



MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 23, 2026
TO: The Honorable Mayor Moore and Council Members
FROM: Barry Sullivan, City Manager
SUBJECT: Friday Staff Report

Upcoming Meetings

- Parks Board Meeting **Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** at the Civic Center.
- City Council Meeting **Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.** at City Hall.
- City Council Streets Workshop **Saturday, February 14, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.** at the Civic Center.
- City Council Meeting **Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.** at City Hall.

Events

- Candidate filing period for Ward 1 (Special Election), Ward 3, Ward 5, Ward 6, and Municipal Judge is January 14 to February 13.
- The Leach Street Zipper Demonstration, originally scheduled for Thursday, January 22, has been postponed due to weather conditions. The demonstration is now anticipated to occur during the first week of February, weather permitting.
- Captain Bryan Beaudin's Retirement Reception will take place Monday, February 2, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at the Gainesville Civic Center.
- The 104th Annual Chamber Meeting & Awards Banquet will take place on Friday, January 30, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Gainesville Civic Center.
- Ballot Drawing for Election Candidates will take place on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at the City Hall Conference Room.

General Information & Status Updates

- The Transfer Station has begun winter hours and remain closed on Saturdays until April 11.
- Applications for a GEDC Board Member are being received until Wednesday, January 28, 2026.
- Installation of the new AWOS at the airport has been completed, and the system is now fully commissioned by the FAA.
- Dirt work at the Keneteso fields has been completed and the trees that fell into the Keneteso pond have been removed.
- Paperwork has been initiated for grant funding through Texas Parks and Wildlife for a pond renovation project.
- Effective January 26, 2026, the Gainesville Fire Department will transition to the Modified 24 hour - 1-3;2-3 schedule (24 hours on/72 hours off, 48 hours on/72 hours off) for a one-year trial period in order to retain and recruit qualified fire personnel.



Winter Storm January 2026

- City staff winterized vehicles, equipment, and facilities.
- Gainesville coordinated with other entities including Cooke County, North Central Texas College, North Texas Medical Center, and Gainesville Independent School District (GISD) to deal with the weather.
- GISD agreed to house state military assets, which will help with the needs of the surrounding area during the weather event.
- Trucks have been prepared to sand. We expect sanding to start tonight once icing begins.
- Extra fire and police personnel have been assigned to shifts over the next three days to decrease response times.
- Gainesville has been providing information on the weather event, promoting Code Red, and giving tips on how to deal with the weather.