



**MINUTES**

**CITY OF GAINESVILLE**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

July 01, 2025

06:30 PM

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 200 SOUTH RUSK, GAINESVILLE, TEXAS

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session July 1, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. with the following persons in attendance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Tommy Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Mary Jo Dollar, Dakota Nichols, Randy Jones, Gary Sutton, Jeff Johnson.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Barry Sullivan, City Manager; Diana Loch, City Secretary; Diane Johns, GEDC Administrative Officer; JI Johnson, Finance Director; Kevin Phillips, Police Chief; Leah Gore, HR Director; Matt Edington, Fire Captain; Mike Doughty, Community Development Director; Paulina Schutt-Swiatkowski, Communication and Outreach Director; Polly Boone, General Services; Director; Tim Stanley, Code Compliance Officer; Wayne Twiner, Fire Chief; Tony Dresser (Videographer).

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Alice Clark, Alondra Perez, Anna Beall, Amy Hamilton, Angel Madrid, Barbara Bloom, Barbara Johnson, Beth Sharp, Bob Bloom, Brooke West, Carolyn Hendricks, Chad Sieger, Chris Hamilton, Christy Thurman, Delania Raney, Deloris Harrison, Dianne Johnson, Florence Islas, Girdie Calhoun, James Hughes, James C Lewis, Jasmin Jones, Jerry Henderson, Jim Goldsworthy, Jodi Nixon, Kathi Huserau, Kathy Quinn, Kelly Cain, Ken Keeler, Lauri Johnson, Laverne Harrison, Lucy Sutton, Mary Fay Jackson, Mary Onugha, Melissa Henderson, Pam Johnson, Patty Haayen, Ray Nichols, Reese Evans, Rod Tyler, Ryleigh Nixon, Scotty Thurman, Sharon Fugett, Shanna Kramer, Stephanie Lawson, Stephen A. Sharp, Tavia Evans, Teresa James, Teri James, Tim Brewer, Trey Schalk.

**2. INVOCATION**

City Manager Barry Sullivan gave the invocation.

**3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Tommy Moore led the pledge to the flag.

**4. RECOGNITIONS/ PROCLAMATIONS**

**5. REPORTS**

**6. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Kathi Husereau came forward to speak in favor of Linda Lewis.  
Mary Jackson came forward to speak in favor of Linda Lewis.  
Rod Tyler came forward to discuss the ruling of the 621 Culberson fence.  
Pam Johnson came forward to speak in favor of Linda Lewis.  
Chad Sieger came forward to discuss his disapproval of the code enforcement letters he received.  
Stephanie Lawson came forward to speak in favor of Linda Lewis.  
Teresa James came forward to speak in favor of Linda Lewis.  
Trey Schalk came forward to discuss appointing the election runner-up to fill the vacancy.  
Mary Onugha came forward to speak in favor of Linda Lewis.  
Lucy Sutton came forward to speak in favor of Linda Lewis.  
Laverne Harrison came forward to speak in favor of Linda Lewis.  
Shanna Kramer came forward to discuss her concerns regarding Aaron Smith.  
Alice Clark came forward to speak in favor of Linda Lewis.  
James Hughes came forward to speak in favor of Linda Lewis.  
Dianne Johnson came forward to speak in favor of Linda Lewis.  
Brooke West came forward to discuss her concerns regarding Aaron Smith.  
Carolyn Hendricks came forward to speak in favor of Linda Lewis.

## **7. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approve Minutes of the June 17, 2025 City Council Meeting
- b. Consideration of and action on a resolution making an appointment to the Airport Board for the City of Gainesville, Texas.
- c. Consideration of and action on a resolution of the City Council of The City of Gainesville, Texas approving the actions of the Gainesville Economic Development Corporation, which voted to approve the ARLOS proposal to repair the roof at 2600 Airport Drive and related budget amendment.
- d. Consideration of and action on a resolution making an appointment to the Gainesville Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors of the City of Gainesville, Texas.
- e. Consideration of and action on a resolution approving appointments to the Building and Standards Commission.

Councilmember Sutton moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Johnson and carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent, and 1 Vacancy.

## **8. ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Public hearing on an ordinance granting the petition filed by John Schmitz on behalf of Camp Howze Land Development, LLC, requesting annexation of approximately 61.0882 acres generally located at FM 1202 and County Road 444 in Cooke County, Texas; and extending the boundary limits of the city so as to include the described property within the city limits; and granting to all the inhabitants of the property all the rights and privileges of other citizens and binding the inhabitants by all of the ordinances, resolutions, acts and regulations of the city; zoning the property as Industrial (I); extending the boundaries of the Gateway Industrial Park Building Height Overlay District to include the annexed property; providing instructions for filing this ordinance and for correcting the official map and boundaries of the city and amending the zoning map; providing severability and cumulative clauses; and providing an effective date.

Mayor Tommy Moore opened the public hearing at 7:13 p.m. and called for public comment.

No citizen came forward to speak on behalf of the item.

Councilmember Dollar moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Jones, the motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent, and 1 Vacancy.

The public hearing was closed at 7:14 p.m.

- b. Public hearing on an ordinance granting the petition filed by the City of Gainesville, requesting annexation of approximately 83.2075 acres generally located at FM 1202 and County Road 444 in Cooke County, Texas; and extending the boundary limits of the city so as to include the described

property within the city limits; and granting to all the inhabitants of the property all the rights and privileges of other citizens and binding the inhabitants by all of the ordinances, resolutions, acts and regulations of the city; zoning the property as Industrial (I); extending the boundaries of the Gateway Industrial Park Building Height Overlay District to include the annexed property; providing instructions for filing this ordinance and for correcting the official map and boundaries of the city and amending the zoning map; providing severability and cumulative clauses; and providing an effective date.

Mayor Tommy Moore opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. and called for public comment.

No citizen came forward to speak on behalf of the item.

Councilmember Sutton moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent, and 1 Vacancy.

The public hearing was closed at 7:16 p.m.

- c. Consideration of and action on a resolution of the City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Municipal Services Agreement with Camp Howze Development Partners LLC for the provision of municipal services to property subject to voluntary annexation; and providing an effective date.

Councilmember Nichols moved to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dollar and carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent, and 1 Vacancy.

- d. Consideration of and action on an ordinance granting the petition filed by John Schmitz on behalf of Camp Howze Land Development, LLC, requesting annexation of approximately 61.0882 acres generally located at FM 1202 and County Road 444 in Cooke County, Texas; and extending the boundary limits of the city so as to include the described property within the city limits; and granting to all the inhabitants of the property all the rights and privileges of other citizens and binding the inhabitants by all of the ordinances, resolutions, acts and regulations of the city; zoning the property as Industrial (I); extending the boundaries of the Gateway Industrial Park Building Height Overlay District to include the annexed property; providing instructions for filing this ordinance and for correcting the official map and boundaries of the city and amending the zoning map; providing severability and cumulative clauses; and providing an effective date.

Councilmember Dollar moved to SUSPEND THE CHARTER. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Johnson and carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent, and 1 Vacancy.

Councilmember Dollar moved to approve the Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutton and carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent, and 1 Vacancy.

- e. An ordinance granting the petition filed by the City of Gainesville, requesting annexation of approximately 83.2075 acres generally located at FM 1202 and County Road 444 in Cooke County, Texas; and extending the boundary limits of the city so as to include the described property within the city limits; and granting to all the inhabitants of the property all the rights and privileges of other citizens and binding the inhabitants by all of the ordinances, resolutions, acts and regulations of the city; zoning the property as Industrial (I); extending the boundaries of the Gateway Industrial Park Building Height Overlay District to include the annexed property; providing instructions for filing this ordinance and for correcting the official map and boundaries of the city and amending the zoning map; providing severability and cumulative clauses; and providing an effective date.

Councilmember Johnson moved to SUSPEND THE CHARTER. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent, and 1 Vacancy.

Councilmember Dollar moved to approve the Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutton and carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent, and 1 Vacancy.

f. Consideration of and action on a resolution appointing Aaron Smith for Ward 1 on the Gainesville City Council; said appointee to hold office until the Special Election of City Officers on May 2, 2026.

Councilmember Dollar moved to disapprove the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nichols with a vote of 3 Ayes, 3 Nays (Sutton, Jones, Johnson), 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent, and 1 Vacancy. The motion failed.

g. Consideration of and action on a resolution appointing Linda Lewis for Ward 1 on the Gainesville City Council; said appointee to hold office until the Special Election of City Officers on May 2, 2026.

Councilmember Nichols moved to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dollar with a vote of 3 Ayes, 3 Nays (Sutton, Jones, Johnson), 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent, and 1 Vacancy. The motion failed.

h. Executive Session

Adjourn into closed or executive session in compliance with Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, Government Code, Chapter 551 (Open Meetings Act), to discuss the following:

Under Government Code §551.074 Personnel – Police Chief

At 7:31 p.m. Mayor Tommy Moore announced that Council would convene into Executive Session in compliance with Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, Government Code, Chapter 551 (Open Meetings Act).

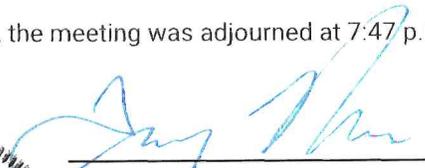
Council reconvened into open session at 7:47 p.m. and Mayor Tommy Moore announced no action was taken during executive session.

9. ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

  
DIANA ALCALA, CITY SECRETARY



  
TOMMY MOORE, MAYOR