



MINUTES

CITY OF GAINESVILLE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 20, 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 20, 2026 at 6:30 PM 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: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Barry Sullivan, City Manager; Diana Loch, City Secretary; Arleene Loyd, GEDC Director; JI Johnson, Finance Director; Kevin Phillips, Police Chief; Mike Doughty, Community Development Director; Paulina Schutt-Swiatkowski, Communication and Outreach Director; Susan Thomas, City Attorney; Tony Dresser (Videographer).

OTHERS PRESENT: Allen Raport, Angel Gonzalez, Anna Beall, Brenda Stagg, Chris Hamilton, Delania Raney, Derrick Lumpkin, Forrest Head, James C. Lewis, Jasmine Jones, Marc Calabrese, Mark Menchaca, Martin Phillips, Matt Carlson, Matthew Dickson, Michael Schmitz, Mike Gordon, Nathan Boyd, Rod Tyler, Sean Norton, Shelley Barthold, Teri James, Tim Brewer.

2. INVOCATION

Nathan Boyd from the Commerce Street Church of Christ gave the invocation.

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Tommy Moore led the pledge to the flag.

4. RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

5. REPORTS

a. Annual Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update.

Public Works Director Allen McDonald gave the annual Water and Wastewater Master Plan update.

b. Comprehensive Water and Wastewater Plan Update.

Jack Earney from Kimley Horn gave the Comprehensive Water and Wastewater Plan update.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Rod Tyler came forward to speak about his concerns about water leak detection.

Marc Calabrese came forward to request support for a mobile shower facility to serve the community.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approve Minutes of the January 6, 2026 City Council meeting.
- b. Consideration of and action on a resolution of the City Council of the City of Gainesville declaring a vacancy on the City Council.
- c. Consideration of and action on a resolution of the City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas, appointing a City Council Liaison to the Parking Committee.

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

8. **ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Public hearing on the proposed Guiding Gainesville 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Tommy Moore opened the public hearing at 7:04 PM and called for public comment.

No citizen came forward to speak on behalf of the item.

Councilmember Dollar moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Sutton, the motion carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent, 1 Vacancy.

The public hearing was closed at 7:05 PM

- b. Consideration of and action on an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas, adopting the Guiding Gainesville 2040 Comprehensive Plan; providing findings; providing for implementation and use; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

Councilmember Sutton moved to SUSPEND THE CHARTER. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lewis and carried by vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent, 1 Vacancy.

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

- c. Discussion on amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Section 2-7 (E) Purchasing Policies and Procedures; related to purchases from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Council discussed amending the Purchasing Policy to fully align with state procurement law by increasing both the sealed bid and City Council approval thresholds to \$100,000.

- d. Consideration of and action on a resolution of the City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas, concurring with the Texas Department of Transportation's recommendation to temporarily reduce the speed limit on FM 51 during a TxDOT construction project; authorizing the mayor or designee to execute a letter of concurrence; and providing an effective date.

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, 0 Absent, 1 Vacancy.

- 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 §551.074 Personnel Matters - Gainesville Economic Development Corporation Director

At 7:23 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 7:34 PM and Mayor Tommy Moore announced no action was taken during executive session.

- f. Consideration of and action on a resolution approving actions of the Gainesville Economic Development Corporation of the City of Gainesville, which voted to approve an employment agreement for the GEDC Executive Director position.

Matt Carlson came forward to introduce himself and express excitement for the position of GEDC Director.

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

9. **CITY COUNCIL ADJOURN**

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

10. **TIRZ BOARD AGENDA**

The Reinvestment Zone No. 2 City of Gainesville Board met on January 20, 2026 at 7:39 PM.

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 January 20, 2026, 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. 1 - Draw #Q4, 2024

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

11. **ADJOURN**

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.


DIANA LOCH, CITY SECRETARY




TOMMY MOORE, MAYOR

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