



CITY OF GAINESVILLE

NOTICE OF REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 17, 2026

06:30 PM

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 200 SOUTH RUSK, GAINESVILLE, TEXAS

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

4. RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

5. REPORTS

- a. Annual Racial Profiling Report - 2025
- b. Event Recap Report for Gainesville Wine and Country Festival

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of the February 3, 2026 City Council meeting.

8. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Discussion of a possible drive-through at the Gainesville Post Office, located at 321 East California Street.
- b. Consideration of and action on a resolution of the City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas, adopting required Civil Rights and related policies for participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program.
- c. Consideration of and action on a resolution of the City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas, rejecting all bids received for the Wine Street Sump L Project and authorizing the project to be re-advertised for bids.
- d. Consideration of and action on an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas, amending Chapter 2 – Administration, Article I – In General, Section 2-7 – Purchasing Policies and Procedures, Section (C) – Basic Procedures, Subsection 3 – Authorization to Purchase and Subsection 4 – Price Quotations from Vendors; providing for an effective date; containing a severability clause and making an open meeting finding.
- 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 § 551.087 - Economic Development

9. **ADJOURN**

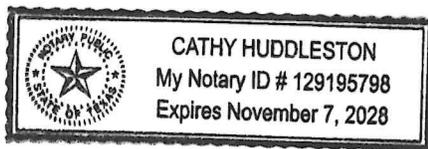
At any time during the meeting and in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, the City Council may meet in executive session on any of the above agenda items for consultation concerning attorney-client matters (§551.071); deliberation regarding real property (§551.072); deliberation regarding prospective gift (§551.073); personnel matters (§551.074); deliberation regarding security devices (§551.076); and deliberation regarding economic development negotiations (§551.087). Any subject discussed in executive session may be subject to action during the open meeting.

- i. Citizen comments will be limited to persons who have registered with the City Secretary in advance, except by majority vote of the City Council. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the Council will hear comments of public interest, but any discussion shall be limited to placing the item on a future agenda for consideration.
- ii. Items on the Consent Agenda will be voted on in one motion unless request is made for separate discussion and approved by the City Council.
- iii. In order to be fair to all persons who have items on the agenda or interest in one or more of the items, the Council may impose time limitations on speakers in Public Hearings. Applicants must limit presentations to 5 minutes. The Mayor may impose other time constraints at his discretion, depending on other prevailing factors. Speakers will be notified by the Mayor Pro Tem when their time has expired.
- iv. The Council reserves the right to retire into executive session concerning any of the items listed on this Agenda, whenever it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Act.
- v. The Council reserves the right to suspend the Charter and adopt any ordinance without three readings.
- vi. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need assistance should contact the City Secretary at (940) 668-4500 two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

I, Diana Loch, City Secretary, posted this Agenda on the official City of Gainesville bulletin board in the Municipal Building, 200 S. Rusk Street, Gainesville, Texas 76240, which is accessible to the public twenty-four hours each day at 4:30 a.m./Ⓞ p.m. on February 10, 2026.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 10 day of February, 2026.



Cathy Huddleston  
Notary Public, State of Texas

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

**CAPTION/SUBJECT:**

**DISCUSSION OF A POSSIBLE DRIVE-THROUGH AT THE GAINESVILLE POST OFFICE, LOCATED AT 321 EAST CALIFORNIA STREET.**

**DISCUSSION:**

City staff have been contacted by the Postmaster of the Gainesville, Texas Post Office regarding a potential drive-through service facility at the existing post office location. The Postmaster is requesting preliminary feedback and general support from the City Council prior to presenting the concept to USPS leadership.

This item is intended to provide Council with an opportunity to discuss whether there is interest in exploring the feasibility of a drive-through option. USPS drive-through facilities are relatively uncommon; however, a potential benefit would be improved accessibility, particularly for elderly patrons, by reducing the need to cross the street to access postal services.

No formal action is requested at this time. Should Council express interest in further consideration, staff would coordinate with USPS and return the item to Council at a future meeting for a vote.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Map of post office and surrounding roads.

**Originating Department Head:**

Barry Sullivan, City Manager

**City Council Meeting Date:**

February 17, 2026

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

**CAPTION/SUBJECT:**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, ADOPTING REQUIRED CIVIL RIGHTS AND RELATED POLICIES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.**

**DISCUSSION:**

This resolution adopts required civil rights, citizen participation, fair housing, Section 504 accessibility, excessive force, and code of conduct policies to ensure the City’s compliance with federal and state requirements for participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program.

The City of Gainesville has been awarded TxCDBG funding through the Texas Department of Agriculture, and adoption of these policies is a condition of receiving and maintaining eligibility for federal grant funds.

Staff recommends approval of this resolution.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Resolution
- Citizen Participation Plan
- Excessive Force Policy
- Fair Housing Policy
- Section 504 Policy
- Code of Conduct
- Section 3 Policy Updates
- Notices – Civil Rights

**Originating Department Head:**

Barry Sullivan, City Manager

**City Council Meeting Date:**

February 17, 2026

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

**CAPTION/SUBJECT:**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, REJECTING ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE WINE STREET SUMP L PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE PROJECT TO BE RE-ADVERTISED FOR BIDS.**

**DISCUSSION:**

This resolution rejects all bids received for the Wine Street SUMP L Project and authorizes the City to re-advertise the project and solicit new bids.

After the bid opening, the City received reports from three separate bidders indicating they experienced technical issues while attempting to submit their bids through the online bidding system. In one instance, a bidder received confirmation that their bid had been successfully submitted; however, the bid did not appear in the official list of bids received.

Due to these reported technical issues, staff does not believe that all potential bidders were provided a fair and equal opportunity to submit bids for this project. To protect the integrity of the competitive bidding process and to ensure fairness and transparency, staff recommends rejecting all bids received and re-advertising the project.

Staff recommends approval of the resolution to reject all bids.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Resolution

**Originating Department Head:**

Allen McDonald, Public Works Director

**City Council Meeting Date:**

February 17, 2026

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

**CAPTION/SUBJECT:**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE I – IN GENERAL, SECTION 2-7 – PURCHASING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, SECTION (C) – BASIC PROCEDURES, SUBSECTION 3 – AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE AND SUBSECTION 4 – PRICE QUOTATIONS FROM VENDORS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND MAKING AN OPEN MEETING FINDING.**

**DISCUSSION:**

This ordinance increases the threshold for following the sealed bid process and Council approval for City purchases to \$100,000.

This change is available to the City because of Senate Bill 1173, which increases the threshold for the sealed bid process for Texas to \$100,000. The goal of the bill is to modernize procurement rules, which were last updated in 2007, to account for inflation and provide more flexibility for small-scale purchases.

This ordinance will reduce the time it takes to purchase items between \$50,000 and \$100,000. It will also eliminate the cost for publishing the bid requests in the newspaper, which cost between \$100 and \$500 per bid.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Resolution  
Redline Changes to the Ordinance

**Originating Department Head:**

Barry Sullivan, City Manager

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