



CITY OF GAINESVILLE

NOTICE OF REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 17, 2026

06:30 PM

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 200 SOUTH RUSK, GAINESVILLE, TEXAS

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

4. RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

5. REPORTS

- a. Annual Racial Profiling Report - 2025 (Revised)

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of the March 3, 2026 City Council meeting.
- b. Consideration of and action on a resolution appointing the Presiding Judge and Alternate Judge for the General Election to be held May 2, 2026 and establishing the rate of pay for election workers.
- c. Consideration of and action on a resolution of the City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas, authorizing the Mayor to execute a Voting Machine Rental Service Agreement with Cooke County, Texas, for the rental and programming of voting equipment for the May 2026 General Election; and providing an effective date.
- d. Consideration of and action on a resolution approving reappointments to the Gainesville Housing Authority Board of the City of Gainesville, Texas.
- e. Consideration of and action on a resolution of the City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Gainesville ISD (GISD) for a shared election polling location and related expenses.

8. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Public hearing on a resolution establishing Guidelines and Criteria for granting Tax Abatement in a Reinvestment Zone created within the City of Gainesville; electing to become eligible to participate in Tax Abatement; providing an effective date; and providing an open meetings finding.
- b. Discussion on Use of Opioid Remediation Funds
- c. Consideration of and action on a resolution establishing Guidelines and Criteria for granting Tax Abatement in a Reinvestment Zone created within the City of Gainesville; electing to become eligible to participate in Tax Abatement; providing an effective date; and providing an open meetings finding.
- d. Consideration of and action on an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas

receiving certification of the City Secretary relating to the Regular General Election called for May 2, 2026 declaring unopposed candidates; declaring the results of the Election; and finding and determining the meeting at which this ordinance is passed to be open to the public as required by law; and making an open meeting finding.

- e. Consideration of and action on a resolution accepting the City's audited financial statements and audit opinion thereon for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, as prepared by Pattillo, Brown, & Hill, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, and authorizing the City Secretary to file the audit in accordance with the provisions of Local Government Code Subtitle A Chapter 103.
- f. Consideration of and action on a resolution of the City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas approving the adoption of amendments to the bylaws for the Gainesville Economic Development Corporation, Inc.
- g. Consideration of and action on a resolution making an appointment to the Gainesville Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors of the City of Gainesville, Texas.
- h. Consideration of and action on a resolution appointing a Council Member for Ward 5 on the Gainesville City Council; said appointee to hold office until the General Election of City Officers on May 2, 2026.
- i. Consideration of and action on a resolution of the City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to execute an Intent to Purchase Agreement with Asphalt Zipper, Inc. for the purchase of an AZ480Xi Wheel Assist Model; and providing an effective date.

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.

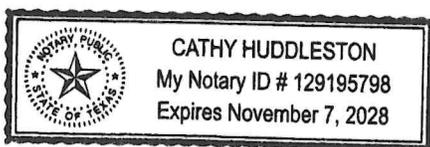
v. The Council reserves the right to suspend the Charter and adopt any ordinance without three readings.

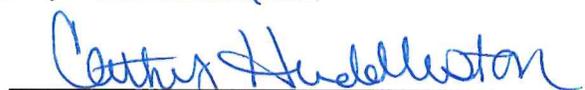
vi. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need assistance should contact the City Secretary at (940) 668-4500 two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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 3:45 a.m./p.m. on March 11, 2026.

 Diana Loch

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 11 day of March, 2026.




Notary Public, State of Texas

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

CAPTION/SUBJECT:

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE PRESIDING JUDGE AND ALTERNATE JUDGE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD MAY 2, 2026 AND ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF PAY FOR ELECTION WORKERS.

DISCUSSION:

This Resolution appoints election workers for the Election on May 2, 2026.

For Early Voting, April 20 through April 28, the City Secretary (Diana Loch) serves as Early Voting Clerk (i.e. presiding judge), and Administrative Assistant (Karley Simmons) as Early Voting Assistant. During Early Voting, only one or two EV clerks will be scheduled to work throughout each day as necessary. Early voting will not be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, in observance of San Jacinto Day.

An Early Voting Ballot Board (EVBB) is created as required in every election to process and count early voting ballots. The EVBB consists of a presiding judge and a minimum of two clerks.

FISCAL INFORMATION:

The rate of pay for election workers is proposed at \$16 per hour for the Presiding Judge and Alternate Judge (when serving as Presiding Judge), and \$14 per hour for Clerks.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution appointing election judges and alternate judge.

Originating Department Head:

Diana Loch, City Secretary

City Council Meeting Date:

March 17, 2026

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

CAPTION/SUBJECT:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A VOTING MACHINE RENTAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH COOKE COUNTY, TEXAS, FOR THE RENTAL AND PROGRAMMING OF VOTING EQUIPMENT FOR THE MAY 2026 GENERAL ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

DISCUSSION:

This resolution authorizes the Mayor to execute a Voting Machine Rental Service Agreement with Cooke County for the rental and programming of voting equipment to be used during Early Voting and Election Day for the May 2026 General Election.

ATTACHMENTS:

Agreement

Originating Department Head:

Diana Loch, City Secretary

City Council Meeting Date:

March 17, 2026

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

CAPTION/SUBJECT:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE GAINESVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS.

DISCUSSION:

This Resolution reappoints Patty Haayen, Jeffrey Wilson, and Deanna McNeill to the Gainesville Housing Authority Board.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution for appointments
Table of board members

Originating Department Head:

Diana Loch, City Secretary

City Council Meeting Date:

March 17, 2026

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

CAPTION/SUBJECT:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GAINESVILLE ISD (GISD) FOR A SHARED ELECTION POLLING LOCATION AND RELATED EXPENSES.

DISCUSSION:

This resolution approves a shared polling location agreement between the City and Gainesville ISD. This agreement enables us to collaborate with GISD in utilizing election clerks to ensure adequate staffing for both entities as needed.

Key points of the agreement:

- Each entity will appoint its own election judges and clerks.
- Each entity will use separate ballots, ballot boxes, tally sheets, and return forms.
- Each entity will maintain an independent voter sign-in process.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution
Agreement

Originating Department Head:

Diana Loch, City Secretary

City Council Meeting Date:

March 17, 2026

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

CAPTION/SUBJECT:

PUBLIC HEARING ON A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR GRANTING TAX ABATEMENT IN A REINVESTMENT ZONE CREATED WITHIN THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE; ELECTING TO BECOME ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN TAX ABATEMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETINGS FINDING.

DISCUSSION:

This is a public hearing as required by Texas Tax Code Chapter 312 Section 312.002 (c-1).

This resolution approves the Tax Abatement Guidelines for a two-year period. State law requires the City to adopt tax abatement guidelines at least every two years.

There are no material policy changes in the proposed guidelines. Revisions primarily consist of minor corrections and clarifications. City Council should review Section 10 to determine whether the capital investment thresholds remain appropriate for the City. The final category within the criteria was originally added for a specific project that was under negotiation at the time; however, that project did not move forward.

Adoption of the guidelines does not require the City to grant any tax abatement or to approve the maximum abatement percentages shown in the chart. All abatements remain subject to City Council approval on a case-by-case basis.

A 90% abatement is considered very high and may not allow the City to recover the cost of providing municipal services to a development. If this percentage is removed from the guidelines but Council later wishes to approve an abatement at that level, a supermajority vote would be required to amend the guidelines during the two-year period.

The City Manager recommends approval of the guidelines without the availability of the 90% tax abatement.

Originating Department Head:

Barry Sullivan, City Manager

City Council Meeting Date:

March 17, 2026

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

CAPTION/SUBJECT:

A DISCUSSION ON THE USE OF OPIOID REMEDIATION FUNDS.

DISCUSSION:

The State of Texas, along with a broad coalition of states and political subdivisions, has reached final agreements with twenty-three companies to resolve legal claims related to their role in the opioid crisis. Through participation in these agreements, the City of Gainesville has received a total of \$110,335.22, which includes distributed funds and accrued interest.

The State of Texas has established guidelines governing the use of these funds, requiring that they be used for services associated with opioid-related issues. The specific eligible uses are outlined in the attached document titled "List of Opioid Remediation Uses."

After reviewing the list of allowable uses, staff recommends that the funds be allocated to Texoma Community Center (TCC) to support opioid-related drug counseling services within our community. The proposed contract for these services is attached for your review.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. List of Opioid Remediation Uses**
- 2. TCC Opioid Agreement**

Originating Department Head: Kevin Phillips, Police Chief

City Council Meeting Date: March 17, 2026

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

CAPTION/SUBJECT:

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR GRANTING TAX ABATEMENT IN A REINVESTMENT ZONE CREATED WITHIN THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE; ELECTING TO BECOME ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN TAX ABATEMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETINGS FINDING.

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The City Manager recommends approval of the guidelines without the availability of the 90% tax abatement.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution
Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria
Red Lined Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria

Originating Department Head:

Barry Sullivan, City Manager

City Council Meeting Date:

March 17, 2026

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

CAPTION/SUBJECT:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS RECEIVING CERTIFICATION OF THE CITY SECRETARY RELATING TO THE REGULAR GENERAL ELECTION CALLED FOR MAY 2, 2026 DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES; DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION; AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS PASSED TO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND MAKING AN OPEN MEETING FINDING.

DISCUSSION:

This ordinance partially cancels the May 2, 2026 General Election and declares the unopposed candidates elected. The deadline to file an application for a place on the ballot was February 13, 2026. Wards 1, 3, and 5 are the only wards with contested races. Because the Municipal Judge and Ward 6 positions are unopposed, those portions of the election may be canceled.

Pursuant to Section 2.051 et seq. of the Texas Election Code, the City Council may cancel a portion of an election when each candidate whose name would appear on the ballot for a position is unopposed and may declare those candidates elected.

ATTACHMENTS:

Ordinance Order of Partial Cancellation
Certificate of Unopposed Candidates

Originating Department Head:

Diana Loch, City Secretary

City Council Meeting Date:

March 17, 2026

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

CAPTION/SUBJECT:

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CITY'S AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDIT OPINION THEREON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, AS PREPARED BY PATTILLO, BROWN, & HILL, LLP, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY SECRETARY TO FILE THE AUDIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SUBTITLE A CHAPTER 103.

DISCUSSION:

This resolution accepts the City's audited financial statements and audit opinion for FY 2025. A representative from Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP will present the 2025 audit.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

Audit Handout (We will have these available at the meeting.)

Originating Department Head:

Jl Johnson, Finance Director

City Council Meeting Date:

March 17, 2026

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

CAPTION/SUBJECT:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS FOR THE GAINESVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, INC.

DISCUSSION:

This resolution approves the adoption of amendments to the bylaws for the Gainesville Economic Development Corporation.

The Board of Directors of the GEDC met on February 4, 2026, and approved amendments to its Bylaws to reflect current practices and requirements.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

GEDC Resolution

Amended Bylaws

Originating Department Head:

Matt Carlson, GEDC Executive Director

City Council Meeting Date:

March 17, 2026

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

CAPTION/SUBJECT:

**A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE
GAINESVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS.**

DISCUSSION:

This resolution authorizes the City Council to appoint a member to the Gainesville Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors to complete the unexpired term of Lauri Johnson, which ends in August 2026.

Three new applications have been received since the position became available. Applications from previously considered, but not appointed, candidates are also included for Council's consideration.

Additionally, the Council may appoint either of the current ex officio members, Mark Scruggs or Darin Allred (applications attached), as a regular voting board member.

The GEDC Board recommends the following candidates:

- Jacob Whiteman - Safran Industries
- Phil Neely - Trident Process Systems
- Darin Alred - North Texas Medical Center
- Brandon Parker - Gainesville businessman

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution
- Board Candidate Review Process
- Table of board members
- Applications received

Originating Department Head:

Diana Loch, City Secretary

City Council Meeting Date:

March 17, 2026

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

CAPTION/SUBJECT:

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A COUNCIL MEMBER FOR WARD 5 ON THE GAINESVILLE CITY COUNCIL; SAID APPOINTEE TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE GENERAL ELECTION OF CITY OFFICERS ON MAY 2, 2026.

DISCUSSION:

This resolution appoints a City Council member for Ward 5. Three applications for the vacant Ward 5 position on the City Council have been received:

- Martin Phillips
- Angel Gonzalez
- Elaine McHorse

No other applications have been received. Applicants reside in Ward 5 and are registered, qualified voters of the city.

The appointee will hold the position until the next annual City General Election of Officers, May 2, 2026. (City Charter, Section 3.06)

Pursuant to Texas Election Code § 201.023, a vacancy occurs on the date the resignation is accepted by the appropriate authority or on the eighth day after the date of its receipt by the authority, whichever is earlier. The resignation for this position was received on January 5, 2026, making the effective vacancy date January 13, 2026. The City Council must fill the vacancy within 90 days, which establishes a deadline of April 13, 2026.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution
Certification of resolution by City Secretary
Applications for position

Originating Department Head:

Barry Sullivan, City Manager

City Council Meeting Date:

March 17, 2026

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

CAPTION/SUBJECT:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN INTENT TO PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH ASPHALT ZIPPER, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN AZ480XI WHEEL ASSIST MODEL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

DISCUSSION:

This resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute an Intent to Purchase Agreement with Asphalt Zipper, Inc. for the purchase of an AZ480Xi Wheel Assist model with the side-shift and tilt feature in the amount of \$346,030.50. Executing the agreement will allow the City to secure 2025 pricing, 2025 Special Municipal Promotions, and the next available build slot. The agreement requires that the City issue a purchase order to Asphalt Zipper, Inc. within ninety (90) days of the agreement date.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution
Letter of Intent
Proposal

Originating Department Head:

Allen McDonald, Public Works Director

City Council Meeting Date:

March 17, 2026