greg Casey to approve the closure of Shady Lane between Bridge Street and Wren Circle, to address safety concerns and allow for necessary repairs of the bridge and adjacent water/sewer lines. All four voting “Aye”, motion passed.

- 9) DISCUSSION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE GATESVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING SECTION 18-7A; SCHOOL ZONES; DESIGNATING SCHOOL ZONES; ESTABLISHING THE PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT; AMENDING EFFECTIVE TIME PERIODS; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF A FINE NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED (\$200.00) DOLLARS FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (3RD READING OF ORDINANCE 2024-10) (Brad Hunt)

ORDINANCE 2024-10 –03 SCHOOL ZONE AMENDMENT: Motion by Greg Casey, seconded by Aaron Smith to approve Ordinance 2024-10 adopting and designating school zones, Chapter 54, Section 6, of the City of Gatesville Code of Ordinances on the third and final reading. All four voting “Aye”, motion passed.

- 10) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH G2 GENERAL CONTRACTORS FOR REMEDIATION SERVICES OF THE GATESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY. (Mike Halsema)

Mayor Pro-Tem Rainer asked if the quote included the removal, the cleaning, and the replacement back into the library. Mr. Halsema stated the quote is only for the removal, cleaning, and storage during the remediation.

Councilwoman Burrow asked how long the storage containers would be stored at the library. Mr. Halsema stated the remediation process takes five business days; however, the removal of items will take a few weeks. Once the remediation is done, Staff will bring back a second proposal to remodel and repair.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rainer asked if the proposal included putting everything back. Councilman Casey stated it costs \$50,000 to break it down and remove and will probably cost an additional \$50,000 to reassemble and put everything back. Mr. Halsema stated he is not sure of the cost for the reassemble and replacement, but the assessment is most likely correct.

Councilwoman Burrow asked why the project is piecemealed. Councilman Casey agreed. Most proposals include removal and replacement. Mr. Halsema stated the contractor did not want to give a quote until they fully understood the scope of the work with the drywall and paint.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rainer asked if any of this is covered by insurance. Mr. Hunt stated he is working with the city attorney to arbitrate TML’s decision and FEMA has visited the site too. Hopefully, the City will get appropriately reimbursed. Mr. Hunt also addressed the question about the split of services. Remediation and rehabilitation are considered two separate projects.

Councilwoman Burrow clarified that cleaning the shelves is part of the remediation. Mr. Hunt stated yes.

Mr. Halsema continued to state once G2 is finished with the remediation, they will give the City a quote for the rehabilitation.

Councilwoman Burrow asked who the project manager was. Mr. Hunt stated himself, Mr. Halsema, Shea Harp, and Miguel Gamez.

Councilman Casey stated he used to do this type of work and has used the same program to give quotes, and it usually includes remove and replace in the quote. The program figures in the square footage and what needs to be replaced and the quote can be modified as needed during the job.

RESOLUTION 2024-111 G2 GENERAL CONTRACTORS: Motion by Barbara Burrow, seconded by Aaron Smith to approve the City Manager to execute contract, pending legal review with G2 General Contractors for library remediation services not to exceed \$55,229.90. All four voting “Aye”, motion passed.

11) City Manager Report:

City Manager, Brad Hunt gave a presentation on the ongoing projects and initiatives with the City of Gatesville (the presentation was made part of the permanent record of the Council Book).

Councilwoman Burrow asked about the infrastructure below the streets during the presentation covering the paving projects. Mr. Hunt stated if public works are only milling and overlaying (i.e. removing the top layer of asphalt from a road and replacing it with a new layer), then staff do not have to worry about the pipes 2-ft. down.

Councilwoman Burrow expressed concern about fixing the top now, only to break it up later to fix what is below which seems like double the work. Mr. Hunt agreed but explained that \$6,000 will overlay one city block and make the road drivable which is more financially feasible at this time.

Councilwoman Burrow asked about commercial brush drop off. Mr. Hunt clarified that the drop off service is for Gatesville residents only.

Councilwoman Burrow asked if code enforcement also addresses commercial property. Mr. Hunt stated yes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rainer asked why the drawing competition is limited to the high school regarding the new logo ideas. Mr. Hunt stated the high school has an art department to facilitate the level of artwork needed for the re-brand.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rainer requested Mr. Hunt to elaborate more on the building owned by the City and located next door. Mr. Hunt explained that staff had planned to have the library move into the space next door, but before that move, staff had the space tested for mold too. The space has high levels of mold and is not habitable.

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City Council entered Executive Session at 7:36 p.m.

13) END EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING-----

City Council reconvened at 7:54 p.m.

14) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RESULTING FROM DELIBERATIONS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

There was no discussion and no action taken.

15) ADJOURN MEETING

City Council adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

ATTEST:

Holly Owens
City Secretary

APPROVED:

Gary M. Chumley
Mayor