

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – APRIL 11, 2024**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on **April 11, 2024**, at 6:00 p.m. at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street. This was an OPEN MEETING, open to the public, subject to the open meeting laws of the State of Texas and, as required by law, was duly posted, at the Gonzales Municipal Building, giving notice of time, date, place, and agenda thereof. The meeting notice, agenda and agenda packet were posted online at www.gonzales.texas.gov.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Sucher called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and a quorum was certified.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Steve Sucher	Mayor	Present
Joseph Kridler	Council Member, District 1	Present
Sherri Koepp	Council Member, District 2, Mayor Pro Tem	Present
Lorenzo Hernandez	Council Member, District 3	Present
Ronda Miller	Council Member, District 4	Present

STAFF PARTICIPATING:

Tim Crow-City Manager, Kristina Vega-City Secretary, Laura Zella-Finance Director, Erica Leopold-Administrative Assistant, Gayle Autry-Police Chief, Tammy West-Police Lt., Tiffany Hutchinson-Padilla-Main Street Director, Susan Sankey-Economic Development Director, and Ralph Camarillo-Parks Director.

CITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Announcements of upcoming City Event-Gonzales Jim Price Clean up Event on April 20
- Announcements and recognitions by the City Manager-None
- Announcements and recognitions by the Mayor-Mayor Sucher announced attending the Region 11 Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group meeting last week in Seguin, Matt Koone and City Manager Tim Crow were unable to attend. Mayor Sucher acknowledged recently meeting with the Gonzales Ministerial Alliance to discuss a volunteer initiative in reference to rehabbing and making repairs to the homes of elderly home owners. Mayor Sucher acknowledged the new EMS building. Mayor Sucher commended the Water/Wastewater Department for their quick action in addressing a sewer back matter that occurred overnight.
- Recognition of actions by City employees-None
- Recognition of actions by community volunteers-None

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

Adriane Hastings, Vince Ortiz, Robert Bland, Noraiyah Gallegos, Christiny Carrizales and Bruce Maulding all spoke in favor of the asking City Council to take action at a further meeting to fund the Gonzales YMCA Program Center.

Doug Zelkowski of White Trash Services spoke regarding the Solid Waste Collection agenda item and their desire for City Council to consider approving the City Manager to seek new RFP.

Braxton Zella of Texas Disposal Systems spoke regarding the Solid Waste Collection agenda item and their desire to have City Council consider the competitive bidding process over the current contract that is in place.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

3.1 Finance Director, Laura Zella provided feedback on any questions regarding:

- Financial Reports for funds as of March 31, 2024
- Cash & Investment by Fund as of March 31, 2024

Mayor Sucher announced a reminder for all that the May 2024 City Council Meeting has been rescheduled to take place on Tuesday May 14, 2024.

3.2 City Manager, Tim Crow updated the City Council on the following:

- Timeline on Capital Improvement and Departmental Projects
 - Recently Completed Projects
 - Projects Currently in Process
 - Upcoming Projects

Council member Miller requested Council be provided additional detail regarding the financial reports for JB Wells Park.

PROCLAMATIONS

4.1 Mayor Sucher presented a proclamation for National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

4.2 Mayor Sucher presented a proclamation for Fair Housing Month

PRESENTATION

5.1 Chamber of Commerce Tourism Coordinator, Regan Wilkerson provided the Quarterly Report for the Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center as required by Chapter 351 of the Texas Tax Code

5.2 Presentation, discussion and direction regarding the potential of a dog park for the City of Gonzales: discussions will include but are not limited to location, budget, amenities of the dog park facility

Jennifer Teager gave a presentation regarding the potential of a dog park for the City of Gonzales and requested permission to continue investigating the feasibility of the project.

Mayor Sucher called for a motion. Council Member Miller moved to approve the review and study of a City Dog Park. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

5.3 Presentation regarding the YMCA-Gonzales Summer Camp Program

Connie Kacir, Board President of the Gonzales YMCA Program Center encouraged the City Council to engage in a Public/Private Partnership between the City of Gonzales and

the YMCA and requested the City Council to consider adding an agenda item on a future agenda to take action on providing funding to the Gonzales YMCA Program Center with the current City Summer Programs funds in the amount of \$21,270.00. Ms. Kacir introduced Lauren Harris, Program Director for the Gonzales YMCA Program Center. Ms. Harris gave a presentation regarding the YMCA-Gonzales Summer Camp Program.

CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION:

The Council convened into closed session at 7:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

1.1 (1) Pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Gonzales will consult in closed session to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person:

A) Unopened portion of College Street

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Council convened into open session at 7:40 p.m.

2.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action regarding matters discussed in closed session, and/or other actions necessary or recommended related to such discussions in closed session

No action was taken resulting from closed session.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The Consent Agenda is considered self-explanatory and will be enacted by the Council with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless they are removed from the Consent Agenda upon the request of the Mayor or a Councilmember.

6.1 **Minutes** - Approval of the minutes for the March 14, 2024 Regular Meeting

6.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-31** Authorizing Gonzales Dog Adoptions the Use of City Property and Designated Street Closures for Dog Extravaganza Event on April 28, 2024

6.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-32** Authorizing the Gonzales Junior High permission to close the 400 Block of Smith and Moore & Smith Street to allow safe passage for their students for the Gonzales Junior High Field Day on May 16, 2024

6.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-33** Authorizing YMCA of Gonzales' Use of Independence Square including the Parking Lot, Designated Street Closures for the Back to School Bash Event on August 3, 2024

6.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-34** Approving the Event and the Sale and Consumption of Alcohol on City Property; Application for funding to the Come & Take It Committee in the amount of (\$30,000.00 to be used for promotion of the arts that directly enhance tourism and the Hotel & Convention Industry and \$10,000.00 to

be used for advertising, solicitations and promotions that attract tourists) and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement with Gonzales Chamber of Commerce for Funding the In-Kind contributions from the City of Gonzales for the Come and Take It Celebration on October 4-6, 2024

- 6.6 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-35** Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Cooperation Contract for the Failure to Appear Program with the Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- 6.7 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-36** Authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement with James Teleco, Inc. for the purchase and installation and equipment in the Council Chambers in the amount of \$55,928.51
- 6.8 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-37** Approving and adopting a Water Conservation Plan for the City of Gonzales
- 6.9 Discussion & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2024-10** Approving and Readopting Chapter 13 Utilities Article 13.600 Drought Contingency Plan of the City of Gonzales Code of Ordinances

ACTION: Items 6.1 through 6.9 with the exception of 6.5 and 6.7 **APPROVED**

Council Member Koepp moved to approve the consent agenda Items 6.1 through 6.9 with the exception of items 6.5 and 6.7. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 6.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-34** Approving the Event and the Sale and Consumption of Alcohol on City Property; Application for funding to the Come & Take It Committee in the amount of (\$30,000.00 to be used for promotion of the arts that directly enhance tourism and the Hotel & Convention Industry and \$10,000.00 to be used for advertising, solicitations and promotions that attract tourists) and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement with Gonzales Chamber of Commerce for Funding the In-Kind contributions from the City of Gonzales for the Come and Take It Celebration on October 4-6, 2024

ACTION: Item 6.5 **APPROVED**

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Resolution #2024-34** Approving the Event and the Sale and Consumption of Alcohol on City Property; Application for funding to the Come & Take It Committee in the amount of (\$30,000.00 to be used for promotion of the arts that directly enhance tourism and the Hotel & Convention Industry and \$10,000.00 to be used for advertising, solicitations and promotions that attract tourists) and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement with Gonzales Chamber of Commerce for Funding the In-Kind contributions from the City of Gonzales for the Come and Take It Celebration on October 4-6, 2024. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 6.7 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-36** Authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement with James Teleco, Inc. for the purchase and installation and equipment in the Council Chambers in the amount of \$55,928.51

ACTION: Item 6.7

APPROVED

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Resolution #2024-36** Authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement with James Teleco, Inc. for the purchase and installation and equipment in the Council Chambers in the amount of \$55,928.51. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

RESOLUTION

- 7.1 Presentation, Discussion & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-38** Authorizing the City Manager to solicit proposals for Municipal Solid Waste Collection Disposal and Recycling or Authorizing the City Manager to renegotiate an amended agreement with Frontier Access, LLC

ACTION: Item 7.1

APPROVED

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Resolution #2024-38** Authorizing the City Manager to renegotiate an amended agreement with Frontier Access, LLC. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Miller, Koepp, Kridler and the Mayor. Against: Hernandez. The motion passed 4 to 1.

- 7.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-39** Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Encroachment Agreement with Clyde Hinton for the property located at 302 Botts Street

ACTION: Item 7.2

APPROVED

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Resolution #2024-39** Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Encroachment Agreement with Clyde Hinton for the property located at 302 Botts Street. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 7.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-40** Authorizing the funding to the Wine Country Festival LLC. dba Cattle Country Fest in an amount of (\$20,000.00 to be used for promotion of the arts that directly enhance tourism and the Hotel & Convention Industry and \$20,000.00 to be used for advertising, solicitations and promotions that attract tourists) for the 2024 Cattle Country Music Festival to be held from April 12, 2024 through April 14, 2024

ACTION: Item 7.3

APPROVED

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Resolution #2024-40** Authorizing the funding to the Wine Country Festival LLC. dba Cattle Country Fest in an amount of (\$20,000.00 to be used for promotion of the arts that directly enhance tourism and the Hotel & Convention Industry and \$20,000.00 to be used for advertising, solicitations and promotions that attract tourists) for the 2024 Cattle Country Music Festival to be held from April 12, 2024 through April 14, 2024. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 7.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-41** Approving and updating the Gonzales Economic Development Administrative Assistant job description and position classification for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

ACTION: Item 7.4

APPROVED

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Resolution #2024-41** Approving and updating the Gonzales Economic Development Administrative Assistant job description and position classification for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

ORDINANCE

- 8.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2024-11** Authorizing a Variance to Section 8.603 Sale of Alcoholic Beverages within 300 Feet of Certain Places for 510 St. Paul Street

ACTION: Item 8.1

APPROVED

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Ordinance #2024-11** Authorizing a Variance to Section 8.603 Sale of Alcoholic Beverages within 300 Feet of Certain Places for 510 St. Paul Street. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Miller, Koepp, Kridler and the Mayor. Against: Hernandez. The motion passed 4 to 1.

CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on a future City Council agenda. Council member Miller asked that Board and Commissions Applications be on the next agenda. Council member Kridler asked that consideration for partnership with the Gonzales YMCA Program Center be on the next agenda.
- Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers- none
- City and community events attended and to be attended- none
- Continuing education events attended and to be attended- none

ADJOURN

On a motion by Council Member Kridler and second by Council Member Miller, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Approved this 14th day of May, 2024.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary



Mayor, S.H. Sucher