



**MINUTES**

**CITY OF GAINESVILLE**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

October 21, 2025

6:30 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 on October 21, 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; Dusty Luton, Cemetery Sexton; JI Johnson, Finance Director; Kevin Phillips, Police Chief; Paulina Schutt-Swiatkowski, Communication and Outreach Director; Polly Boone, Solid Waste Director; Thomas Hamilton, Police Officer; Wayne Twiner, Fire Chief.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Alanna Williams, Anna Beall, Chris Hamilton, David Jones, Delania Raney, Dianne Johnson, Elaine McHorse, James Lewis, Jasmine Jones, Jeneice Brown, Jayden Stringfellow (Videographer), Jimi Walk, Joe Conner, Martin Phillips, Michelle Seegers, Mike Gordon, Randy Firth, Reese Evans, Rod Tyler, Tavia Evans, Tim Brewer, William Carter.

**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**

Tavia Evans came forward to discuss the closure of Denton Street for an event.  
Martin Phillips came forward to discuss the closure of Denton Street for an event.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approve Minutes of the October 7, 2025 City Council meeting.
- b. 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 authorize the dissolution of the Business Incentive Agreement with Thirty-Five and Liberty, LLC.

Councilmember Sutton moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by

Councilmember Dollar and carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent.

8. **ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Consideration of and action on a resolution of the City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas authorizing the City Manager to sign a proposal with Siddons Martin Emergency Group, LLC to secure the contract price for the purchase of a new brush truck for the Gainesville Fire Department; and providing an effective date.

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

- b. Consideration of and action on a resolution of the City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas authorizing the City Manager to sign a proposal with Siddons Martin Emergency Group, LLC to secure the contract price for a new ladder truck for the Gainesville Fire Department; and providing an effective date.

Councilmember Sutton 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.

- c. A resolution authorizing the Gainesville Police Department to participate in the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) program and request controlled property if needed.

Councilmember Jones 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.

- d. Consideration of and action on a resolution of the City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas, authorizing the purchase of two (2) 2026 Wilkens Steel & Post Open Top Walking Floor Trailer for the General Services Department/Solid Waste Division.

Councilmember Sutton moved to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nichols 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 authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2027 Mack Haul Truck for the General Services Department/Solid Waste Division.

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.

- f. Consideration of and action on a resolution of the City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas, providing a tax exemption for the Summit at Lexington Square Apartment Complex.

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

- g. Consideration of and action on a resolution of the City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas, appointing a "Save the Train" Liaison; and providing an effective date.

Councilmember Lewis 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.

- h. Consideration of and action on a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with each of the agencies receiving Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax pursuant to Chapter 351 of the Tax Code; appropriating certain amounts from said Hotel/Motel Fund; and authorizing payment on the terms and conditions contained therein.

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

- i. Consideration of and action on a resolution of the City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas awarding Bid No. 2025-15 for the Cemetery Shop and Equipment Storage Building Construction.

Councilmember Moore moved to disapprove the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dollar and carried by vote of 4 Ayes, 3 Nays (Johnson, Jones, Sutton), 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent.

- j. Consideration of and action on an ordinance amending appropriations for the support, maintenance, buildings and improvements for the Fiscal Year from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; providing an effective date; and making an open meeting finding.

**City of Gainesville – Taxpayer Impact Statement**

*(For inclusion with budget adoption notices per HB 1522, effective September 1, 2025)*

The following information is provided to give Gainesville taxpayers a clear comparison of how the proposed FY 2025–2026 budget will affect property taxes on the **median-valued homestead**.

- **Median home value (2025 certified roll):** \$180,000
- **Last year's adopted tax rate:** \$0.535700 per \$100 valuation
- **No-New-Revenue (NNR) tax rate (2025-2026):** \$0.515430 per \$100 valuation
- **Proposed tax rate (FY 2025–2026):** \$0.573779 per \$100 valuation

**Comparison of Property Tax Bills**

*(for a median-valued Gainesville homestead)*

**Scenario Tax Rate Estimated Annual Tax Bill**

Current Fiscal Year (FY 2024–2025) \$0.535700 \$964.26

Proposed FY 2025–2026 Budget \$0.573779 \$1,032.80

Balanced Budget at No-New-Revenue Tax Rate \$0.515430 \$927.77

**Explanation**

- If the **proposed budget is adopted**, the average homeowner with a median-valued property of \$180,000 would pay about **\$68.54 more** in property taxes compared to the current year.
- If the City adopted a **no-new-revenue budget**, that same homeowner would see a **\$36.49 decrease** compared to the current year.

Councilmember Dollar moved to SUSPEND THE CHARTER. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nichols and carried by vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent.

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

**9. CITY COUNCIL ADJOURN**

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

**10. TIRZ BOARD AGENDA**

*Pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, notice is hereby given of a Regular Meeting of the Reinvestment Zone No. 2, City of Gainesville Board to be held on October 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gainesville Municipal Building, 200 South Rusk, Gainesville, Texas, at which time the following will be discussed and considered:*

*Welcome to the Reinvestment Zone No. 2 Meeting. Please sign the Sign-In-Sheet as a record of attendance. If you wish to speak on an open-session agenda item, please fill out the Opinion/Speaker Registration Form and turn it in to the City Secretary before the meeting starts.*

**CALL TO ORDER REGULAR TIRZ NO. 2 MEETING** *[Chairman will call the meeting to order, establish a quorum if present; and declare notices legally posted pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. During the course of the meeting, members of the audience wishing to speak must be recognized by the Presiding Officer.]*

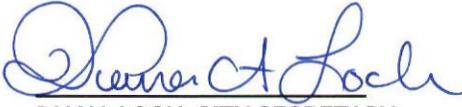
**CITIZEN COMMENTS** *[The Reinvestment Zone No. 2 invites citizens to speak to the board on topics not already scheduled for public hearing or on the agenda. Citizens may address the board for a maximum of two minutes. Citizens comments shall be made from the podium. Please state your name and address for the record. The board is unable to respond to or discuss any issues that are brought up during this section that are not on the agenda, other than to make statements of specific factual information in response to a citizen's inquiry or to recite existing policy in response to the inquiry.]*

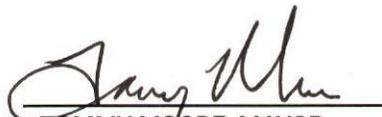
- a. Discuss, consider, and possibly take action on a resolution approving TIRZ #2 - Certification of Costs No. 2 - Draw #Q3, 2025

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

11. ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

  
DIANA LOCH, CITY SECRETARY

  
TOMMY MOORE, MAYOR

