



**MINUTES**

**CITY OF GAINESVILLE**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

August 05, 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 August 5, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. with the following persons in attendance.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Barry Sullivan, City Manager; Diana Loch, City Secretary; Tad Dunn, City Attorney; Chris Cypert, Municipal Court Judge; Jennifer Shumate, Chamber of Commerce President; JI Johnson, Finance Director; Kevin Phillips, Police Chief; Paulina Schutt-Swiatkowski, Communication and Outreach Director; Susan Kleven, Zoo Director; Tamara Sieger, Administrative Assistant/EM Officer; Thomas Hamilton, Police Officer; Wayne Twiner, Fire Chief; Tony Dresser (Videographer).

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Alanna Williams, Amy Hamilton, Angel Madrid, Anna Beall, Beth Sharp, BJ Brewer, Chris Hamilton, Chris McIntosh, Christi Perry, David Jones, David Kleven, Delania Raney, Deloris Harrison, Dennis Noblett, Dianne Johnson, Elaine McHorse, Florence Islas, Gabrielle Fletcher, Georgia Evans, Gertie Calhoun, Ginger Johnson, Guy George, James C Lewis, Jill Gregory, Joe Conner, Judy Glipson, Lewis Family, Lynette Pettigrew, Pam Johnson, Paola Vazquez, Parker Jones, Reese Evans, Rod Tyler, Sarah Boland, Sue Jackson, Suzanne Canon, Tavia Josey, Tiffany Kroeger, Tim Leach.

2. **INVOCATION**

Chaplain Dennis Noblett from the Home Hospice of Cooke County gave the invocation.

3. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Tommy Moore led the pledge to the flag.

4. **OATH OF OFFICE TO APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

Municipal Judge Chris Cypert administered the oath of office to Linda Lewis, Council Member Ward 1.

5. **RECOGNITIONS/ PROCLAMATIONS**

6. **REPORTS**

- a. Report on Downtown Parking Study - Chief Phillips

- b. Tavia Josey - Ripples HOT Funds Request
- c. David Jones - Blues & Tattoos Festival HOT Funds Request
- d. Jennifer Shumate - Chamber of Commerce HOT Funds Request
- e. Suzanne Canon - Downtown Gainesville Alliance HOT Funds Request
- f. Susan Kleven - Frank Buck Zoological Society HOT Funds Request
- g. David Jones - State Theater HOT Funds Request
- h. Lynette Scruggs - Historic South Gainesville Neighborhood Association HOT Funds Request
- i. Chris McIntosh - North Texas Wine Association Wine Trail HOT Funds Request
- j. Gabrielle Fletcher - Cooke County Arts Council HOT Funds Request
- k. Guy George - Butterfield Stage HOT Funds Request
- l. Chris McIntosh - North Texas Wine Association Wine and Country Festival HOT Funds Request
- m. Beth Sharp - Cooke County Heritage Society and Morton Museum HOT Funds Request
- n. Lynette Pettigrew - Medal of Honor HOT Funds Request
- o. Paulina Schutt-Swiatkowski - Communication & Outreach HOT Funds Request

7. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Ginger Johnson came forward to discuss and request funding for a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner for Abigail's Arms.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approve Minutes of the July 15, 2025 City Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the July 19, 2025 Budget Workshop Meeting.
- c. Consideration of and action on a resolution authorizing the City of Gainesville, Texas to accept a donation of an approximate 0.1439-acre tract identified as Cooke CAD property ID 6297, commonly known as 611 Belcher, Gainesville, TX, being a portion block 140 of the Gainesville Addition, from Smokin S Properties, LLC, and authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents necessary to transfer ownership.
- d. 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 authorized the Board President to execute a severance agreement between the Gainesville Economic Development Corporation and William Myers.
- e. Consideration of and action on a resolution of the City of Gainesville, Texas authorizing the City Manager to sign the participation form for the Opioid Settlement Agreement with Purdue Pharma L.P. and the Sackler Family.

Councilmember Dollar moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent.

9. **ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Consideration and action on a Proposed Tax Rate for the City of Gainesville for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.  

Councilmember Dollar made a motion to consider a tax rate of 57.3779 cents per \$100 of property value for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutton and carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent.
- b. Consideration of and action on scheduling public hearing dates for the proposed 2025-2026 Tax Rate.  

Councilmember Sutton made a motion to schedule the public hearing on the proposed 2025-2026 tax rate for September 16, 2025 at Gainesville City Hall, 200 South Rusk Street at 6:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Johnson and carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent.
- c. Consideration of and action on scheduling the public hearing date for the proposed 2025-2026 Budget.

Councilmember Sutton made a motion to schedule the public hearing on the proposed 2025-2026 proposed Budget for September 16, 2025 at Gainesville City Hall, 200 South Rusk Street at 6:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent.

- d. Consideration of and action on a resolution of the City of Gainesville adopting the Cooke County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Action Plan.

Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lewis and carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent.

- e. 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 lease agreement with JC Millwork, Inc. for approximately 10 acres located at 2600 Airport Drive; authorizing the President to execute said lease agreement and any and all related documents; and providing for an effective date.

Councilmember Nichols moved to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutton and carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent.

- f. 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 §551.071 - Attorney-Client Matters: Rufina Garcia v. City of Gainesville, Texas 4:24-cv-00735-ALM; Haley Hall v. Daniel Harp 4:24-cv-00741; Bethany Kaley Farber v. City of Gainesville 4:23-cv-552-ALM-KPJ; Lauren Trevino vs. City of Gainesville, Texas cv25-00031

Under Government Code §551.072 - Real Property

At 7:34 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).

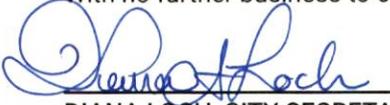
Council reconvened into open session at 8:15 p.m. and Mayor Tommy Moore announced no action was taken during executive session.

- g. Consideration of and action on a resolution of the City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas authorizing the City Manager to sign a Settlement Agreement with Rufina Garcia.

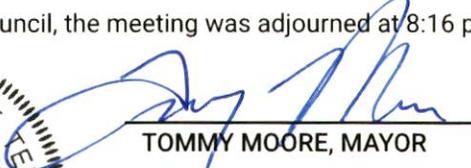
Councilmember Dollar moved to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutton and carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent.

10. **ADJOURN**

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

  
DIANA LOCH, CITY SECRETARY



  
TOMMY MOORE, MAYOR

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