

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
MAIN STREET SPECIAL CALLED ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES – MAY 24, 2022**

The special called meeting of the Main Street Advisory Board was held on **May 24, 2022** at 12:00 p.m. at the Robert Lee Brothers, Jr. Memorial Library at 301 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 PLEDGE

Chairperson Caka called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. and a quorum was certified.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Britney Caka	Chairperson	Present
Naomi Wells	Board Member	Present
Adriane Hastings	Board Member	Absent
Valorie Daniel	Board Member	Absent
Amy Peeler	Board Member	Present
Christine Presley	Board Member	Present
Destiny Pierpont	Board Member	Absent
Linda Brown	Board Member	Present

STAFF PARTICIPATING:

Tiffany Padilla-Main Street Director

GUESTS

Gonzales Inquirer Staff Writer Vandy Van Epps
Citizen Jeri Biddle
Citizen Harold Strom

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Harold Strom/Jeri Biddle here to answer questions in regards to grant request on 415 St. James Street. Overview of the project: move main power sources to the back of the building and build new bathrooms up to code. Currently have an interested lessee to sign a 5 year lease with a 5 year option. Additionally, we would like to redo the façade to be more “historically appropriate”. Originally was the Plaza Hotel.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1.1 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action approving the April 21, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

ACTION: Item 1.1

APPROVED

Board Member Presley moved to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2022 board meeting. Board Member Peeler seconded the motion. Chairperson Caka called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 1.2 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action regarding need for new stage banners and obtaining bids for the printing of banners

ACTION: Item 1.2

APPROVED

Chairperson Caka offered historical information regarding the existing banners. After brief discussion, Board Member Presley moved to approve obtaining bids for the printing of new banners. Board Member Wells seconded the motion. Chairperson Caka called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 1.3 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action approving a Business Incentive Grant submitted by Jeri Biddle for 415 St James Street in the amount of \$52,000.

ACTION: Item 1.2

APPROVED

Staff Member Hutchinson-Padilla offered a brief description of the Main Street Grant to the new board members. It was clarified that no public hearing is necessary for each grant, as the GEDC already held a public hearing to approve the \$150,000 grant money to fund the Main Street Business Incentive Grant Program. Clarification was made regarding how much was left in the Main Street Business Incentive Grant budget. Staff Member Hutchinson-Padilla advised that \$51,000 was paid out to Laurel Ridge, but those funds were approved from last year’s budget. Board Member Presley moved to start discussion to approve the funding of the Business Incentive Grant submitted by Jeri Biddle. Board Member Peeler seconded the motion. Discussion included questions about what potential business would come in to rent the space. Mr. Strom offered a brief description of the potential business. The new business would like to use the space for a showroom and potential manufacturing. They are interested in a 5-year lease with a 5-year option. Chairperson Caka called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

- 3.1 Financial Reports:
 - Everything through April has been balanced and reconciled
 - They will be filed for audit
- 3.2 Main Street Director Report
 - May 30th – Veteran Memorial @ 7:30am
 - Concerts June 4th, June 11th, June 18th, June 25th, July 4th.
 - TXDOT will be working on replacing a water line on St Joseph
- 3.3 Requests by board members for items on a future Main Street agenda
 - Rum Run for September
 - Main Street Mixer
 - Board Members with more than 3 consecutive absences ask City Council to remove
 - Possible 1 x per month Main Street Event
- 3.4 Set date and time for next meeting.
 - June 16th @ 5:30pm at City Chamber

ADJOURN

On a motion by Board Member Presley and a second by Board Member Peeler, the meeting adjourned at 12:32pm

Approved this 24th day of May, 2022

Tiffany Hutchinson-Padilla
Main Street Director, City of Gonzales