

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GONZALES MUNICIPAL BUILDING 820 ST. JOSEPH STREET
AGENDA –SEPTEMBER 11, 2025, 6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

This time is set aside for any individual or organizational representative who wishes to address the City Council. Each person should fill out the individual or organizational representative's speaker register prior to the meeting. The presiding officer, during the Public Comments portion of the agenda, will call on those persons who have signed up to speak in the order they have registered.

- **Organizational Public Comment**

This agenda item is for the purpose of allowing organizational representatives to make comment. In accordance with the Texas Attorney General's Opinion, any public comment that is made on an item that is not on the published final agenda will only be heard by the City Council. No formal action, discussion, deliberation, or comment will be made by the City Council. Each person providing public comment will be limited to three (3) minutes.

- **Individual Public Comment**

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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

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

- 1.1 Finance Director, Laura Zella will provide feedback on any questions regarding:
 - Financial Reports for funds as of August 31, 2025
 - Cash & Investment by Fund as of August 31, 2025

- 1.2 City Manager, Tim Crow will update the City Council on the following:
 - Timeline on Capital Improvement and Departmental Projects
 - St. Lawrence Street Improvements
 - Water/Waste Water project at Stieren Road

- Bridge Replacement Project
- Sewer line project on St. Vincent

1.3 Fire Chief, Wade Zella will provide an annual update for the Gonzales Fire Department

PROCLAMATION

2.1 Proclamation presentation:

- Recognizing Gonzales as a Tourism Friendly Community
- Recognizing September as Tejano Heritage Month

BUDGET AND TAX RATE ITEMS

- 3.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2025-14** Approving the Operating Budget for the City of Gonzales and the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2025 and Ending September 30, 2026; Renewing the City’s Financial Policy, Investment Policy, and Budget Contingency Policy
- 3.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2025-89** Ratifying the Property Tax Revenue Increase Reflected in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget as required by Texas Local Government Code Section 102.007 when adopting a budget that will require raising more revenues from property taxes than in the previous year
- 3.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2025-15** Approving the 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Rate and Levy of Assessed Valuation of All Taxable Property Within the Corporate Limits of the City of Gonzales, Texas
- 3.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2025-90** Authorizing and Adopting the Investment Policy for the City of Gonzales
- 3.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2025-16** Adopting the City of Gonzales Rate and Fee Schedule and for various city services; consolidating those fees for convenience

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF GONZALES last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF GONZALES this year.

	2024	2025	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.2966	\$0.3500	increase of 0.0534 per \$100, or 18.00%

Average homestead taxable value	\$162,302	\$174,136	increase of 7.29%
Tax on average homestead	\$481.39	\$609.48	increase of 128.09, or 26.61%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,836,283	\$2,214,946	increase of 378,663, or 20.62%

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.

- 4.1 **Minutes** - Approval of the minutes for the August 14, 2025 Regular Meeting, August 18, 2025 Gonzales County Leaders Roundtable Discussion with Congressman Michael Cloud, August 27, 2025 Workshop, and September 4, 2025 Special Called Meeting
- 4.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2025-91** Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Gonzales Paws and Whiskers
- 4.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2025-92** Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Gonzales Dog Adoptions
- 4.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2025-93** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement between the City of Gonzales and Preservation Gonzales, Inc. for Historical Preservation
- 4.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2025-94** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement between the City of Gonzales and Gonzales Crystal Theater, Inc. for Historical Preservation and the Encouragement, Promotion, Improvement, and Application of the Arts
- 4.6 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2025-95** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement between the City of Gonzales and The Edwards Association for Historical Preservation.
- 4.7 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2025-96** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement between the City of Gonzales and Gonzales County Restoration Association dba Gonzales Pioneer Village for Historical Preservation
- 4.8 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2025-97** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement between the City of Gonzales and Gonzales Chapter Daughters of the Republic of Texas for Historical Preservation

- 4.9 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2025-98** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement between the City of Gonzales and the Gonzales Youth Ballet for the Encouragement, Promotion, Improvement, and Application of the Arts
- 4.10 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2025-99** Approving an Administrative Services Agreement by and Between the GEDC and City of Gonzales, Texas
- 4.11 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2025-100** Authorizing the City of Gonzales Tourism and Bicentennial Committee Use of the Gonzales Memorial Museum Grounds, Designated Street Closures, and Sale and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages for the Bicentennial Celebration on October 2, 2025
- 4.12 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2025-101** Rescheduling the October 9, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting to October 16, 2025
- 4.13 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2025-102** Authorizing the Use of the Use of Texas Hero Square by Gonzales Tourism in partnership with Gonzales Main Street, Inc. for the Come and Take It Makers Market
- 4.14 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2025-103** Authorizing the Expenditure in an Amount Not to Exceed \$75,488.83 for the Tear Down, Inspection and Repair of 3 Units at the Hydro

RESOLUTIONS

- 5.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2025-104** Authorizing the Appointments and Reappointments to the Airport Advisory Board, Beautification & Design Board, Gonzales Convention & Visitors Bureau, Gonzales Economic Development Corporation, Gonzales Golf Course Advisory Board, JB Wells Park Advisory Board, Gonzales Library Board, Main Street Advisory Board, Museum Advisory Board, Planning & Zoning Commission, and Zoning Board of Adjustment & Sign Control Board
- 5.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2025-105** Authorizing the City Manager to submit, and accept if awarded, an application and associated documents to the National Fitness Campaign (NFC) for participation in their 2025 Initiative to install and activate outdoor Fitness Courts

ORDINANCE

- 6.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2025-17** Amending the Gonzales Code of Ordinances Chapter 4 Business Regulations and Chapter 6 Health and Sanitation, related to Special Events, Itinerant Merchants, Street Vendors, And Mobile Food Vendors

OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1 Presentation, discussion and direction addressing the duplicity of street names for that portion of street located between College Street and Church Street
- 7.2 Discussion and possible action regarding a second and final, city sponsored rezoning for Downtown Mixed Use District (DMU)
- 7.3 Discuss and consider giving the City Attorney direction on Council obligations regarding enforcement of qualifications of office for Council Members

CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on a future City Council agenda

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 September 11, 2025, agenda of items to be considered by the Gonzales City Council, was posted on the City Municipal Building bulletin board on the 5th day of September, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. and remained posted continuously at least three (3) business days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting. I further certify that the above agenda was removed on _____ day of _____, 2025 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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