



**MINUTES**

**CITY OF GAINESVILLE**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

December 02, 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 December 02, 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.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jeff Johnson.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Barry Sullivan, City Manager; Diana Loch, City Secretary; Dusty Luton, Cemetery Sexton; JI Johnson, Finance Director; Kevin Phillips, Police Chief; Mike Doughty, Community Development Director; Paulina Schutt-Swiatkowski, Communication and Outreach Director; Susan Thomas, City Attorney; Thomas Hamilton, Police Officer.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Angie Hare, Anna Beall, David Jones, Delania Raney, Elaine McHorse, Ernest Lineberger, Forrest Head, James C. Lewis, Jasmine Jones, Jayden Stringfellow (Videographer), John Hare, Martin Phillips, Matthew Dickson, Mike Gordon, Parker Jones, Robin Brown, Rod Tyler, Stephanie Richardson, Tim Brewer, Trey Schalk.

**2. INVOCATION**

John Hare 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**

Ernest Lineberger came forward to introduce himself and show his appreciation for Gainesville elected officials.

Trey Schalk came forward to discuss the City Charter amendments.

David Jones came forward to discuss the City Charter amendments.

Matthew Dickson came forward to introduce himself and show his interest in the GEDC board.

Martin Phillips came forward to discuss the GEDC board.

Rod Tyler came forward to discuss the City Charter amendments.

Elaine McHorse came forward to discuss the City Charter amendments.

Robin Brown came forward to discuss the City Charter amendments.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approve Minutes of the November 18, 2025 City Council Workshop.
- b. Approve Minutes of the November 18, 2025 City Council Meeting.

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

**8. ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Discussion on amendments to the City's Charter to be submitted to voters at the May 2026 Election.

City Attorney Susan Thomas presented an update on proposed amendments for the Charter. City Manager Barry Sullivan discussed the financial impact of the Cemetery Fund Charter Amendment.

- b. Consideration of and action on adding amendments to the slate of proposed amendments to the City's Charter to be submitted to voters at the May 2026 Election.

Mayor Tommy Moore moved to establish a committee for Charter Amendments. The motion did not receive a second and failed.

Councilmember Jones moved to proceed with including the Charter Amendment changing the May Elections to November to the slate of proposed amendments. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutton and carried by vote of 4 Ayes, 2 Nays (Dollar, Moore), 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent.

Council agreed to move the Cemetery Fund Amendment to the slate of proposed amendments with the request to remove Section D of the drafted amendment.

Council agreed to move the amendment proposing a charter review every 10 years with a 2 year waiting period to the slate of proposed amendments, replacing the original proposal that was moved to the slate at the previous meeting.

Council agreed to move term limits to the slate of proposed amendments. The term limits have been proposed for four consecutive regular terms of office with stipulations including vacating counting as a term if you are in position for more than 50% of the term. After the term limit, a candidate must sit out a term and will be eligible to return. Final draft of this proposed change will return to the Council at the following meeting.

Council agreed to move clarification on the Mayor making motions during Council Meetings.

Councilmember Nichols submitted a list of proposed changes. After discussion, it was agreed that staff will review proposals to see if some can be established as a City Ordinance or Policy.

Council agreed they wanted to bring back a proposal for requiring a Charter Review Committee as part of the future required Charter reviews. City Attorney Susan Thomas stated she would draft language for a formal vote at the next meeting.

- c. Consideration of and action on a Resolution authorizing the purchase of three (3) police patrol vehicles from Dodge City of McKinney through a BuyBoard purchasing contract.

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

- d. Consideration of and action on a resolution of the City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas, directing publication of Notice of Intention to issue up to \$2,270,000 in Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation to fund street and utility system improvements; and resolving other matters relating to the subject.

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

- e. Consideration of and action on a resolution making appointments to the Gainesville Economic

Development Corporation Board of Directors of the City of Gainesville, Texas.

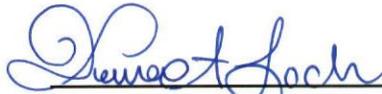
Councilmember Sutton moved to approve the Resolution with the appointment of Matthew Dickson. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent.

- f. Consideration of and action on a resolution of the City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas, authorizing the placement of a Historical Marker at Georgia Bass Park regarding Civil War Dissent in North Texas.

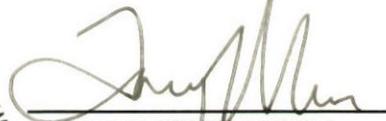
Councilmember Dollar moved to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lewis and carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent.

9. **ADJOURN**

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.

  
DIANA LOCH, CITY SECRETARY



  
TOMMY MOORE, MAYOR

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