

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**GONZALES MUNICIPAL BUILDING 820 ST. JOSEPH STREET**  
**VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE**  
**LIMITED IN PERSON ATTENDANCE AVAILABLE**  
**AGENDA –JANUARY 14, 2021 6:00 P.M.**

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 551.045 of the Texas Government Code and the March 16, 2020 order by the Governor of the State of Texas, the City Council will hold its regular meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., via teleconference in accordance with Governor Abbott's order.

This meeting notice, agenda and agenda packet are posted online at [www.gonzales.texas.gov](http://www.gonzales.texas.gov).

In accordance with Governor Abbott's Executive Order 29 issued on July 2, 2020 every person attending the meeting shall wear a face covering over the nose and mouth unless the person is under 10 years of age or has a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering.

*On March 16, 2020, Governor Abbott suspended several provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act for the duration of his statewide declaration of disaster, including the new requirement (added by H.B. 2840 last legislative session) that the public has a right to speak on agenda items. This DOES NOT apply to statutorily-mandated public hearings, such as zoning and similar hearings. The Governor has since clarified his intent and stated that citizens should be allowed to offer comments by other means.*

*In person attendance by the public will be limited to 14 which is 50% capacity of the room less Council Members and required staff and should be separated by at least six (6) feet from other groups attending the meeting together. A temporary suspension of certain provisions of the Open Meetings Act to allow telephone or videoconference public meetings has been granted by Governor Greg Abbott. These actions are being taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into a group setting and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code.*

*Citizens wishing to offer comments on the posted agenda items may email their comments at least two hours prior to the start of the meeting and the comments will be read into the record during the time allocated for citizen comments. Emails may be sent to [citysecretary@gonzales.texas.gov](mailto:citysecretary@gonzales.texas.gov) and must include the name of the citizen*

The public toll-free dial in number to participate in the telephone conference is hosted through FreeConferenceCall.com.

Toll-free call in number: **1-844-854-2222**

When asked for an access code enter **348787#**

It is not necessary to announce yourself when you join the teleconference.

A recording of the telephone conference will be made, and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

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## CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

### CITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Announcements of upcoming City Events
- Announcements and recognitions by the City Manager
- Announcements and recognitions by the Mayor
- Recognition of actions by City employees
- Recognition of actions by community volunteers

### HEARING OF RESIDENTS

This time is set aside for any person who wishes to address the City Council. Each person should fill out the speaker's register prior to the meeting. Presentations should be limited to no more than 3 minutes. Individuals not able to attend due to space limitations may email the City Secretary at least two (2) hours prior to the meeting.

### PRESENTATION

- 1.1 Receive a Final Report from the Charter Review Commission in Accordance with Section 11.11 of the Gonzales City Charter.

### 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 December 10, 2020 regular meeting.
- 2.2 Approval of any council absences for the first quarter of fiscal year 2020-2021.
- 2.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2021-01** Ordering a General Municipal Election to be Held on May 1, 2021, for the Purpose of Electing One City Councilmember for Single Member District No. 1 and One City Councilmember for Single Member District No. 2
- 2.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-01** Authorizing the Purchase of Taser 7's and Supporting Equipment and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Purchase Agreement. Buyboard number 603-20.
- 2.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-02** Authorizing the Purchase of two Chevrolet Tahoe PPV with Equipment for the Police Department and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Purchase Agreement. BuyBoard 601-19, HGAC RA-05-18.

### PUBLIC HEARING

- 3.1 Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of **Ordinance #2021-02** approving a request to change the zoning designation of property within the Lou's Garden Subdivision to establish an overlay Planned Development District for all of the properties within the subdivision.

*Note: Individuals will be able to speak during the public hearing via teleconference. Please email [citysecretary@gonzales.texas.gov](mailto:citysecretary@gonzales.texas.gov) to participate.*

**PROPERTY OWNER(S):** Various  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Lou's Garden Subdivision, Block 1, Lot 1 – Block 1, Lot 23 and Block 2, Lot 1 – Block 2, Lot 18

## **RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND COUNCIL ACTION**

- 4.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2021-03** Ordering a Special Election for the Purpose of Voting on the Adoption or Rejection of Proposed Amendments to the Existing Home Rule Charter of the City of Gonzales, Texas
- 4.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action Approving **Resolution #2021-03** Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for Environmental Services for the CDBG-DR Main Street Infrastructure Grant
- 4.3 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-04** in Support of the Removal and Replacement of Guadalupe Blanco River Authority Board Members.
- 4.4 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-05** in Renaming the Downtown Square Formerly Referred to as Confederate Square.
- 4.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action Approving **Resolution #2021-06** Approving Extended Sick Leave Benefits of Two Weeks (Up to 80 Hours) for Specified Reasons Related to COVID-19.
- 4.6 Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider Action on **Ordinance #2021-05** Amending Ordinance 95-12 Section B, Revising Section 24-307, Power Cost Adjustment Factor.
- 4.7 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-07** Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for the purchase and installation of a Fixed Network Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) System.

## **STAFF/BOARD REPORTS**

- 5.1 Financial Report for the month of December 2020.
- 5.2 City Manager, Tim Patek will update the City Council on the following:
  - Status Report on Projects and Processes
  - Brush Truck Update

## **CLOSED SESSION**

- 6.1(a) Pursuant to 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:

1. In Re Estate of J. B. Wells litigation
  2. Patricia Bennett and Gloria Knight v. City of Gonzales, Texas Cause No. 27,500
- (b) Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Gonzales will meet in closed session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
1. City Manager
  2. Municipal Court Judge
- (c) Pursuant to Section 551.086 of the Texas Government Code, to deliberate, vote or take final action on a competitive matter related to certain public power utilities:
1. Consider matters related to contracts for electric service
- (d) 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:
1. Consider an offer to purchase unopened streets in the Original Out Town of Gonzales, East of Water street adjacent to Lots 27 and 28, Range 13 and Lots 25-28, Range 14

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

- 7.1 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-08** Appointing the Municipal Court Judge and Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement for judicial services.
- 7.2 Discuss and Consider any Action Resulting from Closed Session as Necessary

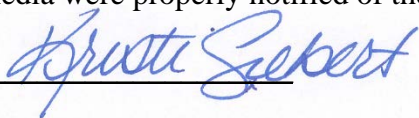
### **CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on a future City Council agenda
- Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers
- City and community events attended and to be attended
- Continuing education events attended and to be attended

### **ADJOURN**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The City Council reserves the right to discuss any of the above items in Executive Closed Session if they meet the qualifications in Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076, 551.087, of Chapter 551 of the Government Code of the State of Texas.

CERTIFIED as posted by 4:00 p.m. on January 11, 2021. I further certify that the following News Media were properly notified of the above stated meeting: Gonzales Inquirer.

  
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