



MINUTES

CITY OF GAINESVILLE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 06, 2026

6:30 PM

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 200 SOUTH RUSK, GAINESVILLE, TEXAS

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in regular session January 6, 2026 at 6:30 PM with the following persons in attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Tommy Moore, Linda Lewis, Dakota Nichols, Randy Jones, Gary Sutton.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Mary Jo Dollar, Jeff Johnson.

STAFF PRESENT: Barry Sullivan, City Manager; Diana Loch, City Secretary; Chris Garner, Police Captain; JI Johnson, Finance Director; Mike Doughty, Community Development Director; Paulina Schutt-Swiatkowski, Communication and Outreach Director; Susan Kleven, Zoo Director; Thomas Hamilton, Police Officer; Tony Dresser (Videographer).

OTHERS PRESENT: Alice Woods, Anna Beall, Chris Hamilton, David Kleven, Delania Raney, James C Lewis, Jasmine Jones, Lynette Pettigrew, Martin Phillips, Mike Gordon, Nancy Brannon, Rod Tyler, Tavia Josey, Tim Brewer.

2. INVOCATION

Mayor Tommy Moore 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

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of the December 16, 2025 City Council meeting.
- b. Consideration of and action on a resolution authorizing the Mayor, for and on behalf of the City of Gainesville, to execute assignment and assumption of the Executive Ground Lease at the Gainesville Municipal Airport from Equity Trust Company Custodian FBO William K. Goeken IRA to Steve Deck.

Councilmember Jones moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nichols and carried by vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 2 Absent.

8. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Consideration of and action on a resolution of the City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas, approving the Federal Grant Procurement Policy, attached as Exhibit A; providing for a repealing clause; and establishing an effective date.

Councilmember Sutton moved to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lewis and carried by vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 2 Absent.

- b. Consideration of and action on a resolution supporting the Gainesville Trails Affordable Housing Development; authorizing a de minimis local funding commitment in the form of a fee waiver; and providing an effective date.

Councilmember Jones moved to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutton and carried by vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 2 Absent.

- c. Consideration of and action on a resolution of the City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas, authorizing the City to expand the Frank Buck Zoo's animal habitats onto the adjacent I-35 property located south of the Zoo.

Councilmember Sutton moved to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lewis and carried by vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 2 Absent.

- d. Consideration of and action on a resolution of the City Council of the City of Gainesville, authorizing the creation of a Charter Review Commission for the City of Gainesville, Texas; establishing the purpose, scope, and duties of the commission; providing for appointment of members; and providing an effective date.

Councilmember Sutton moved to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nichols and carried by vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 2 Absent.

- e. 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 §551.072 - Real Property

At 6:54 PM 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 7:21 PM and Mayor Tommy Moore announced no action was taken during executive session.

- f. Consideration of and action on a resolution authorizing the City of Gainesville, Texas to accept a donation of an approximate 28-acre tract identified as a portion of Cooke CAD Property ID 1781, Gainesville, Texas, from Jesse Cason, and authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents necessary to transfer ownership.

Councilmember Jones moved to approve the Resolution, with approval contingent upon the donor's attorney and the City Attorney agreeing to the contract language. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutton and carried by vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 2 Absent.

- g. Consideration of and action on a resolution of the City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas, nominating a candidate to fill a vacancy on the Cooke County Appraisal District Board of Directors for the 2026–2027 term; and providing an effective date.

Councilmember Sutton moved to table the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried by vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 2 Absent.

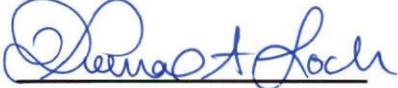
- h. Consideration of and action on a resolution of the City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas, authorizing a funding commitment and support for the Gainesville, Texas Heartland Flyer Corridor Grade Crossing Investment Program; authorizing the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation under the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Rail (FSP) Grant

Program; committing local matching funds; and providing an effective date.

Councilmember Sutton moved to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried by vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 2 Absent.

9. **ADJOURN**

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


DIANA LOCH, CITY SECRETARY




TOMMY MOORE, MAYOR



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