

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GONZALES MUNICIPAL BUILDING 820 ST. JOSEPH STREET
AGENDA –AUGUST 10, 2023 6:00 P.M.**

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.

All remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a body, and not to any individual member thereof. Any person making personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks while addressing the Council may be requested to leave the meeting.

Discussion by the Council of any item not on the agenda shall be limited to statements of specific factual information given in response to any inquiry, a recitation of existing policy in response to an inquiry, and/or a proposal to place the item on a future agenda. The presiding officer, during the Hearing of Residents portion of the agenda, will call on those persons who have signed up to speak in the order they have registered.

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.

- 1.1 **Minutes** - Approval of the minutes for the July 13, 2023 Regular Meeting, July 26, 2023 Workshop and July 27, 2023 Workshop
- 1.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-81** Authorizing the Use of the Independence Square and downtown sidewalks for Main Street's Second Annual Downtown Merchant Rum Run Event to be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023
- 1.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-82** Authorizing the closure of certain streets and the use of the downtown squares by Gonzales Main Street, Inc. and the Ministerial Alliance of Gonzales for a Trunk or Treat Event to be held on Saturday, October 28, 2023

- 1.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-83** Authorizing the Use of the Independence Square for Gonzales Main Street's Downtown Merchant Sip, Savor, & Shop Small Business Saturday Event to be held on Saturday, November 25, 2023
- 1.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-84** Authorizing the Use of the downtown squares including the Parking Lots, and Designated Street Closures for Main Street's 2023 Jingle Mingle, Winterfest & Annual Lighted Christmas Parade December 1 & December 2, 2023
- 1.6 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-85** Approving Type B Economic Development Agreement between the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and the City of Gonzales, Texas Authorized Pursuant to Section 505.158 of the Texas Local Government Code for State Grant Matching Funds for the Airport Runway Lighting Project in the amount of \$145,000.00-First Reading
- 1.7 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-86** Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Lease Agreement with Yamaha Motor Finance Corporation for a Four Year Lease on Ten Yamaha Drive2 QuieTech Fleet Golf Carts for an Annual Amount of \$9,000.00

RESOLUTION

- 2.1 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-87** Taking a Record Vote on Setting the Preliminary Maximum Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and Scheduling a Public Hearing
- 2.2 Public Hearing, Discussion & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-88** Closing out Grant #7220052-2020-DRP from the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) in the amount of \$500,000 for Sidewalk and Street Improvements on and around Texas Heroes Square
- 2.3 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-89** Authorizing the City Manager to submit, and accept if awarded, an application and associated documents to the Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division, through the Office of the Governor, for up to \$160,000 in Operation Lone Star Grant Funds, for the Purchase of a police vehicle, one drone and overtime for the Police Department
- 2.4 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-90** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Purchase Agreement for the Purchase of a Chevrolet Tahoe SSV 4x4 for the Fire Department in the amount of \$75,929.00
- 2.5 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-91** Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a License Agreement with Linda Gay Wood Drake granting the use of certain tracts of land as described within said agreement

OTHER BUSINESS

- 3.1 Discussion and direction regarding the possible removal of tree on the southern portion of Independence Square east of the Fire Station

- 3.2 Discussion and direction regarding town hall initiatives and desire to hold Town Hall Meetings

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

- 4.1 Finance Director, Laura Zella will provide feedback on any questions regarding:
- Financial Reports for funds as of July 31, 2023
 - Cash & Investment by Fund as of July 31, 2023
 - Quarterly Investment Report Ending June 30, 2023
- 4.2 City Manager, Tim Crow will update the City Council on the following:
- Timeline on Capital Improvement and Departmental Projects
 - Recently Completed Projects
 - Projects Currently in Process
 - Upcoming Projects
- 4.3 Economic Development Director, Susan Sankey will update the City Council on the following:
- 510 St. Paul

CLOSED SESSION

- 5.1 (1) 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
- A) Sale of Renewable Energy Credits (REC)
- (2) Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Gonzales will consult in closed session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
- A) City Manager Evaluation

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

- 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

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.

I certify that a copy of the August 10, 2023, agenda of items to be considered by the Gonzales City Council was posted on the City Municipal Building bulletin board on the 7th day of August, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. and remained posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the meeting. I further certify that the above agenda was removed on _____ day of

_____, 2023 at _____ am/pm. I further certify that the following News Media were properly notified of the above stated meeting: Gonzales Inquirer.

Kristina Vega, City Secretary

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