

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – AUGUST 8, 2024**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on **August 8, 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 |
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| 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, Gayle Autry-Police Chief, Victor Izaguirre-Police Sgt., Amanda Garza-JB Wells Park Arena Operations Manager, Todd Remschel-Street Director and Susan Sankey-Economic Development Director.

CITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Announcements of upcoming City Event-None
- Announcements and recognitions by the City Manager-Acknowledged Finance Director Laura Zella for her work on the budget process
- Announcements and recognitions by the Mayor-None
- Recognition of actions by City employees-None
- Recognition of actions by community volunteers-None

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

Mike Schwencke regarding an upcoming walking club event, AVA American Volkssport Association

Agnes Gast regarding an issue with an incident where a dog was hit by a vehicle and an officer was called to the location and the officer put the dog down. Mrs. Gast also spoke regarding Gonzales Pet Adaption and Kingdom Rescue.

Tim Weatherby of GrantWorks introduced himself and provided information regarding the TDA Grant included on the agenda and encouraged the approval of the item.

Rebecca Martinez requested approval of the 1st Gonzales Fiesta Patrias event included on the agenda.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

- 1.1 Finance Director, Laura Zella provided feedback on any questions regarding:
- Financial Reports for funds as of July 31, 2024
 - Cash & Investment by Fund as of July 31, 2024
 - Quarterly Investment Report 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
 - JB Wells Park Financials
 - Recently Completed Projects
 - Projects Currently in Process
 - Upcoming Projects

No questions were asked regarding the report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2.1 Discussion and direction regarding the creation of Town Hall Meetings; discussion will include but is not limited to location, timing and potential content of said meetings

City Council and staff engaged in discussions regarding the creation of Town Hall Meetings discussion will include but is not limited to location, timing and potential content of said meetings

- 2.2 Presentation, discussion and direction regarding a request for permission to place interpretive panels at the Kerr Creek Pavilion and Market Square to commemorate the founding of the Green Dewitt Colony

Glenda Gordan and Thomas Enriquez gave a presentation regarding a request for permission to place interpretive panels at the Kerr Creek Pavilion and Market Square to commemorate the founding of the Green Dewitt Colony. Council was in favor of the project moving forward.

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.

- 3.1 **Minutes** - Approval of the minutes for the July 9, 2024 Workshop, July 11, 2024 Regular Meeting, July 24, 2024 Special Called Meeting and Workshop, July 30 & 31, 2024 Council Retreats
- 3.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-70** Authorizing the use of the 300 Block of St George Street and Designated Street Closures by Gonzales Main Street, Inc. and Latinos Unidos for the Inaugural Gonzales Fiesta Patrias Event on Saturday, September 14, 2024

- 3.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-71** Authorizing the Use of the Downtown Squares by Gonzales Main Street, Inc. for a Downtown Merchant Rum Run Event on Saturday, October 19, 2024
- 3.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-72** Authorizing the Use of Independence Square including the Parking Lot, and Designated Street Closures for 2024 Santa Arrival, Jingle Mingle, Winterfest & Annual Lighted Christmas Parade December 6 & December 7, 2024
- 3.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-73** Authorizing the City of Gonzales, by and through its Main Street, Inc. Board to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Gonzales Independent School District for the creation of a Jr. Main Street Board
- 3.6 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-74** Authorizing Techline Construction, LLC. to change out thirty power poles in an amount not to exceed \$114,000.00
- 3.7 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-75** Approving a Performance Agreement by and between Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and Livestock Nutrition Center, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, regarding business expansion improvements generally located at 2900 Johnson Road, and including transfer of property to the City of Gonzales for infrastructure improvements-FIRST READING
- 3.8 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-76** Authorizing the City Manager to Submit, and Accept if Awarded, an Application and Associated Documents to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for \$750,000 to the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program for a storm drain project along Saint Joseph and Saint Paul Street
- 3.9 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-77** Authorizing the City Manager to Solicit Requests for Proposals for Grant Administration Professional Services and Request for Qualification for Engineering Services for a Texas Community Development Block Grant funded by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)
- 3.10 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-78** Approving an amendment to the Economic Development Coordinator job description and position classification for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

ACTION: Items 3.1 through 3.10 with the exception of 3.8 and 3.10 **APPROVED**
 Council Member Kridler moved to approve the consent agenda Items 3.1 through 3.10 with the exception of item 3.10. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 3.10 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-78** Approving an amendment to the Economic Development Coordinator job description and position classification for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

ACTION: Items 3.10 **APPROVED**

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Resolution #2024-78** Approving an amendment to the Economic Development Coordinator job description and position classification for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 3.8 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-76** Authorizing the City Manager to Submit, and Accept if Awarded, an Application and Associated Documents to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for \$750,000 to the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program for a storm drain project along Saint Joseph and Saint Paul Street

ACTION: Items 3.8

NO ACTION

This item will be discussed at a later meeting.

RESOLUTION

- 4.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-82** Authorizing the appointments to the Gonzales Convention & Visitors Bureau and Gonzales Main Street Advisory Board

ACTION: Item 4.4

APPROVED

Council Member Jordan moved to approve **Resolution #2024-82** Authorizing the appointments to the Gonzales Convention & Visitors Bureau and Gonzales Main Street Advisory Board. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 4.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-79** Taking a Record Vote on Setting the Preliminary Maximum Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and Scheduling a Public Hearing

ACTION: Item 4.1

APPROVED

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Resolution #2024-79** Taking a Record Vote on Setting the Preliminary Maximum Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and Scheduling a Public Hearing. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Jordan, Miller, Kridler and Hernandez. Against: Mayor Sucher. The motion passed 4 to 1.

- 4.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-80** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Amended and Restated Agreement with Gudalupe Valley Electric Cooperative for the Electric Utility Operations, Day-to-Day Maintenance Services

ACTION: Item 4.2

APPROVED

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Resolution #2024-80** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Amended and Restated Agreement with Gudalupe Valley Electric Cooperative for the Electric Utility Operations, Day-to-Day Maintenance Services. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Jordan, Miller, Sucher and Hernandez. Abstained: Kridler The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 4.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-81** Approving policies and procedures relating to the naming of city facilities, public park lands and public streets

ACTION: Item 4.3

APPROVED

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Resolution #2024-81** Approving policies and procedures relating to the naming of city facilities, public park lands and public streets and including the additional verbiage for public notice posting in the newspaper and on the city bulletin board notifications. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 4.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-83** Authorizing the creation of a mural, as part of the Beautification and Design Advisory Board ongoing beautification efforts, to be painted on the north side of the exterior wall of the restroom at Lions Park

Pat Anders-Ryan of the Gonzales Art Group presented a mockup image to council and spoke regarding the mural and funding options.

ACTION: Item 4.5

APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2024-83** Authorizing the creation of a mural, as part of the Beautification and Design Advisory Board ongoing beautification efforts, to be painted on the north side of the exterior wall of the restroom at Lions Park. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 4.6 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-84** Approving the request for front façade alterations to the Lynn Theater located 510 St. Paul Street as authorized by Section 4 of the Façade Easement Agreement

ACTION: Item 4.6

APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2024-84** Approving the request for front façade alterations to the Lynn Theater located 510 St. Paul Street as authorized by Section 4 of the Façade Easement Agreement. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 4.7 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-85** Authorizing the purchase of a 2024 John Deere 6105E Tractor with Samurai Boom and 60" Severe Duty Rotary Cutting Head for the Street Department from United Ag & Turf in the amount of \$179,027.45

ACTION: Item 4.7

APPROVED

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Resolution #2024-85** Authorizing the purchase of a 2024 John Deere 6105E Tractor with Samurai Boom and 60" Severe Duty Rotary Cutting Head for the Street Department from United Ag & Turf in the amount of \$179,027.45. Council Member Jordan seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 4.8 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-86** Authorizing the Purchase of a 2024 John Deere 700L Crawler Dozer from RDO Equipment Co. in the amount of \$238,523.00

ACTION: Item 4.8

APPROVED

Council Member Jordan moved to approve **Resolution #2024-86** Authorizing the Purchase of a 2024 John Deere 700L Crawler Dozer from RDO Equipment Co. in the amount of \$238,523.00. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

ORDINANCE

- 5.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2024-24** Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gonzales, Texas, Chapter 6, Health and Sanitation, Article 6.100 Garbage and Trash

ACTION: Item 5.1

APPROVED

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Ordinance #2024-24** Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gonzales, Texas, Chapter 6, Health and Sanitation, Article 6.100 Garbage and Trash. Council Member Kridler 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- none
- Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers- City Manger Crow announced we will be hosting the 57th Annual Golden Crescent General Assembly lunch on August 27, 2024.
- 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 7:33 p.m.

Approved this 12th day of September 2024.



Mayor, S.H. Sucher



Kristina Vega, City Secretary