

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

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on **July 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
Mariah Jordan	Council Member, District 2	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, Marland Mercer-Water/Wastewater Superintendent, Amanda Garza-JB Wells Park Arena Operations Manager, Ralph Camarillo-Parks Director and Susan Sankey-Economic Development Director.

CITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Announcements of upcoming City Event-None
- Announcements and recognitions by the City Manager-None
- Announcements and recognitions by the Mayor-None
- Recognition of actions by City employees-None
- Recognition of actions by community volunteers-None

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

None

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

- 1.1 Finance Director, Laura Zella provided feedback on any questions regarding:
- Financial Reports for funds as of June 30, 2024
 - Cash & Investment by Fund as of June 30, 2024

No questions were asked regarding the report.

- 1.2 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

No questions were asked regarding the report.

- 1.3 Parks Director, Ralph Camarillo provided a final report to the City Council on the Summer Youth Program

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.

- 2.1 **Minutes** - Approval of the minutes for the June 13, 2024 Regular Meeting, June 25, 2024 Workshop and June 27, 2024 Workshop
- 2.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-60** Approving an Amendment to agreement by and between the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and Butlerwood, Inc. a Texas Corporation regarding improvements to property generally located at 820 Oil Patch Lane
- 2.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-61** Approving an Amendment to agreement by and between the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and Irons Properties, LLC., a Texas Limited Liability Company, regarding improvements to property generally located at 305 to 311 Saint George Street
- 2.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-62** Authorizing the Purchase of a 2024 John Deere Backhoe for the Water Department from RDO Equipment Company in the amount of \$131,146.75
- 2.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-63** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Purchase Agreement for the Purchase of a Ford F-150 Police Responder Truck for the Police Department in the amount of \$50,275.00
- 2.6 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-64** Amending the Library Director Job Description

ACTION: Items 2.1 through 2.6

APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve the consent agenda Items 2.1 through 2.6. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

RESOLUTION

- 3.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-65** Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and enter into an agreement for Professional Auditing Services with BrooksWatson & Co.

ACTION: Item 3.1

APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2024-65** Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and enter into an agreement for Professional Auditing Services with BrooksWatson & Co. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 3.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-66** Rescheduling the October 10, 2024 City Council meeting to another date

ACTION: Item 3.2

APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2024-66** Rescheduling the October 10, 2024 City Council meeting to October 17, 2024. Council Member Jordan seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

ORDINANCE

- 4.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2024-23** Amending Article 9.500 Code of Ethics and Conduct for City Officials and Employees

ACTION: Item 4.1

APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Ordinance #2024-23** Amending Article 9.500 Code of Ethics and Conduct for City Officials and Employees. Motion failed as stated for lack of second. Mayor Sucher asked for another motion. Council Member Miller moved to approve **Ordinance #2024-23** Amending Article 9.500 Code of Ethics and Conduct for City Officials and Employees striking the years of limitation of a felony within 5 years and years of limitation of a misdemeanor crime of moral turpitude within 3 years. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Jordan, Miller and Hernandez. Against: Kridler and Mayor Sucher. The motion passed 3 to 2.

CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION:

The Council convened into closed session at 6:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

- 5.1 (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 City Street West of Water Street

- (2) Pursuant to Section 551.086 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Gonzales will meet in closed session to deliberate regarding certain public power utilities: competitive matters; and Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Gonzales will consult in closed session with its attorney to receive legal advice regarding pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional

Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter”, to include the following matters

- A) Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative Operations and Maintenance Agreement

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Council convened into open session at 7:39 p.m.

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

Council Member Hernandez moved to approve Ordinance #2024-24 Closing and abandoning to the abutting property owner a portion of unimproved street and authorizing the City Manager to execute the real property contract. Council Member Jordan seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on a future City Council agenda.- Council Member Miller requested an item for discussion about possible free garbage services on the weekend for residents to take items to the dump. Mayor Sucher requested an items for next month’s regular meeting regarding the renaming of the Summer Youth Program to honor Mochie Turk. Mayor Sucher requested an item for further discussion of having town hall meetings for the public.
- Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers- Mayor Sucher commended the good fireworks at this year’s Fourth of July celebration. Council Member Miller thanked Main Street Director Tiffany Hutchinson-Padilla for her work on the Fourth of July event.
- City and community events attended and to be attended- none
- Continuing education events attended and to be attended- none

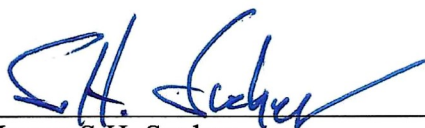
ADJOURN

On a motion by Council Member Kridler and second by Council Member Hernandez, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Approved this 8th day of August 2024.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary



Mayor, S.H. Sucher