

**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 10, 2012 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 10, 2012, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Bobby O'Neal, Councilmen Tommy Schurig, Gary Schroeder, Lorenzo Hernandez, and Robert A. Logan.
Others Present: City Manager Allen Barnes, City Attorney Jackie Williamson, City Secretary Candice Witzkoske

Mayor O'Neal called the meeting to order, gave an invocation and cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor opened the public hearing for discussion on the approval of the Zoning Board of Adjustments approval of constructing the 4-plexes on Seydler Street. No comments were received and the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joann Leifeste – Asking for a budget request of \$900.00 for the vandalized monuments at Memorial Park Cemetery. She feels that with the increase in sales tax revenue and revenues generated from the Eagle Ford Shale that the City could afford this. She stated that many hours have been spent by volunteers in keeping the cemeteries clean along with ISF spending time working and repairing where needed.

Roger Eberle – In reference to the Tree Trimming Ordinance, he asked if the crews are going to be trained and asked for more than 14 days notice because some may be out on vacations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #2. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2011 meeting. Councilman Logan made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

EVENTS/OTHER

Item #3. The Mayor stated that the City received an appreciation letter from the Gonzales Youth Center and a copy would be made available to those who wish to see it.

RESOLUTIONS

Item #4. The Council briefly discussed the rezone of Lot No. 6, in range No. 7, East of Water Street for the construction of the 4-plexes on Seydler Street. Councilman Schurig stated the need for adequate places for people to live and made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-01 for the rezone

for KP Enterprises from an R-1 to R-2. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Item #5. Vicki Frenzel representing the Beautification Committee's request to use City property for a Butterfly Garden at the corner of St. Paul and St. Louis. She stated that the committee is not requesting any money, just approval. They will plant specific plants that attract butterflies. Councilman Logan asked if additional irrigation would be required and Ms. Frenzel stated yes however, there would be no cost to the City. Councilman Schroeder stated that he met with Bob Burchard of the Beautification Committee and sees it as a very positive addition. The Mayor asked for a vote. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-02 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Item #6. Lawrence Fryer requested use of Texas Heroes Square with street closures for the annual Martin Luther King March/Parade on January 16, 2012. All citizens are invited and the route is the same as they have used in previous years. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-03 and Councilman Logan seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Item #7. Connie Kacir advised Council that the Gonzales Healthcare Systems Foundation and Southern Clay Products (sponsor) is requesting street closures for their 2nd annual Come and Take It Bike Race to be held on March 31, 2012. They will also be using Confederate Square. Ms. Kacir stated that they expect 700 racers and the route will be the same as last year. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-14 for the event and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Item #8. City Manager Allen Barnes stated that Charles Patteson, Steve Pirkle, Roland Martinez and Tim Gescheidle have asked to be reappointed for another two year terms on the Planning and Zoning Board. The Mayor asked for a Motion. Councilman Logan moved to approve Resolution #2012-05 and Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Item #9. Main Street Director, Barbara Fredrich informed the Council that Debbie Toliver, Del DeLosSantos, and Sarah Zamora are requested reappointed to the Main Street Advisory Board. Sherrie Schellenberg and Randy Harkey, Sr. are requesting new appointment. The appointments are for a two year term. Ms. Fredrich stated that two other applications were received late that were not included in the packet. The Mayor asked for a Motion. Councilman Logan made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-06 and Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Item #10. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed the Council that he has visited with the Gonzales Water Supply Corporation several times and has negotiated a rate increase from 59.06 per 100 gallons to \$2.20 per 1000 gallons with a new contract. They will be required to take or pay for a minimum of 1,000,000 per month and cannot exceed 50,000,000 per month. If they exceed this

amount, they will be charged an additional 10 percent penalty. This is a handshake agreement pending approval at their board meeting which is to be held January 17, 2012. Mr. Barnes stated that he will also be working on an agreement to provide an interconnect system between the two water systems should either experience an emergency requiring additional water which will be presented to Council at a future date. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Logan made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-07 pending approval from the Gonzales Water Supply Corporation board meeting. Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Item #11. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed the Council that we have been in negotiations with property owner next to the airport which will allow for sighting of the AWOS system and future potential expansion of the runway and hanger space. The amount of purchase is \$150,000.00. The initial purchase of the land must be made using monies from the General Fund however, the AWOS grant can be amended to include the purchase of this land once we hold title. Any amount not covered by the grant would be reimbursed from the airport income funds. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-08 and Councilman Logan seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Item #12. Revenue Collections Supervisor, Joann Broz, presented to the Council a Deposit Policy for Revenue Collections. She stated that this is designed to address credit risks, reduce and/or control bad debts in screening applicants. Mr. Barnes commended Ms. Broz for recognizing the need for this policy. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Logan made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-09 and Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Item #13. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed the Council that the Texas Gas Service Company filed a request for rate increase for the City of Gonzales and the cities of Cuero, Luling, Lockhart, Nixon, Shiner and Yoakum. The City has three options, 1) do nothing and the rate will go into effect, 2) the City can suspend the rate increase for 90 days or 3) reject the rate increase. The rate increase is regulated by the Railroad Commission. Mr. Larry Graham with the Texas Gas Services made the recommendation for Council to ask for a suspension which will give the cities more time to evaluate the impact. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Logan made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-10 to suspend the rate increase for 90 days. Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

ORDINANCES

Item #14. Robert Miller, Electric Department Supervisor, informed the Council that the City has no written tree trimming policy and requested approval of the policy presented that will provide guidelines so that proper line clearance, right-of-ways, etc. can be established. Citizen, Roger Eberle asked who will train the staff so that trees are properly trimmed. Mr. Miller stated that professional tree trimmers will be hired along with City staff. City Manager, Allen Barnes, recommended that we put an ad in the newspapers and put out door knockers when tree trimming was going to be done. Mr. Eberle asked if the timeframe to advise the property owners could be extended from one week to 28 days notice since that will give citizens who may be out on vacation enough notice and to also send letters. The Mayor asked for a motion. Council Schurig made a motion to approve these

changes on Ordinance #2012-01 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Item #15. City Attorney, Jackie Williamson, informed the Council that by Charter, the Municipal Judges salary is to be set by Ordinance. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Logan made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-02 and Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

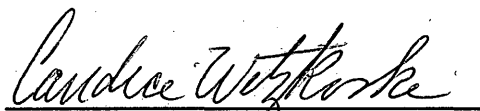
Item #16. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed the Council that we are seeing an increase in 8-liner establishments coming to town and he would like to regulate where they can be located and charge fees. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-03 and Councilman Logan seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

STAFF REPORTS

As required by state law, Tim Crow, Chief of Police, submitted a copy of the Racial Profiling Report for the period of 1/1/2011-12/31/2011.

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Logan made a motion and Councilman Schroeder seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.


Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
BUDGET WORKSHOP
January 21, 2012 MINUTES**

The City Council convened for a Budget Workshop meeting at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, January 21, 2012, in Room #19 at the Victoria College Campus, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Councilmen Tommy Schurig, Gary Schroeder, Lorenzo Hernandez, and Robert A. Logan.

Others Present: City Manager Allen Barnes, City Secretary Candice Witzkoske, Todd Remschel, Tim Crow, Sam Lewis, Gary Shock, Kelly Penewitt, Robert Miller, Keith Schmidt, Keith Schauer, Carolyn Martin

Mayor Pro-tem Gary Schroeder called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

EVENTS/OTHER

Item #1. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed the Council that staff have not previously had an opportunity to have input or participate in the budget process. However, this budget has been a collaborative effort and he is very pleased with the results. The process today is to go through the entire budget page-by-page.

Mr. Barnes informed the group that according to the Municipal Advisory Council (MAC), the annual sales tax for 2011 showed a significant increase over 2010. Although MAC doesn't make forecasts of future trends, the January 2012 sales tax was up over 44% from January 2011.

Mr. Barnes discussed Revenues and expects we will have approximately 1(one) million more than last year, with the addition of bonus money from oil leases that was not included. We are being very conservative and will set aside a certain percentage in capital improvement funds with the rest to be put into the General Fund. The goal is to set up a rainy day fund for capital projects and expenditures.

Mr. Barnes stated property taxes are projected to be the same amount as last year. There has been a big increase in water franchise fees. Mr. Barnes stated that he would like to change the name from Franchise to Electric in lieu of taxes for easier definition.

Park Revenues – Revenues reflect a decrease but are more realistic; this does not include fees from concessions. We have not had a true picture and hope that this will set a benchmark for next year's figures.

Municipal Court Revenues – Mr. Barnes stated that the trends show figures are down somewhat.

Personnel – Mr. Barnes stated that we do not have a document where Council authorizes the number of personnel hired and the document included here in the budget will serve that purpose.

Management Salaries – The salaries have been broken down where any citizen can see what the department heads make. A 3% increase has been included across the board for all employees. Mr. Barnes proposes that evaluations be performed on the employees annual anniversary date and once

after 6 months. If an employee receives an increase at their 6 month review, then that date will become their new anniversary date. For the Police and Fire Departments, it will continue to be one year.

Mr. Barnes informed the Council that the Senior Citizens group has requested a 5% increase in funding and the Beautification Committee is requesting a \$1,000.00 increase in funding.

Mr. Barnes advised the Council that he is requesting hiring an Administrative Assistant to assist him with clerical duties and could also assist with reception.

Mr. Barnes discussed the Employee Appreciation fund which includes the Christmas party, quarterly employee-of-the-month an annual picnic and some other planning for employee events.

Code Enforcement – Mr. Barnes advised the Council that once the new Council is seated in May, he would like to hold several public meetings regarding cleaning up the City. The Copier at public works is on a 5 year lease that was done through the state's buy-board. Mr. Barnes said he will be looking to lease all of the City's copiers through the buy-board.

Non-Departmental – Mr. Barnes advised the Council that all of the City's Zoning Ordinances need to be reviewed and may need to be re-done in order to keep up with new laws. Our current Ordinances are somewhat vague in some areas.

Mr. Barnes stated that we currently have no AED's (Automated External Defibrillator) and he would like to put one in every City building.

Training – No current employees have been formally trained on In-Code. He will be having an In-Code trainer to come and train all staff on In-Code.

Roof – The Roof at City Hall leaks and will need to be replaced.

Main Street – Requesting more funding for decorations and department needs a new computer.

Office Supplies – In the process of working with Office Depot who offers discounts for government entities.

GEDC – The department is asking for an increase for more training. Looking at growth plans (a Comprehensive Land & Thoroughfare Plan) and annexation for the City.

Janitor – They are requesting additional storage space.

City Secretary – We have separated the City Secretary into its own department and out of the Administration budget which will allow us a track record. This position requires a lot of mandatory annual training in order to keep up with laws.

Finance – This department has also been separated out from the Admin. budget for better tracking. The auditors were here last week getting a preliminary look at our records – and were very pleased with the check and balance steps we have already implemented. Mr. Barnes informed the group that the City must pass an investment policy each year and one will be submitted at the Feb. meeting. Mr. Barnes is an investment officer for the City and Council will be receiving a quarterly investment report. He stated that he will be recommending more controls at J.B. Wells and the Golf Course. Mr.

Barnes will be reviewing the applications for the Finance Director next week.

Parks – Kelly Penewitt, Parks Director stated that there is an increase in expenses for pesticides for adequate spraying needs due to the drought. We will need to increase the RV pole voltage from 30 to 50 amps, improve the old arena bleachers and provide proper dirt. They will be working on a "Community Build" playground at Independence Park where the citizens put the playground together and have ownership into it. Ms. Penewitt stated that the Breakfast Lion's Club is looking to put in a skate park and the Noon Lion's Club is looking at installing bus stop shelters (City to do the pads and piers).

Swimming Pool – We will be changing out the chlorination system and buying safety supplies, i.e., AED, rescue tubes, backboard, O2 masks and hiring a safety trainer. The City pool has a leak and we will need to locate it for repair. We will be going from the Red Cross water safety program to the Jeff Ellis safety program. The pool needs to be ADA compliant and we will be providing uniforms for all the life guards.

J.B. Wells – Ms. Penewitt stated that she is currently working on incentives to bring the Youth Rodeo's to town as well as looking at other revenue streams. We will be hauling in dirt to prevent the flooding at the R.V. park.

Recreation – no significant changes but increasing staff.

Cemeteries – Mr. Barnes informed the Council that he did not increase the budget for headstone repairs because the City Cemeteries are not perpetual care. If the Council's pleasure is to file for perpetual care, then he will include the funding. The consensus of the Council is to not make it perpetual. The maintenance part for cemeteries has been moved under the Parks department with the administration of the cemeteries under the City Secretary.

Golf Dept. – Currently recruiting a manager, looking to redesign the golf course. Holding more competitions, better marketing for tourism and branding. Need to purchase new golf carts and fuel cost expenses increased. Mr. Barnes stated that the Council will need to decide what the official City logo is as there are currently about four.

Fire Dept. – Fire Chief, Keith Schmidt stated he has surplus equipment that needs to be auctioned off. Increase in safety gear needs and chemicals (foam). The radio equipment has been neglected over the years and will be updating. They will be building a pad to store the tanker truck. Need to purchase a new air compressor and a brush truck. They will be trading in two brush trucks and use volunteer money to pay for the new one.

Police Dept. – Chief, Tim Crow stated that he has added for one additional officer. Will be replacing two cars to purchase one new one. Increase the fuel budget. Forfeiture money has now be appropriated in the correct category, will be replacing radio equipment. Need storage space for evidence security that is climate controlled. Mr. Crow is seeking state Chief of Police Policy Certification award.

Animal Control – Need to replace the truck/cage.

Municipal Court – Mr. Barnes stated that training has been increased due to cross-training as well as mandatory training in the department.

Airport – There has been an increase in use for the airport and in fuel sales. We need to expand the landing strip and need PAPI (Precision Approach Path Indicator) lights. We will be increasing advertising.

Streets – Need to purchase a heavy duty equipment trailer have prioritized street repairs. Looking to budget for a track loader in 1-2 years.

Library – Caroline Helms, the City Librarian, is out on medical leave. The library stands to receive a substantial amount from Estate money. The library has no storage space.

Museum – Budget proposes it be re-wired and ordering the Cannon books for sale. Looking at holding a fundraiser in March 2013.

Electric/Utilities – Robert Miller, Elect. Dept. Supervisor, stated that there has been an increase in Pole rental fees and an increase in fuel costs. We will need to replace the outer circuit loop of the grid. Need to replace one of four circuit breakers at the substation. Need new truck chassis for the digger and will rebuild the digger unit. Implementing the new tree trimming ordinance. Need to review our comp time policy and look at other options.

Revenue Collections – Need meter reading equipment and training.

Water (Distribution) - Have implemented rate increase for the debt payment. Increased fees to Gonzales Water Supply Corp. Need to replace pump, need new backhoe and the clarifier at the water treatment plant needs repairing. Increase fees for chemicals.

Waste Water – We did not project the sale of the effluent as we do not know yet. We will be replacing sewer lines and we need a lift station at Independence Park. Replacing the 1988 one-ton truck.

Solid Waste – We will be moving the dumpsters to City property by the Water towers and build a fence around it that will be manned.

Special – We will hold the annual Jim Price Clean-Up and the Household Hazardous Waste. The Waste Management contract with Allied Waste will be up in three years and we will go out to bid.

Hotel/Motel – The Tourism Committee wants to hire a consultant for way-finding signs at a cost of \$20,000.00. Need additional training for staff, historic preservation and purchase of flags and banners.

EDC – Projected revenues of \$600,000.00. Will increase marketing and promotions. Increase in funding for small business grants.

Mr. Barnes advised the Council that he will present the completed proposed budget at the Feb. 7th Council meeting and it will be filed with the City Secretary within 10 days. Will be setting the Public Hearings for the budget.

ADJOURN

The Mayor pro-tem adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Candice Witzke
Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

[Signature]

**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2012 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 7, 2012, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Bobby O'Neal, Councilmen Tommy Schurig, Gary Schroeder, Lorenzo Hernandez, and Robert A. Logan.
Others Present: City Manager Allen Barnes, City Attorney Jackie Williamson, City Secretary Candice Witzkoske

Staff Present: Todd Remschel, Robert Miller, Carolyn Martin, Kelly Penewitt, Sam Lewis, Keith Schmidt, Carolyn Boris, Keith Schauer, Gary Shock, Tim Crow

Mayor O'Neal called the meeting to order, gave an invocation and cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Roger Eberle – Upset that the Beautification Committee told him that Crepe Myrtles are an invasive plant and that they could not be planted in front of the Library. He checked the various national plant sites and they are not invasive and wanted to know where the Committee got their information. He also asked why this committee is not required to provide the Council with their meeting minutes.

Brenda Adams – Of the Gonzales Cannon Newspaper, recognized all of the Reader's Choice Winners. Favorite Government Employee: 1. City Secretary-Candice Witzkoske, 2. Sam Lewis, 3. Philip Smith. Favorite Peace Officer: 1. Lt. Tammy West, 2. Officer James Holt, 3. Chief Tim Crow. Favorite Park: 1. Independence Park. Favorite Campground/RV Park :1. J.B. Wells Park.

Dr. Strozier – Gonzales Independent School District Superintendant – Stated that she appreciates the City preserving the safety of its children and that there are many latch-key kids in the community. She supports Ordinance #2012-05 for Registered Sex Offenders.

Mike Hanson – Does not support the Registered Sex Offenders Ordinance; states he is not a criminal or anyone on his staff. If someone rapes a child, they should not be released and he feels this law is not going to prevent any crime. Why doesn't the City include a background check at the R.V. park or before hooking up utilities?

Melissa Hanson – signed in but absent

John David Russell – Stated that he is a registered sex offender and that Officer Taylor does a great job in handling the sex offenders in the City. There are already laws on the books for registered sex offenders and did not know why the City wants this Ordinance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #1-2. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2012 meeting and the January 21, 2012 budget workshop meeting. Councilman Logan made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote.

Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

EVENTS/OTHER

Item #3. City Manager, Allen Barnes informed the Council that the Charter requires the budget be presented 60-90 days before the beginning of each fiscal year. The proposed budget was filed with the City Secretary on January 27, 2012. A copy will also be filed at the Library by the end of the week. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the budget and Councilman Logan seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Item #4. City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that Council will need to hold a Public Hearing on February 28, 2012 for the 2012/2013 Budget. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to set February 28, 2012 to hold a Public Hearing and Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTIONS

Item #5. City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the Master Gardeners are requesting use of Texas Heroes Square for their Spring Plant Sale on March 31, 2012. The Come & Take Bicycle Race will also be held on this date. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-11 and Councilman Logan seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Item #6. City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that Mr. Tony Orellana with the Gonzales Pawnshop is requesting use of Confederate Square to hold a Customer Appreciation Day on February 18, 2012 from 2:00-5:30p.m. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-12 and Councilman Logan seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Item #7. Barbara Hand, Chamber of Commerce Director, stated that she is requesting use of Confederate Square on April 28, 2012 with designated street closures for a Tailgate Trash & Treasure Day and Old Jail Run. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-13 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Item #8. Barbara Hand, Chamber of Commerce Director, is requesting use of Texas Heroes Square for Texas Independence Day Celebration on March 1, 2012. Breakfast will also be served in the old jail. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Logan made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-14 and Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Item #9. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that the Texas Public Funds Investment Policy requires

adoption of an investment policy annually. However, one has not been done since 2002. This policy will be included in the budget. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Logan moved to approve Resolution #2012-15 and Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Item #10. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed the Council that our Zoning Ordinances have not been updated since 1999. Some are too vague in nature and new laws have been passed that are not included. Mr. Barnes is recommending to hire Freese-Nichols to do a diagnostic examination of our zoning ordinances. The cost is approximately \$10,000.00 and the funds will come out of special contracts. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Logan made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-16 to allow the City Manager to enter into a contract with Freese-Nichols and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Item #11. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed the Council that a new lease needs to be approved with the City of Gonzales and the Victoria College Gonzales Campus. The agreement is for five years and includes the land recently purchased at 1828 St. Paul Street (Quality Chevrolet). The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-17 to allow the City Manager to enter into a contract with Victoria College and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Item #12. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that the Main Street Contract through the Texas Historical Commission is an annual agreement that needs to be authorized. There is a \$300.00 administrative fee for the year. This has been approved by legal. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Logan moved to approve Resolution #2012-18 to allow the City Manager to approve the contract and Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Item #13. Water/Wastewater Manager, Gary Shock, informed the Council that the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority contacted him regarding their Hazard Mitigation Plan that is approved by FEMA. If the City adopts the resolution it will make the City eligible for FEMA grant pre- and post-disaster funding. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-19 to allow the City Manager to approve the contract and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Item #14. City Manager, Allen Barnes informed the Council that the Planning and Zoning meeting was cancelled because a quorum of members could not meet. The Mayor asked for a motion to table this item. Councilman Logan made a motion to table the item and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

ORDINANCES

Item #15. City Attorney, Jackie Williamson, informed the Council that she has drafted a proposed Registered Sex Offender Ordinance. The Ordinance is less restrictive than in some cities and is constitutional and created to provide a safer environment for the children in our community. A person

cannot be put in jail for unknowingly rent to registered sex offenders; is it a Class C Misdemeanor. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Logan made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-05 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that we will have to provide a map. Ms. Williamson stated that renters can put a clause in their lease asking if the person is a registered sex offender. Mike Hanson stated that the City should also include this when providing new utility services. Mr. Barnes said that this Ordinance affects new registered sex offenders and current ones are grandfathered in under the Exception "A" clause of the Ordinance.

Item #16. City Attorney, Jackie Williamson, stated that the City's current Sexually Oriented Business Ordinance is very weak and she has drafted a proposed new Ordinance. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Logan made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-06 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Item #17. City Manager, Allen Barnes, advised Council that they must Order an Election annually which is required by law. The City's General Election will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2012 to elect the Mayor and Councilmen for District 3 and District 4. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-07 ordering the election for May 12, 2012 and Councilman Schurig seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Item #18. City Manager, Allen Barnes, reminded the Council that they approved the redistricting maps last year and the Department of Justice has approved the preclearance of the plans. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-08 and Councilman Logan seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

STAFF REPORTS

Item #19. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that an Investment report is to be submitted to Council quarterly and one has not been done since April 2011. The report presented reflects those past quarters to current.

Item #20. Todd Remschel, Streets Supervisor, stated that he has located some sewer/water lines that were never mapped and working to correct that. He advised that the St. George street project is going as planned. Citizen, David Dement congratulated Todd and his team for doing such a great job.

City Manager, Allen Barnes, recognized Matthew Camarillo from the Police Department for returning back to work after having an on-the-job injury. He also informed the Council that he has hired Pam Larison as the Finance Director and she will start February 27, 2012.

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Logan made a motion and Councilman Hernandez seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Candace Witzpoke
Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

Brian O'Neal

**CITY OF GONZALES
CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2012 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their called meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 28, 2012, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Bobby O'Neal, Councilmen Tommy Schurig, Gary Schroeder, Lorenzo Hernandez, and Robert A. Logan.
Others Present: City Manager Allen Barnes, City Attorney Jackie Williamson, City Secretary Candice Witzkoske

Staff Present: Carolyn Gibson, Todd Remschel, Kelly Penewitt, Pam Larison, Robert Miller, Keith Schmidt, Sam Lewis, Tim Crow

Mayor O'Neal called the meeting to order, gave an invocation and cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Item #1. Mayor O'Neal called the Public Hearing on the proposed 2012/2013 City budget at 6:01 p.m. and asked for citizen comments.

Dennis Nesser – Stated that the City no longer has a contract with FOGAS and the Dog Adoption Center and wanted to know the status of funds allotted to them. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that the City is in the process of finalizing the contracts and has met with both entities and the approval of the contract(s) will be presented to Council at their April meeting. City Manager, Jackie Williamson interjected that the City extended the contract with FOGAS thru the end of March, 2012 and it is still in effect.

Pat Anders-Ryan – Director of the Youth Center, thanked Council for their continued support for the last 16 years and asked that they continue. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that the City will be proposing that Council approve all of the special contracts for continued funding at the March 6, 2012 meeting.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 6:05p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Item #2. Mayor O'Neal called the Public Hearing on the proposed 2012/2013 Gonzales Economic Development Corporation budget at 6:05p.m.

There was no citizen input regarding the budget and the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 6:07p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barbara Hand – Informed the Council that Texas Independence Day is Friday, March 2, and invited them to a breakfast that will be held at the old jail.

Roger Eberle – Stated that at the February 7, 2012 Council meeting, he made them aware of

concerns he had with the Beautification Committee. He said that he has received no response to date from them or Council. He said that his wife invested a lot of time and expense into the project that the Beautification Committee denied. He asked that they send his wife a card with an explanation and expects a response within one week.

Dennis Nesser – Agrees with concerns Roger Eberle brought to Council's attention and says all Council appointed committees should report, at least quarterly, a formal report of what they are doing and so the citizens can be aware of what is happening. Mr. Nesser stated that the City's website has not been updated, in some instances, since 2005. He asked that the new redistricting map be put on the website. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed the Council that beginning at the March 6, 2012 Council meeting, we have scheduled a committee each month, up to October, to give an annual report. Mr. Barnes further informed them that the Website is in the process of being re-designed and that at the back table in the Council chambers is a form for citizen input into the redesign.

RESOLUTIONS

Item #3. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed the Council that Michael Tuch made an application for a re-zone on his property on Sarah DeWitt from a C-2 (Commercial) to an M-1(Industrial) for heavy truck parking on parcels #17068 and 918 as indicated on the map in the packet. The Planning and Zoning Committee met on February 9, 2012 and approved the re-zone. Council is asked to make the final approval for the re-zone. Councilman Hernandez asked if there were citizen complaints received concerning this re-zone. City Secretary, Candice Witzkoske, stated that there were a few regarding the property owners believing that the re-zone would affect their taxes. However, zoning changes do not affect taxes. Mr. Hernandez also asked about Kim Caraway's concern regarding the street and dust. The parking lot will have caletchi gravel and there is no plan to currently pave the street. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-20 for the re-zone from a C-2 to an M-1 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #4. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed the Council that in December 2011, Texas Gas Service sent notice that they were raising rates. However, the City has jurisdiction and feels it will require legal expertise. Lloyd Gosselink and Consultants is already negotiating with seven other cities where five have agreed to use their services with Cuero deciding at their Council meeting scheduled for tonight. Mr. Barnes stated that the cost will be around \$20-25,000.00 for all the cities and Mr. Barnes spoke with Mr. Brocato of Lloyd Gosselink and they feel confident they can recoup these costs. Mr. Barnes requested Council to approve for him to proceed with retaining Lloyd Gosselink and Consultants. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to authorize Mr. Barnes to enter into a contract with Lloyd Gosselink and Consultants by approving Resolution #2012-21 and Councilman Logan seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #5. City Manager, Allen Barnes, introduced the new Finance Director, Pam Larison to Council and stated that Council is being requested to approve Resolution #2012-22 which will allow Ms. Larison to conduct business with TexPool and to remove Carolyn Martin from the account. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Logan made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-22 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #6. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed the Council that the Planning and Zoning Committee met on February 15, 2012 and approved the re-zone of property at 530 Seydler Street which includes parcels #12649, 12670, 14693, 22479, 12659 from an R-1 to a C-2. The Planning and Zoning Committee is initiating that all of the properties up to Huisache Street on the East side of Seydler Street also be re-zoned to C-2. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-23 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

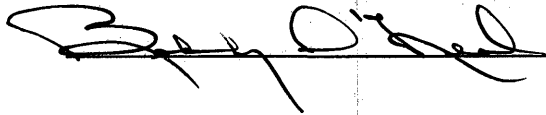
City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed the Council that he will be recognizing Carolyn Martin, Interim Finance Director, at the March 6, 2012 Council meeting. They Mayor will present a proclamation and there will be cake and punch.

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Logan made a motion and Councilman Schroeder seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.


Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 6, 2012 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 6, 2012, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Bobby O'Neal, Councilmen Tommy Schurig, Gary Schroeder, Lorenzo Hernandez, and Robert A. Logan.
Others Present: City Manager Allen Barnes, City Attorney Jackie Williamson, City Secretary Candice Witzkoske

Staff Present: Todd Remschel, Barbara Fredrich, Carolyn Baros, Carolyn Martin, Kelly Penewitt, Robert Miller, Sam Lewis, Tim Crow, Keith Schauer, Pam Larison, Keith Schmidt

Mayor O'Neal called the meeting to order, gave an invocation and cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No citizen signed in for Public Comments and no comments were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #1 & 2. The Mayor asked if the Council reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on February 7, 2012 and February 28, 2012 and had any questions or concerns. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Logan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for the February 7, 2012 and February 28, 2012 minutes and Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Item #3. Donald Rihn with the Knights of Columbus spoke regarding the Knights of Columbus holding their annual fish fry on Friday, March 16, 2012 from 3-8:00p.m. The only street closure request is on Hamilton Street, in front of the St. James Catholic Church where there will be a drive-thru. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the event. Councilman Logan made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-24 for the event and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #4. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that the City is required to designate the official newspaper of record annually. He stated that the Cannon submitted their proposal a day late. Mr. Barnes stated that the Council has two options; 1) they can take action tonight or, 2) table further discussion and ask both newspapers to re-submit their proposals. The Mayor asked Council what their pleasure is and Councilman Schurig made a motion to table further discussion and Councilman Lorenzo made a second motion and to reject both proposals and to table the item. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #5. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that with the National League of Cities, under agreement with the Utility Service Partners, a citizen can purchase warranty for their sewer lines at a cost of \$5.00 a month. Homeowners are responsible for sewer lines up to the main which can be very costly and this warranty program will help offset these costs up to \$3,500.00. This program is strictly voluntary for the citizens of Gonzales and this company will use local plumbers. Mr. Barnes has spoken with other cities using the program and they speak very highly of the plan. Mr. Barnes said that the company will use the City's logo on their advertising. Councilman Hernandez asked if research had been done on how well the company pays out and Mr. Barnes stated that with the 4-5 cities he had spoken with, none had any complaints and that the company is endorsed by the National League of Cities. Councilman Logan asked if any other companies have been considered and Mr. Barnes stated that there are two other companies but they do not have cities in Texas. Councilman Logan asked if a company could do both sewer and water and Mr. Barnes stated that yes they could. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to table this item and for Mr. Barnes to obtain a separate offer that includes both sewer and water. Councilman Schurig seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #6. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that staff has requested that this item be tabled. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Logan made a motion to table this item and Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #7. GEDC Director, Carolyn Baros, advised the Council that the GEDC Board met on February 27, 2012 and approved funding for a small business grant for The China Basket. The total cost of the project is \$30,000.00 and the amount of the grant is \$10,000.00. Mrs. Hillman, the owner of the China Basket has signed a performance agreement stipulating that she will maintain her business for two years. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-28 and Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder and Schurig all voted "aye", the Mayor abstained. The motion carried.

Item #8. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that annually the Council approves funding for special contracts; Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, JB Wells House/Museum, Pioneer Village, Gonzales Youth Center, GCAM, Gonzales County Mental Health advisory Board, Gonzales County Senior Citizens Association, and the Beautification Committee at a total cost of \$64,340.00. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-29 and Councilman Logan seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #9. City Manager, Allen Barnes, advised the Council that Erwin Ckudre, Jon Such, and Ed Sullivan have all agreed to be reappointed to the Gonzales Independent Golf Course Advisory Board. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Logan made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-30 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #10. City Secretary, Candice Witzkoske, advised the Council that Oscar Garza has agreed to serve as Election Judge and Georgia Pavliska has agreed to serve as Alternate Judge for the May 12, 2012 General Election. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-31 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The

motion carried unanimously.

Item #11. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that in 1999, the Legislature passed a bill requiring Cities to adopt an annexation plan. The City of Gonzales has no annexation plan and has no plans to annex at this time, however, in order to be in compliance, the City needs to establish a plan for the future. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-32 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #12. GEDC Director, Carolyn Baros, advised the Council that Wise Products is expanding their business to Gonzales. They are out of Honey Grove, Texas and this will be their fourth location. The GEDC Board met on February 27, 2012 and approved deeding 2.9023 acres in the Industrial Park Subdivision, which is owned by GEDC. Wise Products will construct a 12-15,000 square foot warehouse for their business of funeral supplies and caskets. GEDC will hold a lien on the land for five years. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-33 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES

Item #13. GEDC Director, Carolyn Baros, informed Council that the GEDC Board approved the 2012/2013 GEDC budget at their January 30, 2012 meeting. A Public Hearing was held on February 28, 2012. Councilman Hernandez asked of this budget presented today is the same that was presented at the budget workshop held on January 21, 2012, as it appears that Item G is different. Ms. Baros stated that there was an administrative fee increase to allow for additional clerical help. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that he was not aware that there was a change and it is not his intention to ever hide any financial issue and it is his goal for complete transparency where any citizen can look at the City's budget and understand it. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-10 and Councilman Schurig seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #14. City Manager, Allen Barnes, advised Council that \$20,000.00 was included in the 2012/2013 budget for the development of a comprehensive plan. It is in the non-departmental category in the budget. Otherwise, the budget is the same as presented to Council at the budget workshop. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-09 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORT

Item #15. Vicki Frenzel, Secretary of the Beautification Committee, informed the Council that the committee was started about 10 years ago and was designed to serve as a clearing house for ideas to use for City properties. She stated that it takes a lot of volunteer hours and they have planted 72 trees at Independence Park, 100 red buds at the Hike-N-Bike trail, daffodils/tulips on Confederate Square, currently building planters on the downtown square, cleaning up the City cemeteries and landscaping. In the process of installing a butterfly garden, a 2" water line at Independence Park to

water the trees and GISD has requested them to plant trees. Ms. Frenzel stated that the committee is open to anyone who would like to volunteer. The Committee would like to adopt guidelines to use native plants and she thanked the Council for their support.

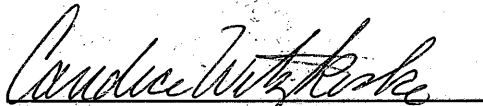
Item #16. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed the Council that all of the various City boards and committees are scheduled to give their annual reports to Council as designated by the enclosed schedule. No action is necessary; for their information only.

Item #17. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed the Council that included in their packets is the finance report. No action is necessary; for their information only.

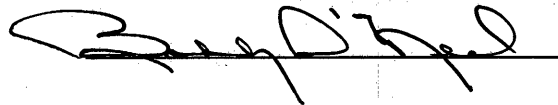
The Mayor asked for Carolyn Martin, Interim Finance Director, to come forward and he read the Proclamation designating March 6, 2012 as Carolyn Martin Day. The Mayor thanked Carolyn for all that she has done for the City.

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Logan made a motion and Councilman Hernandez seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.


Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 3, 2012 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 3, 2012, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Bobby O'Neal, Councilmen Tommy Schurig, Gary Schroeder, Lorenzo Hernandez, and Robert A. Logan.
Others Present: City Manager Allen Barnes, City Attorney Jackie Williamson, City Secretary Candice Witzkoske

Staff Present: Barbara Friedrich, Keith Schauer, Robert Miller, Kelly Penewitt, Todd Remschel, Sam Lewis, Keith Schmidt, Carolyn Baros, Gary Shock, Officer Taylor

Mayor O'Neal called the meeting to order, gave an invocation and cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m. to receive public comments regarding the Texas Gas Service Rate Increase. No comments were made and the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Larry Mercer – Representing the Gonzales County Veteran's Association, provided Council and the public an update on the Veterans monument. Mr. Mercer showed pictures of the proposed monument and explained the layout of the plan. Mr. Mercer stated that attorney, Forrest Penney will set-up a non-profit account for money raised to fund the monument.

Brenda Adams – Gonzales Inquirer, challenged all media in cleaning up for Jim Price-Clean up Day on Saturday, May 21, 2012.

Roger Eberle – He talked about the sewer and water line insurance program that will cover from the back of the curb to the main. City Manager, Allen Barnes informed Mr. Eberle that Council will discuss the Warranty Program that citizens may purchase that will cover their sewer and/or water lines from the back of the curb to the house. Also, Council will be discussing a formal policy for the City to adopt for sewer line repair. Mr. Eberle asked if the City could publish this type of information so that the citizens are aware.

Dave Mundy – Gonzales Cannon – Thanked the Council for considering the Cannon as the official newspaper of record and accepted the Gonzales Inquirer's challenge for Jim-Price Clean Up Day.

W.R. Low – passed on speaking

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #3. The Mayor asked if the Council reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on March 6, 2012 and if they had any questions or concerns. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Logan made

a motion to approve the minutes as presented for the March 6, 2012 minutes and Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Item #4. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that Council tabled this subject last month and since then the City received new proposals from both the Gonzales Inquirer and the Gonzales Cannon. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to designate the Gonzales Cannon as the official newspaper of record for the 2012/2013 fiscal year and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye", although the Mayor had preferred that the new Council be seated to make this decision. The motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution #2012-25.

Item #5. City Manager, Allen Barnes, reminded Council that this item was tabled last month and advised the Council that the City would like to formally adopt a policy for sewer line repairs. He stated that it is common practice for cities to repair broken pipes from the back of the curb to the main. What he proposes is that if a pipe is broken the City will repair; if the pipe is clogged, a plumber will need to fix at the property owners expense. Another concern has been that plumbers cut the streets for repairs and it will be the City's responsibility to ensure the street is put back. The City will provide clean-outs for new construction or when a City repair is needed. Councilman Logan asked if someone will be on call. Mr. Barnes stated that it is the City's policy to always have someone on call. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Logan made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-27 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #6. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that per the Council's request from last month's meeting, he obtained more information regarding a sewer/water warranty program that citizens have the option to purchase. The warranty will cover from the back of the curb to where the sewer line enters the house. This service is made available to the citizens strictly voluntary. Mr. Barnes listed the companies he contacted and Utility Service Partners was the company he recommends. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-26 and Councilman Logan seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #7. City Manager, Allen Barnes, recommends the water line warranty program along with the sewer line warranty program with Utility Service Partners. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Logan made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-44 and Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #8. City Manager, Allen Barnes, advised Council that the Gonzales Dog Adoptions, Inc. separated from the Friends of the Gonzales Animal Shelter (FOGAS). The funding for FOGAS has been split to provide funding for the Dog Shelter which will allow \$2300.00 for each contract. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-34 to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Gonzales Dog Adoptions, Inc. and Councilman Logan seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #9. GEDC Director, Carolyn Baros, informed Council that Connie Kacir has reached her term limit as President of the GEDC Board and therefore is no longer on the Board. James Ryan submitted an application to serve and Clint Hille and Nathan Nuese have both requested to be reappointed for another two-year term. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Logan made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-35 appointing James Ryan to the GEDC Board and reappointing Clint Hille and Nathan Nuese for another two-year term. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #10. Carolyn Baros, informed Council that Pee-Wee Walshak has requested to not be reappointed to the Tourism Committee. Menna Patel, owner of the Best Western Regency Inn, is requesting to be appointed to the Tourism Advisory Committee. Alison Guerra Rodriguez, Cindy Munson, Ken Morrow and Ann Covert have all requested to be reappointed. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Logan made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-36 appointing Menna Patel to the Tourism Advisory Committee and reappointing Alison Guerra Rodriguez, Cindy Munson, Ken Morrow and Ann Covert for another two-year term. Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #11. Barbara Friedrich, Main Street Director, informed Council that Main Street is requesting to hold their 4th annual Summer Concert Series with street closures and the sale of alcohol on June 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2012. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-37 for Main Street to hold their 4th annual Summer Concert Series and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #12. Barbara Friedrich, informed Council that Main Street will also provide their 3rd annual fireworks show on July 3 & 4, 2012 at the brickyard area at Independence Park and use of Confederate Square with street closures. Councilman Logan asked if the brickyard has been reserved for the event and Ms. Friedrich stated that it has. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-38 for the 3rd annual fireworks show with street closures and Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #13. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed Council that the new Finance Director, Pam Larison, discovered that the City has a bank account with Prosperity Bank with \$250,000.00 in funds. Evidently the funds were designated for sewer projects and the only staff left employed with the City who is on the signatory, is the Mayor. Therefore, the signature card needs to be updated to reflect current signatory. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-39 adding the appropriate signatures and Councilman Schurig seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #14. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that each year the Public Utility Commission requests to raise the franchise fees rates. Mr. Barnes said that Council did not raise the rates last year and they need to decide if they wish to this year due to inflation. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Logan made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-40 increasing the rates and Councilman Schurig seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #15. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed Council that the City of Gonzales has never formally adopted the "Come and Take It Flag" as the official flag of the City. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-41 adopting the "Come and Take It Flag" as the official flag of the City of Gonzales and Councilman Logan seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #16. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that because the Gonzales Dog Adoptions, Inc. has separated from the Friends of the Gonzales Animal Shelter (FOGAS), council will need to allow the City Manager to enter into a new contract with FOGAS. The funding has been split allowing \$2300.00 for each entity. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Logan made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-42 and Councilman Schurig seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #17. City Secretary/Zoning Administrator, Candice Witzkoske, advised Council that the Planning and Zoning Commission held a workshop on March 5, 2012 and held a meeting on March 22, 2012 and approved the re-zone of properties on the east side of Seydler Street from St. Lawrence up to Huisache Street. The Planning and Zoning Commission is asking Council for final approval of the re-zone. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-43 for the re-zone and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES

Item #18. City Manager, Allen Barnes, advised Council that he is recommending they approve a revised Truck Route Ordinance. Hwy. 183 will be renamed Water Street, we will be removing the St. Louis spur from the truck route. City Attorney, Jackie Williamson, stated that it was too costly to do a hazardous truck route. Allen Barnes stated that the Police Department will be enforcing the new truck route ordinance. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-11 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #19. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed Council that the City is required by law to review the Curfew Ordinance every two years. The last time it was reviewed was in 2009. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Logan made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-12 and Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #20. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed Council that the City assesses a fee on tickets from Municipal Court that are designated for a technology fund and the City Attorney is requesting Council to adopt the Ordinance. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Logan made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-13 and Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #21. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that the City assesses fees from Municipal Court tickets

for a Municipal Court Security Fund and is requesting Council to adopt the Ordinance. These funds can be used for security personnel, services and items related to buildings that house the operations of the Municipal Court. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Logan made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-14 and Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #22. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed Council that the City is permitted to create a municipal court child safety fund and require a defendant to pay as court costs, the maximum amount provided by the Texas Transportation Code in addition to other taxable court costs. These funds can be used for a school crossing guard program, programs designed to enhance child safety, health and nutrition along with prevention needs or deposit funds in an interest bearing account. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-15 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #23. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that the State of Texas requires Cities to appoint a Records Retention Officer and adopt a Records Management Program. The City would like to adopt the State Library of Archives schedule. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-16 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORT

Item #24. Richard Tiller, member of the Tourism Committee, gave the Tourism Committee's annual report and what they have been working on. He stated that Hotel/Motel funds have increased 64% over 2010/2011. The Tourism's goal is get people to stay the night in Gonzales and promote the historical value of the City. He stated that the Smart Phone app. Will launch this month and they will target San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Tiller stated that TxDot has approved way-finding signs and they will be going up soon. Mr. Tiller handed out a copy of the Tourism Committee's Strategic Plan. The Mayor thanked Mr. Tiller for serving on the Tourism Committee.

STAFF REPORTS

Item #25. Todd Remschel, Street Department Director, informed Council that the sewer/water lines on the 300 block of St. George Street have been installed and all the businesses have been connected. He advised that the businesses are open even though the street is closed; the contractors are keeping the sidewalks open (with the exception of where they are being poured).

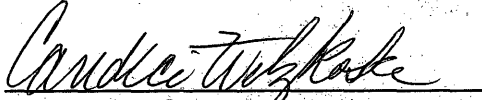
Item #26. The City received a letter from the Gonzales Youth Center thanking the City for their continued support and funding.

Item #27. The Finance report was submitted to Council in their packets.

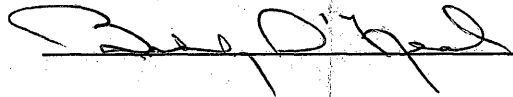
City Manager, Allen Barnes, advised Council that although unaudited, the 2011 fiscal year appears to be considerably in the black.

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Logan made a motion and Councilman Schroeder seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.


Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 1, 2012 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 1, 2012, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Bobby O'Neal, Councilmen Tommy Schurig, Gary Schroeder, Lorenzo Hernandez, and Robert A. Logan.

Others Present: City Manager Allen Barnes, City Attorney Jackie Williamson, City Secretary Candice Witzkoske

Staff Present: Barbara Fredrich, Kelly Penewitt, Sam Lewis, Carolyn Baros, Tim Crow, Keith Schauer, Keith Schmidt, Pam Larison

Mayor O'Neal called the meeting to order, gave an invocation and cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eddie Reyes – Handed out flyer for LULAC's annual Cinco De Mayo event on Saturday. They are requesting use of Confederate Square and the sale of alcohol.

Mike Hanson – Asked that Public Comments be put at the end of the Council Agenda so that the public has an opportunity to know what is being discussed and understand it and can have input on the topic. He was concerned with the City putting up a stop sign at St. Peter and Tate Street.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #1. The Mayor asked if the Council reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on April 3, 2012 and if they had any questions or concerns. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Logan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for the April 3, 2012 minutes and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Item #2. City Manager, Allen Barnes, advised Council that LULAC would like to hold their 4th annual Cinco De Mayo event on Saturday, May 5, 2012 using Confederate Square and selling alcohol. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-45 approving the event and Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #3. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed the Council that the Flatonia Rail Park Station is asking the City of Gonzales to support an Amtrak stop in Flatonia, Texas. Mr. Barnes said that Gonzales could reap the benefits of having this stop in Flatonia by increasing tourism in the surrounding areas. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Logan made a motion to

approve Resolution #2012-46 and Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #4. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed Council that Guadalupe Valley Telephone is attaching to the City's utility poles and we need to have a contract in place to charge the appropriate fees. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Logan made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-47 and Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #5. Carolyn Baros, GEDC Director, informed the Council that Connie Dolezal with Shear Designs applied for a Small Business Incentives Grant. The grant funding is 50% of the project cost up to \$10,000.00. Ms. Dolezal expects a total project cost of \$16,330.00. Ms. Baros stated that the GEDC Board met on April 23, 2012 and approved the funding and a Public Hearing was held on March 26, 2012. Ms. Baros stated that the GEDC Board is asking Council for their approval. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-48 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #6. City Secretary, Candice Witzkoske, informed Council that the Planning and Zoning Commission met on April 25, 2012 and approved the re-zone of property owned by Johnny Paul and Linda Rathmann located at 328 Cone Street. The re-zone is from an M-1 (Industrial) to C-2 (Commercial) so that their son can build a house on the property. Council needs to make the final approval of the re-zone. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Logan made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-49 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #7. City Attorney, Jackie Williamson, stated that back in 1989 the City authorized to swap 2.20 acres of land to the Gonzales Area Development Corporation, Inc. for their 2.567 acres of land in the Gonzales Industrial Park. However, the deeds were never executed. This land exchange will allow for the future expansion of Gonzales Manufacturing and no mineral rights will exchange ownership and no money will exchange hands. This is an even swap of parcels/acreage. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012- 50 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #8. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that Council must set the date to Canvass the 2012 Election. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to schedule the canvass for May 22, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. and approve Resolution #2012-51. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES

Item #9. City Manager, Allen Barnes, that the City has amended the Peddler's Ordinance to protect the best interest of the public for health, safety and welfare. Also to prevent aggressive solicitors on the 90A bypass. The new Ordinance treats all equally and Mr. Barnes has spoken with the Fire

Department that limiting groups to a three day campaign held one time a year, won't affect their annual fundraiser. Solicitors must solicit on three consecutive days for 6 hrs. each day and cannot be on a Sunday. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-17 and Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #10. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that Lorenzo Hernandez in District 3 was unopposed for the 2012 election and therefore, the election for District 3 needs to be cancelled. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-18 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #11. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that this item needs to be tabled so that City Attorney, Jackie Williamson, can obtain more information. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Logan made a motion to table Ordinance #2012-19 and Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #12. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed Council that to establish fees for sewer/water taps performed by the City. The City currently has been charging \$25.00 for taps which does not cover costs of the work. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-20 and Councilman Logan seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #13. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed Council that a negotiated agreement was made with Texas Gas Service (TSG) on their requested rate increase. TSG filed for a rate increase of \$640,000.00 equal to a 19-20% increase. However, the City has jurisdiction and in March reached an agreement through Lloyd Gosslink an increase of \$480,000 equal to a 25% decrease in what they proposed and a customer charge of \$16.00. The Mayor asked for a motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #14. City Manager, Allen Barnes, advised Council that this item needs to be tabled so the Utility Deposit Policy can be further refined. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to table discussion of Ordinance #2012-22 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Logan, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORT

Vicki Frenzel, Zoning Board of Adjustment and Signage Control Chair, gave the board's annual report. Ms. Frenzel stated that the Board consists of 5 members with two alternate members. The Board makes special exceptions to Ordinances. Property owners must adhere to set-back rules to allow emergency vehicles access to the property. When someone files for a special exception, the property owners within 200' are sent letters and invited to attend the meeting. Ms. Frenzel discussed the various categories for Zoning: R-1(single family residential), R-2 (multi-family residential), C-

1(light commercial), C-2 (heavy commercial), M-1 (industrial) plus M-H (mobile homes) and A-0 (agriculture). The Board has granted one variance this year, issued a specific use permit for an R.V. Park with stipulations and restrictions; issued a specific use permit for a recycling center. Ms. Frenzel stated that the ZBoA does not do zoning changes, however, does approve signage in the City and can hear cases on the airport. The Zoning Board of Adjustment and Signage Board takes their responsibilities very seriously.

STAFF REPORTS

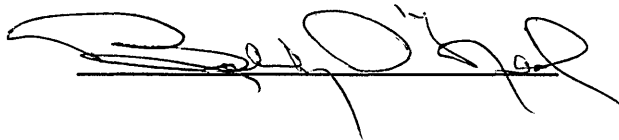
Item #16. GEDC Director, Carolyn Baros, stated that the annual Jim Price Clean-Up day was successful with eight dumpsters being filled. The Gonzales Independent School District and the Gonzales Inquirer sponsored a poster contest with the high school. Dr. Strozier with GISD announced the winners; 1st place – Erica Bonilla, 2nd place - Lindsay Kuck, 3rd place – Lauren Parr, honorary mention – Alexis Gilliam. The first place poster will be used for next year's brochure.

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Logan made a motion and Councilman Schroeder seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.


Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 22, 2012 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their called meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 22, 2012, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Bobby O'Neal, Councilmen Tommy Schurig, Gary Schroeder, and Robert A. Logan.

Absent: Councilman Lorenzo Hernandez

Others Present: City Manager Allen Barnes, City Attorney Jackie Williamson, City Secretary Candice Witzkoske

Staff Present: Pam Larison, Kelly Penewitt, Andra Friedrich

Mayor O'Neal called the meeting to order, gave an invocation and cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge at 6:01 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dennis Nesser – Handed out comments he received from citizens on his Hwy. 90A Sign blog.

Nikki Maxwell – Informed Council that a Neighborhood Watch has been set-up on the south side of Gonzales Street. She along with Theresa Johnson started it about 4 months ago and they are requesting to officially get on the June 5, 2012 Council Agenda. They want a safe environment and will be watching activities in their neighborhood.

RESOLUTIONS

Item #1. City Manager, Allen Barnes, introduced Pam Larison, Finance Director. Ms. Larison stated that she received three proposals for a depository agreement with Sage Capital Bank going above expectations. It is her recommendation that the City use Sage Capital Bank and asked Council to approve their designation. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Logan made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-52 to award Sage Capital Bank the depository agreement. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Logan, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #2. City Manager, Allen Barnes, advised Council that the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) is requesting use of the Riverside Center Museum wing in order to provide genealogy services. This is for a trial period of six months and they will be opened for visitors Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00a.m.until 2:00p.m. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-53 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Logan, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES

Item #3. City Attorney, Jackie Williamson, informed Council that she has produced a final draft of Ordinance #2012-19 which will replace the City's outdated Ordinance which regulates drilling and operations of oil and gas wells in the City. This revised Ordinance increases insurance coverage for each well and a pipeline section has also been included. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-19 and Councilman Logan seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Logan, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #4. City Manager, Allen Barnes, advised Council that back in December, the City introduced a Utility Deposit Policy that was very confusing and did not take into consideration the customers economic hardships. Therefore, the Finance Department is recommending that the City adopt a more simplified deposit policy that will benefit both the customer and the City of Gonzales. The application fee for both residential and business customers is \$200.00. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-22 and Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Logan, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #5. The Mayor stated that he has the tally sheets and he has reviewed the early votes and the votes cast on election day with the following results:

<u>Mayor</u>	<u>Early Votes</u>	<u>Election Day Votes</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bob Burchard	232	161	393
Robert Logan	265	232	497
 <u>Dist. 4</u>			
Steve Hendershot	53	53	106
Johnny R. Hunt	58	36	94
Clarence Opiela	139	92	231

Candice Witzkoske, City Secretary stated that there were two Provisional Ballots and only one counted which will have no effect on the outcome of the election.

The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-24 officially verifying the results of the May 12, 2012 election. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Logan, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

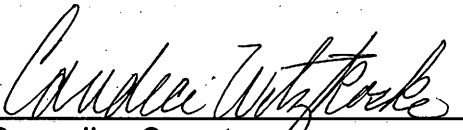
Item #6. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed the Council that they have been presented with a preliminary plat for Lou's Garden Subdivision. Council will be asked to approve the final plat at the June 5, 2012 meeting. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the preliminary plat and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Logan, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #7. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that GEDC met on May 14, 2012 and approved to hire an Administrative Assistant for the GEDC Director, Carolyn Baros. Mr. Barnes stated that because City employees are to be approved by Ordinance a budget amendment will also need to be done. Councilman Schroeder asked that this be tabled as he has further questions to ask Carolyn Baros. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Logan, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted aye to table this item.

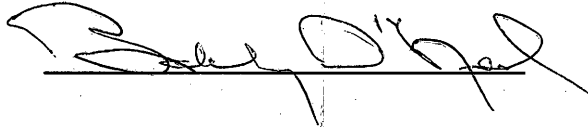
Item #8. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that Council is being presented with a copy of the Performance Agreement between the GEDC and Wise Products for their review. No action is necessary.

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Logan made a motion and Councilman Schroeder seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.


Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 5, 2012 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 5, 2012, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Bobby O'Neal, Councilmen Tommy Schurig, Gary Schroeder, Lorenzo Hernandez, and Robert A. Logan.

Others Present: City Manager Allen Barnes, City Attorney Jackie Williamson, In-coming Councilman Clarence Opiela, Officer Matthew Cowan, City Secretary Candice Witzkoske

Staff Present: Pam Larison, Kelly Penewitt, Marlan Mercer, Barbara Friedrich, Carolyn Baros, Keith Schauer, Tim Geschiedle

Mayor O'Neal called the meeting to order, gave an invocation and cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barbara Hand – Chamber of Commerce Director, Thanked City Manager, Allen Barnes, City Council and all of the volunteers who assisted with the Junior High School Rodeo and making it such a success.

OTHER BUSINESS

Item #1. Mayor, Bobby O'Neal swore in by Oath, Lorenzo Hernandez-Councilman District 3 who was unopposed for the May 12, 2012 election, Clarence Opiela-Councilman District 4, and Robert "Bobby" Logan-Mayor At-large.

Outgoing Mayor O'Neal gave the new council members some words of wisdom, "you are always going to have those that you can never please, but do what is in your heart". In-coming Mayor Bobby Logan read and presented Bobby O'Neal with a framed Proclamation designating June 5, 2012 as Bobby O'Neal Day, and also presented him with a Harley Davidson leather vest which will have a City Logo patch attached when it is complete.

Item #2. New Mayor, Bobby Logan swore in new police officer, Matthew Cowan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #3. The Mayor asked if the Council reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on May 22, 2012 and if they had any questions or concerns. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for the May 22, 2012 minutes and Councilman Schurig seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Item #4. Mayor Logan stated that Council is now to appoint the Mayor Pro-Tem and asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to designate Gary Schroeder as Mayor Pro-Tem and approve Resolution #2012-54 and Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #5. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that the City currently has three to five different logos and Council needs to adopt the official Logo(s) of the City. He recommends the new logo and the traditional logo used on the Come and Take It Flag that was presented in the council packet. Mr. Barnes described the new logo and the meaning of its features. This new logo came about when the City Engineer designed the tree grates for St. George Street. Mayor Logan asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the two City logos and approve Resolution #2012-55 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #6. City Manager Allen Barnes, informed Council that because the next scheduled regular meeting of the Council falls on July 3, 2012, the day before the July 4, 2012 holiday, that it would be more beneficial to move the July 3rd meeting to July 10, 2012. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-56 and Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #7. City Attorney, Jackie Williamson, informed Council that AV Tech Oil and Gas, L.L.C. is requesting to lease City property located at the former Quality property. The lease agreement is the same as previous leases with AV Tech. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-57 and Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #8. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that Council approved the preliminary plat for Lou's Garden Subdivision at their May 22, 2012 meeting. Staff has reviewed and made all the necessary changes and now asks Council to approve the final plat. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-58 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #9. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed Council that Wal-Mart has presented their preliminary plat for a 3 lot commercial subdivision located on 23.75 acres at the corner of Church Street and Sarah DeWitt. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-59 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #10. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that Johnny Paul Rathmann is requesting to separate 3.09 acres out of 20 acres on his property located at the intersection of Cone Street and CR 466.

Council is being requested to approve the final plat. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-60 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #11. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed the Council that GVTC is coming to town to offer fiber optics for residents in the City of Gonzales and they are requesting to close St. George Street on June 20, 2012 from 4:00-7:00p.m. for the grand opening of their new store located at 427 St. George Street. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-61 and Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #12. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that Council tabled discussion of approving an Administrative Assistant position for the GEDC Director at their May 22, 2012 meeting. Carolyn Baros, GEDC Director, advised Council that the GEDC Board unanimously approved the position to hire an administrative assistant at 25 hours a week, however, any position created must be approved by Council. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion and Councilman Schroeder made a second for discussional purposes only. He stated that he has been receiving calls and he felt he just could not go along with it because he would like to see the City purchase mowers to mow lots, fix streets, etc. The Mayor asked for a final vote. Councilman Lorenzo voted nay, Councilman Opiela voted aye, Councilman Schurig voted nay, Councilman Schroeder voted nay, and the Mayor voted nay as well. The motion did not pass.

Item #13. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that the City let bids for the installation of approximately 1100 linear feet of 8 inch pvc wastewater line from the intersection of FM 532 along Hwy. 90-A east to serve the RV development currently under construction. Smith Contracting had the lowest bid of \$93,713.00 however, only \$88,989 is in the budget. Council is being asked to allow the City Manager to execute the contract with Smith Contracting and a budget amendment will be presented to Council at the July 10, 2012 meeting. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-63 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. Councilman Opiela asked how many bids were received and the City Manager stated two; four contractors picked up the plans but only two responded. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES

Item #14. City Manager, Allen Barnes, advised Council that he received an email from TxDot on a traffic study they did on Sarah DeWitt since they installed a traffic light at Church Street. They are recommending the speed limit be lowered from 45 to 35 mph from Bucee's to Tinsley Creek as a general land mark due to the amount of accidents. They Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-25 and Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

OTHER FURTHER BUSINESS

Item #15. Tim Geschiedle, Planning and Zoning Board Chair, gave their annual report. Mr. Geschiedle provided a hand-out listing the re-zones the board has approved from January 2012 to June 2012. A re-zone was approved at 530 Seydler Street from an R-1 to a C-2 to build duplexes, a re-zone on the east side of Seydler Street from the Old Verizon bldg. up to Huisache Street from an R-1 to C-2, re-zone from a C-2 to M-1 at 1301 Sarah DeWitt (Tuch Tires), and re-zone from M-1 to C-2 for an individual at 328 West Cone Street.

Item #16. Citizens, Nikki Maxwell and Theresa Johnson updated Council on the South Side Neighborhood Watch program. Ms. Maxwell stated that the program was started around mid-March due to problems in the area. This neighborhood watch purpose is to take back the neighborhood from criminals and so far has had a great response. Ms. Maxwell was happy to see that the City already has an ordinance for Nuisances and Offenses and that the Police Department is responding. They now have a facebook page and the next meeting will be held June 14, 2012 at 7:00p.m. at the Methodist Church. She will leave a confidential sign-up sheet for anyone interested in attending. Ms. Maxwell and Ms. Johnson thanked Council for their support.

Item #17. Larry Mercer with the Gonzales County Veteran's Association gave a presentation the status of the Veteran's of Gonzales Monument. Mr. Mercer stated that Jack Finch is working on getting the association a non-profit status. Mr. Mercer is requesting the City's approval for Loretta Shirley to link to the City's website and approval to conduct a soil sample in order to ensure that the foundation will last a long time. He informed the Council of the board member: Gonzales Chamber, VFW, American Legion, Odd Fellows Lodge with many associate members. Their next meeting will be on June 11, 2012. Mr. Mercer stated that there will be no cost to the City. Mr. Mercer expects to have a final picture of the monument within a month to present to Council. Mayor Logan thanked Mr. Mercer and the association for everything they are doing in regards to the monument and he asked for a motion. The City Manager stated that by administrative approval he can approve the web link and the soil sample and asked Mr. Mercer to meet with him.

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schroeder made a motion and Councilman Hernandez seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.


 Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
JUNE 12, 2012 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their workshop meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 12, 2012, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Bobby Logan, Councilmen Tommy Schurig, Gary Schroeder, Lorenzo Hernandez, and Clarence Opiela.

Others Present: City Manager Allen Barnes, City Attorney Jackie Williamson, City Secretary Candice Witzkoske

Staff Present: Keith Schmidt, Keith Schauer, William Ince, Kelly Penewitt, Pam Larison, Robert Miller, Barbara Fredrich, Carolyn Baros, Gary Shock, Caroline Helms

Mayor Logan called the meeting to order, gave an invocation and cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge at 6:00 p.m.

BUSINESS

Item #1. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed the Council that this workshop is less formal than their regular meetings and the items to be discussed are for discussion only and no action is to be taken. Mr. Barnes stated that for the last few years there has been no pro-active code enforcement and it has been years since we have enforced property lien, and about 5 years since any tickets were issued. Therefore, Mr. Barnes has established a Code Enforcement Task Force consisting of: William Ince, Matthew Camarillo-P.D., and a Fire Dept. rep. who will be examining our code and concentrating on violations. Mr. Barnes made the suggestion for Council to hold town hall meetings within each district to let the citizens know what is happening and where the City is going and to provide them warning time with code enforcement. He would also like to enlist the media to attend these meetings. Once all of the districts have been represented he said the City would start code enforcement efforts on the City's entry ways. He said it will take several months to get the word out and get the citizens into compliance. Councilman Hernandez asked how much property of the City's needs to be cleaned up and Mr. Barnes said that the City will definitely get into compliance before the meetings. He stated that he will get a list of all the City owned properties and provide that to Council. Councilman Schurig made the suggestion to contract out the mowing services; Mr. Barnes to check into costs. Mayor Logan asked about two lots on St. Vincent Street that are the grass is high if anyone has come to the City in regards to baling it. City Manager, Allen Barnes stated "No". Councilman Opiela stated that contractors coming into town need to be licensed and bonded to prevent citizens from scams. Keith Schmidt, Fire Chief stated he is concerned with the lack of enforcement with the motels in the City. City Manager, Allen Barnes said that the City will start doing monthly inspections of motels. Mr. Barnes also said that the Police Department will be in charge of abandoned vehicles, the Fire dept. will be in charge of Health and Safety issues and the task force team will communicate on a daily basis on things they believe will be effective. William Ince, Code Enforcement Officer, stated that in regards to abandoned vehicles, that if a vehicle is viewable from a public right-of-way they can go and look at it.

Citizen, Hector Porras, stated that citizens do not know that they have to get a permit to build and wanted to know how the City can get the word out. City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that this can be included on our website that is currently in the process of being revamped.

Item #2. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that Cities grow with Planning and Development Plans with 1-3 years goals and 10-15 year goals. He said that Elise Bright with Texas A&M is currently in the process of writing the City's Comprehensive Plan and she is asking what our goals, objectives and vision are. Mr. Barnes said that the last comprehensive plan he could find is dated 1962. Mr. Barnes stated that he would like guidance from the Council on how to develop these. He suggested Council hold public forums within each council district for citizen input and bring in a consultant to facilitate and Mr. Barnes recommended Ron Holifield with SGR or any other entity Council would like. Councilman Hernandez asked Mr. Barnes to obtain bids from three various companies. Councilman Opiela agrees with holding public forums for citizen input and ideas and Mayor Logan said that citizens could also put their ideas to Council in writing.

Item #3. City Manager, Allen Barnes informed Council that he is concerned with the affect the oil boom is having on the City. He said that the City is losing 2-3 employees a month to the oilfield and we are not getting applicants to fill these positions. It is difficult to retain or recruit employees when we our salaries are so much lower that what the oilfield pays. He said that a recent study shows the City is losing employees to the oilfield and not to other cities. Even law enforcement is losing staff to provide security. Mr. Barnes said that the City currently pays staff comp time instead of overtime and because we are already short-staffed it gets more difficult because there is no one to fill in if someone takes off. Mr. Barnes recommends Council consider paying overtime for our hard-working employees even if for a temporary period. Mr. Barnes stated that comp time is an unfunded liability on the books and is not a good accounting practice. Mayor Logan said that employees are forced to take comp time at inopportune times and is in favor with paying employees overtime as well as Councilman Schurig. Pam Larison, Finance Director, stated that some employees are way over their 40 hours comp time and if those employees were to leave, the City would have to pay them for that comp time that is not budgeted. Ms. Larison said that employees earn 40 hours of vacation a year and sick time accrues two weeks a year. Council asked Mr. Barnes to come up with a plan to present to them at the July 10, 2012 meeting.

Item #4. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed Council that he would like for them to hold workshops once a month for the next few months to get essential items taken care of. He would like to discuss starting a Youth Council and has lots of ideas to discuss. He suggested to take 3-4 items to discuss at each workshop meeting. He does not want to fatigue Council by holding too many meetings and asked Council to let him know what they would like to discuss.

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schroeder made a motion and Councilman Hernandez seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 7.37 p.m.


Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 10, 2012 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 10, 2012, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Bobby Logan, Councilmen Tommy Schurig, Gary Schroeder, Lorenzo Hernandez, and Clarence Opiela.

Others Present: City Manager Allen Barnes, City Attorney Jackie Williamson, City Secretary Candice Witzkoske

Staff Present: Todd Remschel, Barbara Friedrich, William Ince, Mike Jeffery, Keith Schauer, Pam Larison, Gary Shock, Keith Schmidt, Tim Crow

Mayor Logan called the meeting to order, gave an invocation and cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Betty Fussner – Director of GCAM (Gonzales Christian Assistance Ministry) informed Council that she would like to hold a community BBQ on August 25, 2012 to promote unity, faith and love. She stated that we need to stand together as a community and requested a letter from Council to raise funds, have a prayer walk and help families build a solid foundation.

Melanie Petru – Member of DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) and Museum Board. Ms. Petru informed Council that the Thomas Shelter of DAR's has been overseeing the City's museum for over 60 years and they feel they need to cease effective today. They have requested a contract with the City Manager for some time, they have had City personnel issues at the Museum, the museum needs to be cleaned and maintained and the A/C and heat is not adequate. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that the City has been working on restoration efforts at the Museum and he has been working on a written agreement that is amicable to both parties.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #1 & 2. The Mayor asked if the Council reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on June 5, 2012 and June 12, 2012 Workshop and if they had any questions or concerns. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2012 meeting as presented and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. Councilman Opiela stated that on the June 12, 2012 minutes, to change Bobby O'Neal to Bobby Logan as the one who called the meeting to order. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the June 12, 2012 meetings with the change in name and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Item #3. The Mayor swore-in new police officer, Travis Sowell.

Item #4. The Mayor appointed Ms. Lupe Martinez to the Gonzales Housing Authority Board. Mr. Rufus King resigned his position on the Housing Authority Board and the Mayor thanked Mr. King for his years of service.

Item #5. Eagle Scout, Seth Rainey from Gonzales Pack 262, informed the Council on the tasks he completed at J.B. Wells. Mr. Rainey built an information kiosk, created a budget of \$300.00 for the project and the cost to the City of \$237.83. Council thanked Mr. Rainey for all his efforts. Dennis Nesser advised that Seth is the 3rd Eagle Scout that has aided the City and there are four more coming up.

RESOLUTIONS

Item #6. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed Council that a former department head, recently allowed surplus property to be sold in a manner that that was not acceptable. It was not illegal; however, it should have been declared surplus equipment and then disposed of properly. Golf carts were sold and we were able to get one back with two being unable to retrieve. City Attorney, Jackie Williamson, stated that these were innocent purchases and while not illegal it just doesn't look good with the City's transparency goals. Councilman Hernandez asked how much the golf carts were sold for? Mr. Barnes stated \$500.00. Mr. Barnes stated that this is why he would like to propose a policy for surplus equipment that defines the proper ways to dispose of it. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-62 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #7. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that from the Council workshop held on June 12, 2012, Council agreed to allow overtime for hourly employees. Mr. Barnes said that with now losing another employee from J.B. Wells to the oilfield and with new events it has become more important to reward our hard working staff. Once employees reach 40 hours comp time, overtime will kick in (after approval). This will alleviate staff not being able to take off and will help retain staff. Mr. Barnes requests final approval. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-64 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Barnes, on behalf of the employees thanked the Council.

Item #8. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed Council that with the newly elected Mayor, Bobby Logan needs to be added to the bank signatory. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-65 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #9. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that from the Council Workshop held on June 12, 2012, Council asked him to obtain proposals from different companies to serve as Facilitator for the City's goals and objectives. He sent proposals to four companies and received two responses back. One from SGR and one from Mercer. Both have stellar, nationwide reputations. The potential issue with Mercer is that they have a time line of 4 months. However, our comprehensive plan from A&M is almost ready and we need to move forward. Mr. Barnes recommends SGR as they are local and Mercer is out of New Mexico (but have staff in San Antonio, TX). Councilman Opiela asked what the quotes were for both: SGR \$13,000 and Mercer \$17,500 plus travel. Councilman Hernandez stated

that the City has used SGR in the past with no issues. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-66 to hire SGR and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #10. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed Council that it is time again to calculate the City's tax rates and requests appointing Norma Jean DuBose for the 2012 Effective and Rollback Tax. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-67 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #11. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that back on April 29, 2012, an incident occurred where Mike Jeffrey was put as supervisor at J.B. Wells. Mr. Jeffrey then hired a part-time clerical person. Mr. Jeffrey has requested to hire this person for full-time employment and has the sufficient funds. Mr. Barnes requests that Mr. Jeffrey be hired permanently as the arena manager at J.B. Wells as he has done an excellent job. Mr. Barnes is asking Council to authorize these two positions. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-68 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it and thanked Mr. Jeffrey for all his efforts. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #12. Fire Chief, Keith Schmidt, informed Council that the Fire Department is in need of a new compressor. He said that he can trade in the old one and receive a fair market value. The cost is \$28,502.43 which has been budgeted. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-69 and Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #13. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed Council that the final plat of the Glass Estate Subdivision (Wal-Mart) is being presented for their approval. Council approved the preliminary plat at the June 5, 2012 council meeting. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-70 and Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #14. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that the final plat of the Country Corner Subdivision. The property is one lot and located next to O'Reilly's and is currently owned and occupied by O'Reilly's Auto Parts Store. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-71 and Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #15. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that there has been some confusion regarding the plans for the trees that the Beautification Committee would like to plant. The plans were never given to him or the City Secretary by the person who received them (who is no longer with the City). Mr. Barnes asked that this be tabled until Council can be given proper time to evaluate. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to table this item and Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #16. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed Council that Verizon owns the five poles on St. George Street and they have been very uncooperative in removing these poles. We asked for a cost to relocate them and the quoted \$72,000.00. Councilman Hernandez asked if we have a contract with them. Mr. Barnes said No and with House Bill #1777, they were removed from franchise agreements. City Attorney, Jackie Williamson asked how we determined that the poles belong to Verizon? Mr. Barnes said that Robert Miller, Electric Department Supervisor, is satisfied that they belong to Verizon. Councilman Schurig said that he hopes the citizens remember that GVTC now has fiber options available to Gonzales. Councilman Schroeder suggested seeing if the City could hire a contractor to remove the poles. Mr. Barnes suggested to table this item to see what other options are available. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to table this item and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig, and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES

Item #17. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed Council that Texas state laws allow Cities to permit administrative personnel to approve a small lot or minor subdivisions of one of four or fewer lots. Currently, our zoning ordinances do not allow for this. Mr. Barnes is requesting he be allowed to approve these small subdivisions. It will reduce time Council currently has to spend. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-23 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #18. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that the City has a problem with a plethora of furniture and trash in yards that the citizens expect the City to pick up. Adopting this Ordinance will give Code Enforcement officers the ability to enforce. They will be able to give the citizens a ten (10) day warning and then a ticket if they do not comply. The Mayor asked that this be included in the Waste Management Services bid when it comes up. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-26 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. Councilman Hernandez asked if the citizens will be made aware that they can take these items to public works. Mr. Barnes stated that the citizens will be provided with a letter. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

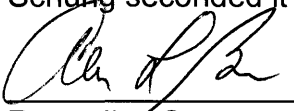
Item #19. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that Council approved Smith Contracting for the Wastewater Project at the June 5, 2012 meeting. This request is to approve the budget amendment and we do have the revenues to cover this project. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-27 and Councilman Schurig seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

Item #20. GEDC Director, Carolyn Baros, informed Council that Chairman Nathan Neuse could not be at the meeting and stated that he will present their annual report at the August meeting.

ADJOURN

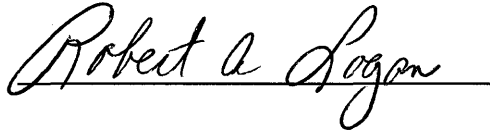
The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schroeder made a motion and Councilman Schurig seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.



Recording Secretary

CITY MANAGER

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2012 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 7, 2012, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Bobby Logan, Councilmen Tommy Schurig, Gary Schroeder, Lorenzo Hernandez, and Clarence Opiela.

Others Present: City Manager Allen Barnes, City Attorney Jackie Williamson, City Secretary Candice Witzkoske

Staff Present: Robert Miller, Barbara Fredrich, William Ince, Keith Schmidt, Keith Schauer, Tim Crow

Mayor Logan called the meeting to order, gave an invocation and cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barbara Hand – Informed Council that WOAI Channel 4 installed a camera on top of the Randle Rather Bldg which shows downtown Gonzales each day. She also informed Council that the new Holiday Inn Express opens tomorrow and will be hosting a tour tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. and Wise Products ribbon cutting will also be tomorrow at 11:00a.m.

Bob Burchard – Chairman of the Beautification Committee informed Council that with the recent Texas drought, it is estimated that Texas will lose millions of trees. Oak wilt is now in the county and we need an education plan for the live oak trees. He stated that the feeling of the Beautification Committee and Council's philosophy seem to differ. The Committee was not invited to the Volunteer Dinner, no one from the City turns the sprinkler system on and Council tabled their agenda item at last month's meeting and wasn't allowed a chance to make a presentation. He said that DAR no longer wants to work with the City.

OTHER BUSINESS

Item #1. City Manager, Allen Barnes asked that the swearing in of officer David Silva be tabled this until the September meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #2. The Mayor asked if the Council reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on July 10, 2012 and if they had any questions or concerns. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2012 meeting as presented and Councilman Schurig seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Item #3. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed Council that Verizon can hire contractors to remove

poles but not the City. He stated that it is not advisable at this point to spend \$72,000.00 to have the poles removed and he recommended Council to not approve Resolution #2012-72. Mayor Logan asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to deny Resolution #2012-72 and Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #4. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that previous administration did not allow the City to sell signage at J.B. Wells, however, it had been done in the past. He stated that this can generate revenues the City currently is not getting and he listed the various prices. Councilman Hernandez asked if the City ever stopped previous resolutions and City Attorney, Jackie Williamson stated that one was never done to begin with. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-73 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #5. GEDC Director, Carolyn Baros, advised Council that at the GEDC's July meeting, they approved funding for an incentive program with Win-Bin Microtel Project. She stated that it will create 15 jobs and is part of the Wydham Hotel. Ms. Baros respectfully requested Council's approval of the funding. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-74 and Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #6. Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Barbara Hand, stated that annually they hold the Come and Take It festivities that includes a parade and street closures (as indicated in packet). Ms. Hand stated that the City will need to submit a letter to TxDot regarding the street closures. They Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-75 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. City Manager, Allen Barnes asked to amend the request to also include the 300 block of St. George on Sunday October 7, 2012 from 8:00a.m.-7:00p.m. for the car show. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve amending the street closures and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #7. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed Council that per the City Charter, the City is required to have a Health Officer and it has been several years since we have had one. Dr. Garth Vaz has agreed to serve as Health Officer, however, Council has to appoint him. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to appoint Dr. Garth Vaz and approve Resolution #2012-76 and Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #8. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed Council that the City bid out for Information Technology services and published ad as well as mailed requests to companies. On July 6, 2012 we held a pre-bid conference with only one attending. Bids were received on 7/13/12 and opened by a committee. The committee met and recommended Texas Tech Consultants. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-77 and Councilman Schurig seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #9. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed Council that we bid out and published for hay baling at J.B. Wells and received only one bid from Ronald Barborak at \$4.00 per bale. Because Allen was out of the country and with TYRA at the arena he agreed for Mr. Barborak to mow as it needed to be done. Staff recommends Council deem what they feel is appropriate since the bid was so low. Councilman Hernandez asked that we see if Mr. Barborak is willing to renegotiate. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-78 and Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #10. GEDC Director, Carolyn Baros, informed Council that Frames and Things has applied for a Small Business Incentive Grant to replace the roof of the business located at 1308 St. Louis Street. Ms. Baros stated that the GEDC board approved the funding at their July 30, 2012 meeting. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-79 and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES

Item #11. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that the City's current livestock ordinance #2011-27 does not prohibit stallions in the city limits. He has spoken with Judith Tor and FOGAS and they are willing to assist in getting the stallions gelded. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-28 and Councilman Schurig seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

Item #12. Nathan Neuse, Chairman of GEDC, provided Council with their annual report. He read their 12 year progress from January 1999 thru August 2012. GEDC has spent \$30,000.00 on Retail Coach and believes there is value based on data. GEDC gave Wise Products land, however, no cash. He stated that money is coming in from various entities. New subdivisions coming into Gonzales, i.e., homes, apartments and new hotels, a bakery and Schmidt and Sons looking to expand their business.

Item #13. Kacey L. Butler presented the Main Street annual report. She stated that Gonzales is a National Main Street City with a standard of excellence. They held a board training session and worked on a 3 year goals plan. Held a regional board training and they are partnering with the Chamber for the first Friday coffee. Main Street held their 4th annual summer concert series and raised \$25,000.00 in sponsorships and are planning for next year's events. They will hold a Scarecrow contest and Christmas parade with Santa's market on November 30, 2012. Working on plans for Christmas decorations for City Hall. Working with local businesses with Business Development Façade Grants. Main Street has a Facebook page with over 1100 fans. Will be celebrating 25 years in Main Street in 2013. Ms. Butler stated Main Street's appreciation of Council's continued support.

Item #14. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that Neighborhood meetings start this Thursday with the first one at Victoria College. A meeting will be held in each council district. We will formulate FAQ's that will go on the new website. Mr. Barnes stated that while he was in Germany on a church mission trip, he met the Burgermeister, Wolfgang Werner where he gave the City Council their flag. Mr. Barnes presented Council with their flag which their city colors are also black and white which dates back to the 1500's. Mr. Barnes stated that they would like to become a sister city with

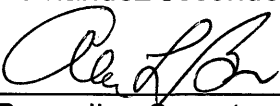
Gonzales.

Item #15. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed Council that we are one-third into the fiscal year with revenues over expenses. This is exceptional and gave kudos to the staff.

The Mayor asked the citizens to attend the neighborhood meetings in their district or any and all of the meetings.

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schroeder made a motion and Councilman Hernandez seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.


 Recording Secretary
 CITY MANAGER

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2012 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their called meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 20, 2012, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Bobby Logan, Councilmen Tommy Schurig, Gary Schroeder, Lorenzo Hernandez, and Clarence Opiela.

Others Present: City Manager Allen Barnes, City Attorney Jackie Williamson, City Secretary Candice Witzkoske

Staff Present: Tim Crow, Pam Larison

Mayor Logan called the meeting to order, gave an invocation and cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were received.

OTHER BUSINESS

Item #1. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that the City received the tax information for 2012 from the tax assessor on July 28, 2012. Council is to set a proposed tax rate. The total certified net taxable value is \$328,145,780 with a protested property value of \$962,330.00 for a total net taxable value for 2012 of \$329,108,110.00. The 2011 net taxable value was \$304,231,080.00. This gives a net increase of 8.17%. New Improvements Values for 2012 equal \$4,390,740.00 of which is not calculated in the tax rate. The City's current tax rate is \$0.2518 per one hundred dollar valuation. The 2012 Effective Tax Rate is \$0.2329 and the 2012 Rollback Tax Rate is \$0.2515. This rollback tax rate is what we have advertised because this is the maximum rate council can increase. However, Council can lower the rate. The County is lowering their rate but not to the effective tax rate. If Council approves the rollback tax rate, it would give the City an additional \$57,476.00. If Council approves the effective tax rate, it will give the City an additional \$5,000.00. Mr. Barnes referred Council to the 2012 Governing Body Summary #1A Benchmark Tax Rates that was included in their packets.

Staff is recommending Council set a tax rate of some increase due to rising fuel costs. We show no oil and gas revenues at this time, however, it will change once drilling takes place. Mr. Barnes stated that if Council sets the rollback rate at tonight's meeting it is not binding and will approve the rate at the September 18, 2012 meeting. However, if Council sets the effective tax rate Council cannot raise it at the September 18, 2012 meeting. Councilman Opiela asked when the Public Hearings will take place. Mr. Barnes stated that if Council sets the effective tax rate tonight, public hearings will not be required.

Mr. Barnes informed Council that at a future meeting he will be looking at changing the fiscal year, because based on our current year, it is an estimate on what the City needs. We start budgeting in November, however, the tax rate has to be set in September.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to set the 2012 tax rate at .2329 and Councilman Schurig seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig Opiela and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

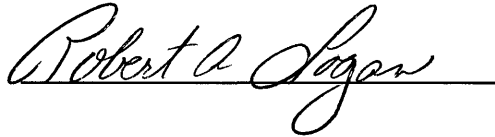
ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schroeder made a motion and Councilman Schurig seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.



Recording Secretary
CITY MANAGER

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 4, 2012 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 4, 2012, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Bobby Logan, Councilmen Tommy Schurig, Gary Schroeder, Lorenzo Hernandez, and Clarence Opiela.

Others Present: City Manager Allen Barnes, City Secretary Candice Witzkoske

Absent: City Attorney-Jackie Williamson

Staff Present: Keith Schauer, William Ince, Pam Larison, Keith Schmidt, Carolyn Gibson-Baros, Tim Crow, Gary Shock, Barbara Friedrich, Todd Remschel, Fire Capt. Terry

Mayor Logan called the meeting to order, gave an invocation and cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dennis Nesser –stated he met with Bob Burchard regarding the City Cemetery clean-up day with the Boy Scouts. The projected clean up dates are November 10th and February 9th. These dates will be coordinated with the City of Gonzales. He also stated that he thought the City was going to post all board openings in order to inform the citizens. He mentioned that he appreciated the entire Agenda package being posted and liked the Neighborhood meetings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #1& #2. The Mayor asked if the Council reviewed the minutes of the meetings held on August 7, 2012 and August 20, 2012 and if they had any questions or concerns. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the Minutes. Lorenzo moved to approve and Clarence requested a change in name from Councilman Logan to Mayor on the August 20, 2012 Minutes. It was seconded by Gary. The Mayor requested a roll call vote in which they all voted “aye”. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Item #3. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated the DAR previously stepped away from the Museum duties but after further discussion they again are wanting to be on the Board. Suggested that the DAR, LULAC, Edwards, possibly a History Teacher, someone from the Historical Commission, and two citizens at large may be good candidates for the Board. Requested input from council what they want and how the Museum Board will function. Lorenzo stated that this will get fair representation on the Board, also that it will be an “Advisory” board. The item was tabled to solicit Board Members. No action was taken.

RESOLUTIONS

Item #4. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed that Doucet & Associates is a private firm and does other work outside of the City of Gonzales. Allen does not want there to be any perceived conflicts of interest for the firm or the City Engineer, therefore he recommended the City of Gonzales use Southwest Engineers on projects in which Doucet & Associates may be representing the developing company. Mayor Logan called for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-72 authorizing City Manager to Enter Into Contract with Southwest Engineers for specific engineering projects. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. Mayor Logan requested a roll call vote in which they all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #5. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated the Girls Scouts are requesting authorization to use Confederate Square and to close parking spaces on the side of the Fire Station for their RV during Girl Scout registration. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-80 for Authorization the Use of Confederate Square for Girl Scouts. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor requested a roll call vote in which they all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #6. City Manager, Allen Barnes stated the Sacred Heart Church will be holding their annual Jamaica festival on September 15, 2012 and is requesting authorization to close the street and sell alcohol. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-81 Authorizing Sacred Heart Church Jamaica Event with Street Closures and Sale of Alcohol. Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #7. Donald Rihn, on behalf of the Knights of Columbus requested Council approval to sell alcohol at the "Come and Take It" festivities on October 5-7, 2012. Councilman Hernandez made the motion to approve Resolution #2012-82 Authorizing the Use of Confederate Square for the Knights of Columbus Sale of Beer for "Come & Take It". Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #8. Main Street Director, Barbara Friedrich, requested the use and closure of the Confederate Square on November 30, 2012 and December 1, 2012 and closure of designated streets for the annual Lighted Christmas Parade on November 30, 2012. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-83 Authorizing Main Street the Use and Closure of Confederate Square and Street Closures for the Annual Lighted Christmas Parade and Winterfest. Councilman Schurig seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #9. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission is requesting Council appoint representatives to their General Assembly. Councilman Schurig moved to approve Resolution #2012-84 Appointing Member to the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission and to appoint Mayor Logan and Councilman Hernandez to the GCRPC. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote.

Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #10. City Manager, Allen Barnes, asked to consider a resolution in finding that an emergency exists and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with an Information Technology Firm to diagnose and correct issues with the City's computer network. Pam Larison, Director of Finance introduced three companies that submitted proposals for IT Diagnostics: Internet Contrast from Helotes, IT 2 Rescue.com from Gonzales and CMIT out of Austin. Mrs. Larison then gave pros and cons for each company and gave her recommendation. Her recommendation was Internet Contrast, but advised Council that the final decision would be up to them, and left it open to discussion. During discussion Councilman Hernandez stated that the City of Gonzales *should use someone local*, Councilman Schroeder agreed. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to go with IT 2 Rescue and approve Resolution #2012-85 Authorizing City Manager to Enter Into a Contract with an IT Diagnosis Company. Councilman Schurig seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #11. Donald Rihn, a representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy has requested the City of Gonzales discuss and consider a resolution of support for the United Daughters of the Confederacy Cross of Honor Chapter 2553's effort to restore the Confederate Monument on Confederate Square. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-86 Authorizing Support and Approval of the United Daughters of the Confederacy's Restoration of the Confederate Monument. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #12, City Manager, Allen Barnes, asked to discuss and consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Liberty National Life Insurance Company for an optional pre-tax group life insurance. Mayor Logan expresses concern that if another insurance company comes, would we have to consider those as well? City Manager will filter any further requests. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-88 Authorizing Additional Life Insurance Option for Employees to Purchase. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #13, GEDC Director, Carolyn Gibson-Baros, stated during the August GEDC meeting the GEDC Board approved to donate 2 acres to Schmidt & Sons to be known as Lot 4 in Block 2 in GADC Industrial Park Subdivision, owned by the GEDC. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-89 Approving GEDC's Land transfer to Schmidt & Sons for Expansion. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #14, City Manager, Allen Barnes, requested the acceptance of the Resignation of Clarence Opiela from the GEDC Board and a resolution of Appointment for a new member of the GEDC Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term ending March 31,

2013. Mr. Opiela has presented an application for consideration from Larry Wehde, Deputy Superintendent for the Gonzales ISD to fill the vacancy created. Councilman Hernandez requested Resolution #2012-90 Approving the Appointment to the GEDC Board be tabled in order to receive more applications. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #15, City Manager, Allen Barnes, asked to discuss and consider accepting the Zoning Subdivision Ordinance analysis completed by Freese & Nichols and give further direction to the City Manager on proceeding with the rewrite of these ordinances. Dan Sefko of Freese & Nichols in a recent conversation stated that if the City chose to permit Freese to do the rewrite, he felt they could do it for \$100,000 or slightly less. For further cost savings Freese & Nichols has agreed to collaborate with Doucet & Associates on the Engineering portion. It would expedite the ordinances if the engineering component was done by our City Engineer. He further advised that Doucet was probably less expensive and had the knowledge of the City and its current standards. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to accept Resolution #2012-91 Accepting the Zoning and Subdivision Analysis of Freese & Nichols. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES

Item #16, City Manager, Allen Barnes, asked to discuss and consider that Contractors must be Licensed and Bonded to work in the City. Allen stated that there are issues that have come up regarding this ordinance and asks that this item be tabled for further research. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to table Ordinance #2012-29 That Contractors Must be Licensed and Bonded to Work in the City. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item# 17, City Manager, Allen Barnes, asked to discuss and consider Additions to Single Family Dwellings. The ordinance shall allow Homestead exempt single family dwelling to add up to 15% to the primary structure without a certified set of construction documents. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-30 Additions to Single Family Dwellings. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

Item #18, Golf Advisory Board Annual Report, no one from the Golf Advisory Board was present in order to present the Annual Report.

Item #19, City Manager, Allen Barnes, presented the Finance Report and stated that the City of Gonzales is still Revenues/Expenditures.

Mayor Logan asked for a motion to move into Executive Session. Councilman Schurig made the motion. Councilman Lorenzo seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all

voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously. Council moved into Executive Session at 7.01 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item #20 Personnel Annual evaluation of City Manager. GC Sec. 551.074

Item #21 Real Property. Possible sale of real property. GC Sec. 551.073
Executive Session ended at 9:05 p.m.

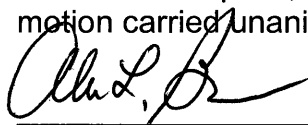
Mayor Logan called the meeting back in session at 9:10 p.m. Mayor Logan called for a motion. Tommy Schurig made a motion.

Mayor Logan stated no action was taken on Real Estate item GC Sec. 551.073 in executive session.

Mayor Logan called for a motion on Personnel Item Evaluation of City Manager GC Sec. 551.074. Councilman Schroeder made a motion. "Mr. Mayor after a favorable evaluation of City Manager Allen Barnes I will make a motion to continue the contract with the City of Gonzales and Allen Barnes and to approve an increase in salary to \$102,000 effective immediately." Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. Mayor Logan stated after a motion and a second is there any further discussion. Allen Barnes stated "I want to express my appreciation to the council for the trust and the camaraderie that we have had over the past year and I look forward to continuation and do appreciate your kind words at the evaluation" Mayor Logan called for a final vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

At 9:11 p.m. the Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schroeder made a motion and Councilman Schurig seconded it. The Mayor asked for a final roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.



~~Recording Secretary~~
CITY MANAGER

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2012 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their Special Called meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 18, 2012, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Bobby Logan, Councilmen Tommy Schurig, Gary Schroeder, Lorenzo Hernandez, and Clarence Opiela.

Others Present: City Manager- Allen Barnes, City Attorney-Jackie Williamson

Mayor Logan called the meeting to order, gave an invocation and cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barbara Hand-I'm the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce and we have a couple of events coming up this week. We will start off this Monday morning at 8:30 a.m. the Commissioners Courtroom, Mr. John Harris who is serving our country in Afghanistan has a presentation he would like to make and he will make it at that time. Also on Tuesday at 10 a.m. we will have construction Ribbon Cutting for Lou's Garden off of Walker St. on the backside. Then on October 2nd which is Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. we will have our ceremonies on Texas Hero's Square. The fourth grade will be there joining us and the Gonzales High School Band. We invite you all.

Dennis Nesser-On item number 8 you have the approval of a committee, adopting a committee hand book. As citizens we haven't had a chance to look at this at all. I would sure like to be able to look at this, and I'm sure that most of the people who are on the committees might like to have a clue what's on it before it's opted. I ask that you guys table it and have it out for public viewing so we can make comments on it.

OTHER BUSINESS

Item #1. City Manager, Allen Barnes, Discuss and Consider Negotiating an Agreement with Texas Independence Relay. About three weeks ago the mayor and I met with Jay Hilscher, the gentleman that runs the Texas Independence Relays, discussed possibility of bringing the Independence Relay back to Gonzales. He spoke in favor of it coming back to Gonzales. This was originally supposed to be a workshop issue in order to get feed but it ended up a Discuss and Consider. I would like feed-back from the Council on your feelings on whether we should pursue bringing the race back. One of the things we discussed if everyone is in agreement that the race does come back. That we outline every body's responsibilities and financial responsibilities in the form of a contract that would go over a multi-year period from 3-5 years so there's not any confusion. I think that it will be a good thing for the City, but ultimately it is your decision that matters. Councilman Schurig is in favor of it. Councilman Opiela expressed the concern of there not being enough advertising for the Relay. Councilman Schroeder stated that we should pursue the contract.

Item #2. City Manager, Allen Barnes, Discuss and Consider Changing the City of Gonzales Fiscal Year. The City Charter authorizes the Council to establish the beginning of the Fiscal Year. Having April 1st is somewhat clumsy. As you we advised when we were talking about the Tax Rates it's difficult to give an accurate projection of what we need the tax rate to be because we are 6 months away from the start of the budget. To move it to October 1st would put us in line with other cities, we would be in the middle of budget when we set the tax rate. It would also put us in cycle with grant cycles, because they are set up on the Federal Fiscal year which is October 1st, it would also reduce the need for mid-year changes in direction which could result in significant cost. It just makes better sense. It would be much appreciated by staff if we could get on the same calendar as everyone else.

Mayor Logan says let's get it on the next agenda.

Item #3 City Manager, Allen Barnes, Discuss and Consider a Salary Compensation Plan. It was recently brought to our attention the County in their budget which is going to take effect on October 1st included significant salary adjustments for all County employees. The County Deputy starting salary changed from \$32,500 to approximately \$41,000, and all other employees are set to get a \$1.00 an hour increase. I don't like to be reactive, but there is a high probability that we will lose a significant number of our policemen and our other employees to the County. The annual impact will be approximately \$250,000. I respectfully request that you consider this minus the \$2080 listed for the City Manager. Councilman Schroeder states that all employees saw a \$2080 raise but the Museum Curator position in particular has an increase of \$17k. Allen Barnes then explained that Oliver Davis has resigned as Curator and that it was explained to him by the DAR that in order to hire someone that is a trained Curator that could locate grants and work with Texas State University we would need to raise the salary to around the \$40k mark. If it is the pleasure of the Council we can take the Curator off for now. The way the agenda was written it gives you the opportunity to approve it tonight or we can bring it back on the 2nd, even though we would like for it to be effective the 1st of October so the employees have the assurance that it is happening. Councilman Schurig stated that we should find out what are comparable rates for the Curator, but feels the others cannot wait too much longer. The Mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the Salary Compensation Plan except for the Curator Position effective October 1st. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #4, M & K CPA's, Mike Brooks, Discuss and Consider Presentation of Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Physical Year ending March 31, 2012. I would like to point out that this is a Comprehensive Annual Report which has additional schedules and work that goes into this. Mr. Brooks pointed out that he has rendered and unqualified opinion, a clean unqualified opinion is the highest level of assurance an Auditor can give. Also stated that over all that the City of Gonzales is in good financial shape, and that nothing was found out of the ordinary and the areas for improvement comments are general comments. The issues that were discovered were gone over with staff and the changes were all implemented prior to the audit being completed. Over-all the audit was a success. The Mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Physical Year Ending March 31, 2012. Councilman Schurig seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously

RESOLUTION

Item #5. City Manager, Allen Barnes, Discuss and Consider Authorizing City Manager to Enter Into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Waelder, Texas for Mosquito Control. Be advised that the City of Gonzales has not had a positive test for the West Nile Virus in a human or mosquito. It is suggested that with the use of Waelder's fogger and Annie Oakley's personnel and chemicals the spraying would bring peace of mind to the citizens of the City of Gonzales. The cost from Annie Oakley is \$55 an hour and they estimate 5 hours, which only comes out to approximately \$250. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-91 Authorizing City Manager to Enter Into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Waelder, Texas for Mosquito Control effective today September 18, 2012. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #6. City Manager, Allen Barnes, Discuss and Consider Nominating Committee Member to the Groundwater Conservation District. The Groundwater Conservation District Committee is a compilation of several districts including Guadalupe, San Antonio, Mission, and Aransas Rivers and Mission, Copano, Aransas, and San Antonio Bays Stakeholder Committee Member Nominations. Mr. Barnes stated I believe Mr. Greg Sengelmann has been contacted and agreed to serve we request you nominate him. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-92 Nominating Greg Sengelmann to the Groundwater Conservation District effective today September 18, 2012. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #7. City Manager, Allen Barnes, Discuss and Consider Adopting a New Personnel Manual. This item was initially supposed to be a workshop item as well. You have had in your possession for quite some time the proposed manual in which there are some significant changes. Such as currently as an employee you receive 40 hours of vacation time on you anniversary date, however; in the proposed manual you will accrue vacation each pay period and it will total 80 hours. There are many proposed changes consisting of the Whistleblower's Statute, drug policy and disciplinary action. You were also provided a comparison of the two manuals. Mayor Logan stated that it is all pretty cut and dry. Councilman Schroeder added that he has not heard and adverse opinions about this. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-93 Adopting a New Personnel Policy Manual. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #8. City Manager, Allen Barnes, Discuss and Consider Adopting a Boards and Commissions Manual. This was another item that was supposed to be a discussion item on the agenda. Staff is not currently ready to proceed. The council did not have ample time to read and digest the information and make suggestions. Mayor Logan asked if we had applicants for the Cemetery Committee and if there are charter requirements. Allen stated that the board will be set on the October 2nd meeting. One thing that is proposed is that all of the City's boards and commissions be subject to the

Open Meetings Act for the sake of transparency. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to table Resolution #2012-94 Adopting a Boards and Commissions Manual. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #9. GEDC Director, Carolyn Gibson-Baros, Authorizing GEDC to Negotiate a Lease Agreement for Lynn Theater. City Manager, Allen Barnes asked for this item to be tabled since Mrs. Gibson-Baros was injured and not able to be at the meeting, and asked for approval to move this item to the October 2nd meeting. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to table Resolution #2012-95 Authorizing GEDC to Negotiate at Lease Agreement for the Lynn Theater. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

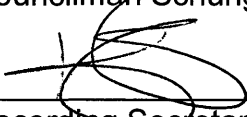
ORDINANCES

Item #10. City Manager, Allen Barnes, Discuss and Consider Amending and Correcting Ordinance #2011-20 Tax Rate. It was found in the Audit that notifications of the tax rate set last year was sent out correctly, however the ordinance that was typed up needed to be modified due to an error. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-29 Amending and Correcting Ordinance #2011-20 Tax Rate. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #11. City Manager, Allen Barnes, Discuss and Consider Fixing and Levying a Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013. During the Special Meeting in August the effective tax rate was set at .2329 for \$100 valuation. The City will raise 5000 additional dollars by setting it at this amount. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-31 Fixing and Levying a Tax rate for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schroeder made a motion and Councilman Schurig seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Robert A. Lagan

**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 2, 2012 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 2, 2012, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Bobby Logan, Councilmen Tommy Schurig, Gary Schroeder, Lorenzo Hernandez, and Clarence Opiela.

Others Present: City Manager-Allen Barnes, Administrative Assistant-Kristina Vega, City Attorney-Jackie Williamson

Staff Present: Keith Schauer, Pam Larison, Carolyn Gibson Baros, Allen Taylor, Gary Shock, Barbara Friedrich, Todd Remschel, Mike Jeffrey, William Ince

Mayor Logan called the meeting to order, gave an invocation and cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Larry Mercer-I just wanted to give an update on the Gonzales County Veterans Memorial. This should be the final design. There are four rectangular squares on the corners of it, which are brick pavers all the way around. White marble/granite and all the paver bricks will be available for engraving. We have taken the cannon off of the memorial site itself but it will still be in the area. There has been talk about having a WWI German Cannon on a site honoring veterans which has a meaning to it. It is part of our Gonzales history. It was brought back and obtained through some work of some veterans of WWI. The web page should be up and running shortly. Our 501C Classification has been accepted by the IRS. We are currently looking at different bricks right now trying to decide which brick we would like to select. The bricks will be available to be ordered on the web page.

Dennis Nesser – I would like to ask that you guys take a look at two of these issues that you are going to hit today. One of them is #4-JB Wells Expansion Impact. First of all it sounds like it comes from a project that started just a couple years ago and the council told them no. Second of all we have a plan for JB Wells, I don't know why we haven't progressed along that plan that was approved when the citizens of Gonzales wanted JB Wells put in. Not as an arena alone, but as a park for the citizens of this community and I would sure like to see us back on track to make that happen. I don't know why we are studying again. If it's about economics and the development for the Eagle Ford Shale and other things other than JB Wells then I'm ok with some of this money but not okay with spending another \$10 k on another study, on another impact, on another project, on another thing that keeps going on. We have a plan let's stick with this plan, let's move forward and let's get the citizens of Gonzales where they belong, out at JB Wells which is a full family park. Also on #16 we have another study, maybe I'm misunderstanding but every time we've come up we called surrounding areas to find out what fees they are charging and we kind of go along the board. Why are we paying \$10k-\$15K to this group for this? Maybe I'm misunderstanding, I don't know, but from what I'm reading it sounds like we're spending a lot of money in more studies, more studies, more studies and less action.

Oh, and between Wells Fargo and HEB yesterday I was driving up to City Hall to work on computers, there was a pot hole. In the afternoon I went back and someone had filled it.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #1 & #2. The Mayor asked if the Council reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on September 4, 2012 and September 18, 2012 and if they had any questions or concerns. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2012 and September 18, 2012 meetings as presented and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Item #3. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed Council that upon Clarence Opiela's resignation from the GEDC Board effectively immediately upon the appointment by City Council of his replacement. A board application was received from Larry Wehde to serve the unexpired term of Opiela ending March 31, 2013. Only one other application had been received but was withdrawn only days later. Mayor Logan asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-89 Appointing Larry Wehde to the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #4. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated upon advice of a citizen committee who is studying the expansion at JB Wells. Primarily this will examine the feasibility of a multi-purpose building, as well as a cutting horse arena in addition to the primary arena. We are asking for a feasibility study for this because we have several private investors who are interested in donating substantial amounts of money. The feasibility study will show those folks who do wish to invest in these facilities the return on investment. Not personal return on investment but how much return on investment the City will receive on the investment given. It will also concentrate on the Eagle Ford Shale and its impact on the City of Gonzales. We really as a City in our future planning need to know what impact we as a city will face with the Eagle Ford Shale. Essentially what we're doing is getting two studies for the price of one. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-94 Approving the Funding by the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation of a Feasibility and Economic Impact Study-JB Wells Expansion and Eagle Ford Shale. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #5. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that November 6, 2012 is the general election date and that City Hall is normally used as a polling place. We respectfully request that the November 6, 2012 Council Meeting be rescheduled for November 5, 2012. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-95 Changing the Date of the November 6, 2012 Council Meeting. Councilman Schurig seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #6. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed that last week we opened bids for the Hwy 97 Well Project during which we received three bids. Based on LNV our Engineer's recommendation I respectfully request that you accept the bid and authorize me to enter into a contract with Excel Construction for renovations to the Hwy 97 Well Project in the amount of \$581,625.00. This is a little more than the Engineers opinion of cost however when we sold the bonds we netted \$6.3 million so in the amount we netted being a bit higher than expected can cover this amount. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-96 Awarding the Contract for the Hwy 97 Well Project to Excel Construction Services. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder,

Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #7. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed Council that we bid both of the Standpipe Projects as one individual project. We have some ineffective pouring/mixing. They currently fill from the side and provide inconsistent mixing of chlorine. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-97 Awarding the Contract for the Standpipe Project to Central Texas Water Maintenance, LLC. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #8. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed Council that the Middlebuster Rd and Harborth St project was bid as one job. We received five bids; the lowest bid was from JR Sitework Inc. for \$523,548.20. and we are also requesting \$49,600.00 for engineering. Both of these items are within the budgeted amount. This was approved as a budgeted item. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-98 Awarding the Contract for the Middlebuster Road and Harborth Street Project to J.R. Sitework Inc. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #9. City Manager, Allen Barnes, requested that since there are normally four signatories to sign checks for the Financial Institutions. We respectfully request that Interim City Secretary, Jean Collins be added as an authorized signatory on the signature card. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-99 Designating an Authorized Signature for City Financial Institutions. Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #10. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed the council that this is one of the things that Mike Brooks found during the audit, and that many of the City Finances are in investment pools, and we need to designate people that they are authorized to contact when regarding the City reports. That would be Mayor Logan, City Manager Barnes and Finance Director Larison. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-100 Designating Authorized Personnel and Contacts for Financial and Investment Institutions. Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #11. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated as we discussed at our last meeting Council approved moving the Fiscal Year to October 1, beginning with the 2013 Fiscal Year which leaves us a stub period from November 1 to September 30. The way we decided to approach that is with a Stub Budget. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-101 Adopting a Budget Calendar for the Budget Period Beginning April 1, 2013 and Ending September 30, 2013. Councilman Schurig seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #12. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed the Council that there are three stages of selling Tax Seized Property. One is the sale where they go to the court house square where the minimum bid is the amount owed against it, the second is a resale which is where they really don't have a minimum bid, if nobody buys it then it considered struck off until someone makes an offer to buy it. That's the nature of this property. In 1994 the property was seized and Mr. Taylor offered \$1000.00 the market value of this property is \$1900.00. This is the first offer for this property in about 20 years. Mayor Logan stated let's get this property back on the Tax Roll. The Mayor asked for a motion.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-102 Approving the Tax Resale of Property Located at 900 Jesse Smith Street. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #13. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that in September the City advertised for sealed bids for gasoline and diesel. Due to the fact that only one bid was received City Staff believes the bid should be rejected and that all qualified local businesses be notified that the City will be requesting sealed bids. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-103 Rejecting the Gasoline and Diesel Bid received on September 10, 2012 and Authorizing City Staff to Re-advertise Bids. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #14. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that Cliff Anderson, the person that is currently leasing the Lynn Theater, is requesting the use of the Confederate Square for the Movie on the Square event on October 20, 2012. This event will be free to the public. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-104 Authorizing Cliff Anderson, Lynn Theater the Use of Confederate Square on October 20, 2012 for an Outdoor Movie on the Square. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #15. City Manager, Allen Barnes, requested that the tables and chairs are no longer rented out to the public for private use. The concern is the condition of them when they are returned to the City; many of them have become worn or broken. We are concerned about if we had a policy that things like Come & Take It or Graduation if we had a policy they wouldn't be rentable. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-105 Approving Policy of the Rental of City Tables and Chairs. Councilman Schurig seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #16, City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed that the state requires Impact Fees be figured by an engineer. What we are referring to as Impact Fees is that we have a subdivision come to town, they are going to build 45 houses, and you figure that's 2.5 people per house that's going to have an impact on our roads, water system, park system and our sewer system. What the engineers do is they determine the cost of City Services based on Living Unit Equivalent and then determine how much impact that has on the City. The Impact Fees are usually collected at different times during the development process. This is a way to help defray the cost of development to the City. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-106 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Doucet & Associates to Conduct an Impact Fee Study Regarding the City of Gonzales' Water, Wastewater and Transportation Infrastructure. Councilman Schurig seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #17, City Manager, Allen Barnes states that once again we find ourselves without a vendor. Mr. Chris Shuler who used to own Boudreaux's Steak House has come forth with a proposal to do a 60 day trial period and at the end of that trial period negotiate a 1 year contract. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-107 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Chris T. Shuler for the operation of the J.B. Well's Park

Concession for a Sixty Day Period. Councilman Schurig seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #18, City Manager, Allen Barnes informed the council that the First Methodist Church is requesting authorization to barricade the 400 Block of St Paul on October 19th from 9 p.m.-midnight for the 5th Quarter Block Party and on October 28th for from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. for the Trunk or Treat Celebration. They Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-108 Authorizing the Temporary Closure of the 400 Block of St Paul Street Between the Hours of 9:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. on Friday, October 19, 2012 for the First United Methodist Church 5th Quarter Block Party; the Temporary Closure of the 400 Block of Saint Paul Street between the Hours of 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 28, 2012 for the First United Methodist Church Trunk or Treat Celebration. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

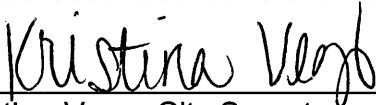
STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

Item #19, City Manager, Allen Barnes gave a report to Council concerning potential operation changes at the Gonzales Memorial Museum.

Item #20, City Manager, Allen Barnes presented the Finance Report and stated that the City of Gonzales is still Revenues/Expenditures.

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schroeder made a motion and Councilman Opiela seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 3, 2012 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their workshop meeting at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday October 3, 2012, at Sleep Inn and Suites located at 2138 Water Street, Gonzales, TX 78629

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Bobby Logan, Councilmen Tommy Schurig, Gary Schroeder, Lorenzo Hernandez, and Clarence Opiela.

Staff Present: Allen Barnes, Kristina Vega, Keith Schmidt, William Ince, Todd Remschel, Pam Larison, Robert Miller, Barbara Friedrich, Carolyn Baros, Gary Shock, Mike Terry

Mayor Logan called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

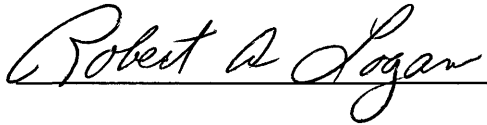
Mike Mowery of SGR Consultants facilitated the workshop to assist in developing institutional values, a vision statement and long term goals and objectives for the City of Gonzales. Discussions about the values the City organization holds dear and the development of a vision for the city were participated in by all present.

The Mayor adjourned the workshop at 9:32 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 4, 2012 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their workshop meeting at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday October 3, 2012, at Sleep Inn and Suites located at 2138 Water Street, Gonzales, TX 78629

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Bobby Logan, Councilmen Tommy Schurig and Clarence Opiela.

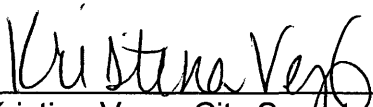
Staff Present: Allen Barnes, Kristina Vega, Keith Schmidt, William Ince, Todd Remschel, Pam Larison, Barbara Friedrich, Carolyn Gibson Baros, Gary Shock, Mike Terry, Caroline Helms

Mayor Logan called the workshop to order at 7:25 p.m.

Mike Mowery of SGR Consultants facilitated the workshop to continue assisting with the development of institutional values, a vision statement and long term goals and objectives for the City of Gonzales.

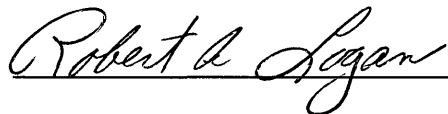
Discussions about the values of City Council, the collective vision for the future of Gonzales, and the collaboration between City Council, City staff and the community were continued from the previous meeting. All present participated in several group-style exercises.

The Mayor adjourned the workshop at 8:51 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 5, 2012 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., Monday, November 5, 2012, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Bobby Logan, Councilmen Tommy Schurig, Gary Schroeder, Lorenzo Hernandez, and Clarence Opiela.

Others Present: City Manager-Allen Barnes, City Secretary-Kristina Vega, City Attorney-Jackie Williamson

Staff Present: Pam Larison, Carolyn Gibson Baros, Tim Crow, Tim Patek, Gary Shock, Barbara Friedrich, Todd Remschel, William Ince, Robert Miller

Mayor Logan called the meeting to order, gave an invocation and cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

PUBLIC HEARING

Item #1. Mayor Logan stated he would like to open this meeting with a Public Hearing; this Public Hearing is for citizen input for the next Fiscal Year Budget which is beginning April 1, 2013 and going thru September 30, 2013. We are going to have a new Budget Year starting next year in October, so it's going to be a short term budget for six months. If anyone is here to talk on the budget for next year now is your time.

JoAnn Lefeiste-I am here tonight to ask that you include in your Budget a CRS Package which will send automatically, emails when a citizens concern is addressed at various spots during the process.

I wrote Mr. Barnes about this issue in April and he wrote back and suggested that I come to this meeting and make this proposal. It's a way that citizens can be kept informed on issues that they're involved in. Right now if Mr. Barnes isn't able to keep up with every body's emails about different issues then you don't know what's happening them and this would be a way to automatically send an email to a citizen that was interested in a particular issue. It's called a CRS Package. The other thing I wanted to ask was for you to consider a way to have your meetings on tape or TV so that people that can't come to the meetings can see them and be informed also. I'm not sure, but there may be a way to do that without any cost to the Council. Perhaps, GEDC meetings as well and other committee meetings, because there are people that are not able to come out, elderly people, but they want to keep up with their government. So I ask that you find a way to do that, please.

James Ryan-I attended a presentation by Dr. Tunstall out of UTSA and it was about the future, the economic impact of the Eagle Ford on our area. The top sheet I found to be very relevant to the work y'all have been doing at the Workshops and I think you'll find some reinforcement about your planning in these documents. It talks about diversity in the community, infrastructure, our history and architecture. Also talks about, in the next ten years, another 6,000 jobs in our county and the impact of the jobs is of course the family in lots of cases a lot of growth out in the future, and you all are setting the tone for that future right now. One thing you are putting in the Budget that I'd like to speak positively for is the Director of the Museum. I walked by that Museum every day going to school when I was a young man and it was always an impressive structure up on the hill and then later I got to go in and find out what it meant. The History of Texas is one of the reasons why I am so proud to be from Gonzales. We need to take care of it and it's also a pretty good financial asset.

Mayor Logan then closed the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

LouAnn Johnson-I would like to say that Friday after the football game my daughter was insulted by a gentleman older than her and they asked the Police Officer what they were going to do about it. They ended up letting the man go and escorted him out of the city limits. They told us that they were going to do something about it. They told us to go down and make a police report. Before I made the police report they told me that they weren't going to let him go, that they were going to stay there until I made my police report. As I was leaving from Whataburger I made the block and the officer was standing there escorting this man out so I pulled up and asked him, y'all told me y'all weren't going to let him go. He looked at me and smiled. I said can I have your badge number and name. He said if I wanted it I would have to get it from his Lieutenant. That wasn't right. I felt that I was lied to and just wasn't treated fairly by the public officer.

Lisa Johnson-I'm here from Gonzales and my niece is Tameca Ann White. When I got there on the scene Bethany McBride was there and I asked Bethany what they were going to do about it and she stated that she was going to handle it. She asked us to go down to the Police Department, which LouAnn left to go to the Police Department and I stayed there, well Officer Cowan went to the driver side of the vehicle where the man was and told the man that when he backed out, showed him directions to leave and he escorted him out of the city limits. LouAnn was going to follow him out of the city limits and I told her no you are not going to follow them out of the city limits, we will go back to the Police Department and we are going to get answers. We went back to the Police Department and I asked to speak to Tammy West. When Tammy came out I asked to speak to her in private because Bethany and the other officer was there. I asked why the man was allowed to leave the scene and no one could give me any answers why they left the scene.

James Jurek- I got two ongoing problems, on the corner of Cone and Cavett. The first one is for all the traffic we are getting from the HEB has shifted to the North of town. I would like to get a four way stop at the corner of Cone and Cavett. I went through the Chief of Police and he put up a surveillance car and we're getting a count now. What makes it so bad is that it's a residential area that people are going so fast through there. The second problem according to what I understand, letters were sent out on this property clean up and apparently it's not working. I can show you some pictures. I met with my councilman this morning and he said that there is no way that this should be happening. This is what I am having to live next to. I'm going to put my two cents in. What they need to do instead of wasting \$.42 to send letters, put in a maintenance lien against the property that way that person is either going to hire somebody to clean it up, or the city can clean it up and put a lien against that property and if they ever sell it they have to deal with the city.

Vickie Frenzel-Tonight I am representing the Historic Homes Association. I am the president of that organization. Gonzales is a rare place, we have a treasure trove of Historic homes and we have home owners who are willing to care for our old homes and they agree to spend the time and do the work that's involved in opening a house for the home tour. We began the Historic Homes Association in 1996, this year will be our 17th Winterfest Home Tour, and you know that all the money that we make on the home tours go right back into the community. We have clean up days every spring in Gonzales and that's very commendable however tidying up started way before anyone in this room lived in Gonzales or lived anywhere for that matter. I have been researching in the Inquirer and I happened to find some interesting articles. One dated back to 1899 about cleaning up the community. December 1st and 2nd of this year we are expecting company in Gonzales, and people usually like to tidy up when they are having company and I would like to encourage the City to make every effort to help us tidy up because we are expecting over 400 guests this year and we want to look pretty.

Brenda Adams-Born in Galveston in 1852, Franklin Pierce Holland was agricultural editor and publisher, throughout his career Holland promoted efforts to promote agriculture in the lives of

farmers and their families. In 1905 he established Hollands magazine a publication that was designated for women of southwest. In 1912 and 1913 Holland sponsored the cleanest towns contest offering \$300 prize money and employed a gentleman to oversee it. In 1912 and 1913 Gonzales was selected as one of the finalists or winners in the magazines cleanest town in Texas. Now in 2012 another publisher appears before you tonight asking the City of Gonzales to join with the publication she represents Gonzales Inquirer promotes a program after 100 years again make sure that Gonzales wins the cleanest town in Texas. I propose a program called "Come and Clean It Up" which recognizes both residents and businesses. The programs co-sponsored between Historic Homes Association, the City and the Gonzales Inquirer. Basically we work together where people will nominate properties on the Inquirer Facebook page and will be submitted for consideration to a City Image Committee which will be comprised of representatives of the above mentioned entities. The Inquirer would like to sponsor and promote a city wide clean up month during the year that would again work with citizens and businesses.

JoAnn Leifesty-I would just like to speak to the issue of senior citizens needing help keeping their properties cleaned up. There is nobody that can come and pick up as far as the city is concerned.

David Leudecke-I would like to thank Mr. Ince back there for working with me and the Emporium. We just want to work with the City the best that we can.

Dennis Nesser-First of all I would like to start off by inviting you, everyone in the Council to join the Boy scouts and several groups from the High school for the Cemetery Cleanup this Saturday from 9-noon. Second, Mrs. Williamson, I know you just told Mr. Logan that he wasn't to respond, but I think the rules state that he can respond to matters of fact and for clarification. I find sad that in the past we could have comment from that side when someone feels adamant that they have to speak, but not from the guidelines set forth by the state. On #7 I did find it interesting that we have a 7.8 year longevity for our employees, that's pretty remarkable when we are having such troubles keeping people. I am actually in favor of doing something with the Museum, and getting someone in here to move forward with it. On #19 we've got the Library Board and maybe I missed it but I did not see it in the paper, and when we put these ads in we need to be very specific like this is Library Board, or GEDC. Last is JB Wells, I sure hope that we move forward in making it a family park not an arena. I think that it will also get Texas Parks and Wildlife off our backs if we actually had something there that was more to the plan that was originally approved by the citizens of Gonzales.

Mike Hanson-I would like to talk about the Cemetery off of Wallace and Henry St. I manage almost everything south of the cemetery. Please put more lights up. It would only take 5 lights. We are not asking for much, just 5,6, 10 lights in the graveyard. When I see something, because I get a clear view of the cemetery, or they start shooting, I guarantee I call the police.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #2, The Mayor asked if the Council reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on October 2, 2012 and if they had any questions or concerns. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2012 meetings as presented and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #3 & #4, The Mayor asked if the Council reviewed the minutes of the Council Workshops held on October 3 & 4, 2012 and if they had any questions or concerns. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 3 & 4, 2012 meetings as presented and Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR INTRODUCTION

Mayor Logan stated at this time we would like to introduce our new Parks Director Tim Patek. Tim welcome to Gonzales.

Tim Patek addressed the Council and stated that he was excited to be here and is looking forward to working with everyone and improving the quality of life for the citizens of Gonzales.

RESOLUTIONS

Item #18, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated to the council that we are asking to modify the existing Pole Contract to provide internet access to JB Wells. Our proposed agreement with GVTC's cost to supply their product to JB Wells is \$68,059.99. We have negotiated, subject to Council approval, and agreement that will give them a credit of \$11,342.33 per year for six years on their Pole Attachments. This is a win-win situation because this revenue is not currently budgeted as we did not know how many poles they would contact this year. Mr. Binkley is here to discuss it. Mayor Logan asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-121 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Revised Pole Attachment Agreement with Guadalupe Valley Communications Systems, L.P. D/B/A GVTC. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". Councilman Schroeder voted present but abstained from the vote.

Item #6. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed Council that this is only an agreement to become a sub recipient not a direct recipient of the grant. The Texas Department of Homeland Security has approved us for a grant in the amount of \$24,353.82 to purchase P25 compatible radios for the interoperability between the fire department and neighboring departments. The Mayor Logan asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-109 Approving a Homeland Security Grant to Assist the Gonzales Fire Department in Purchasing Equipment. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #7. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that the average longevity for the City of Gonzales is 7.8 years. The proposed Longevity Pay for the Fiscal year 2012-2013 is \$41,070. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-110 Establishing a Longevity Pay Policy for the City of Gonzales Employees. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #8. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated approximately three weeks ago he received a phone call from the Texas Parks and Wildlife. They had received a complaint about the JB Wells RV Park and asked if we had a policy in place for how long the trailers could stay in the park. Texas Parks & Wildlife suggested that we establish a policy for the length of stay. It was decided that the max stay will be one month, and at the end of that month the RV will be checked out and if there is no waiting list for a slot in the park they may immediately be checked back in. It was established that at the Independence Park the max length of stay will be 14 days and that after the 14 days the individual must leave the RV spot for 1 full day. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-111 Adopting a Policy for RV Rentals at City Owned RV Parks, Independence Park and JB Wells Park. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #9. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that after the resignation of the Curator of the Memorial Museum we had the opportunity to consider raising the position to a professional level position. After consulting with Dr. Denton, she advised that we create a director position. A director would be

responsible for not only collection issues and displays, but for fundraising and would be tasked with developing written policies and procedures for the museum. Dr. Denton expects that we should be prepared to pay approximately \$40,000 for the position. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-112 Establishing the Position of a Museum Director and setting a salary of \$36,000 to \$40,000 per year. Councilman Schurig seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #10. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that the GBRA is in the process of conducting Phase 1 of a flood study for the Guadalupe River Basin. This study is funded completely by the GBRA, Texas Water Development Board(TWDB), and the US Army Corps of Engineers. This Phase will be completed by June 2013. They are now looking for funding for Phase 2 of the study. Phase 2 will study several tributaries of the Guadalupe River. We have expressed interest to GBRA on doing a flood study of Tinsley Creek in Gonzales and they have included this in Phase 2. The cost of the study is \$27,200. GBRA is applying for funding through the TWDB, if approved the City's cost of the study will be \$6,800 plus \$1,630 for the cost of the grant application. In essence we will pay \$8,432 for a \$27,200 study. Approval of this Resolution does not obligate the City to take part in Phase 2 of the study. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-113 to Assist GBRA in the Cost of a Study of Tinsley Creek in Gonzales, Texas. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #11. GEDC Director, Carolyn Gibson Baros, stated that the GEDC Board unanimously approved changing the fiscal year for budgeting purposes to October 1st ending September 30th at the October 29, 2012 meeting. The six month "stub" budget beginning April 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2013 will allow the corporation to have the same fiscal year as the City of Gonzales. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-114 Changing the GEDC's Fiscal Year to October 1st through September 30th beginning on October 1, 2013. Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #12. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that after a year of development, Rockin S Marketing has completed the new website for the City of Gonzales. The new site is much easier to navigate and has a greater amount of information. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-115 Approving a New City Website. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #13. Street Director, Todd Remschel, stated that recently the City of Gonzales requested sealed bids for fuel which includes pricing for gas, diesel and lubricants. Sealed bids were received from Schmidt & Sons and Johnson Oil Co. Schmidt & Sons price was .07 off and Johnson Oil is at .05 off. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-116 Awarding a Bid to Schmidt & Sons, Inc. for the Purchase of Fuel and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Schmidt & Sons, Inc. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #14. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that GBRA is requested by FEMA to have a Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Guadalupe River in order to obtain Hazard Mitigation Grants from FEMA for GBRA. The cities must adopt the GBRA plan or come up with a plan of their own. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-117 Approving GBRA's Mitigation Plan Update. Councilman Schurig seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call

vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #15. City Manager, Allen Barnes, According to Section 26.09(e) of the Texas Property Tax Code the City of Gonzales must approve the 2012 Final Tax Roll for the City of Gonzales from the Gonzales County Tax Assessor-Collector. Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-118 Adopting the Levy Roll for the City of Gonzales, Texas Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #16. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University is among the most prestigious in the field of government management. The International City & County Managers Association has one scholarship per year to the program it covers the \$12,000 tuition to the program. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-119 Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for the International City and County Managers Association Scholarship. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #17. City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that Council is required to pass a Resolution designating authorized signatories for financial institutes. Per City of Gonzales Investment Policy. The Resolution will designate City Secretary, Kristina Vega as authorized signer for all accounts in the City of Gonzales' name. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-120 Designating an Authorized Signatory for Financial Institutions Pursuant to City of Gonzales Investment Policy. Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #19. City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed that Nancy Burns has resigned from the Library Board, and it has been suggested the Ida McGarity has been suggested by the Library Board as a replacement. Ida McGarity is familiar with the Library and has been a patron in good standings with the Library for many years. It is felt that Ida will be a good selection for the Library Board. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-122 Accepting the Resignation of Nancy Burns from the Gonzales Library Board and Appointing Ida McGarity to the Gonzales Library Board Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #20, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that the Council's regular meeting is scheduled for the 1st Tuesday of each month. In January the first Tuesday is January 1st, a City Holiday. It is recommended that the Council change the meeting date to the following Tuesday January 8, 2013. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-123 Changing the Regular Scheduled City Council Meeting on January 1, 2013 at 6:00pm to January 8, 2013 at 6:00pm. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES

Item #21, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that the Council has expressed its desire to change the fiscal year of the City of Gonzales from April 1 start to October 1. Previously the Council has approved the establishment of a 6 month budget for April 1, 2013 to September 30, 2013. The Ordinance will officially and legally establish the fiscal year as October 1 through September 30 each

year. It will also establish a starting date of October 1, 2013. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-32 Changing the City Fiscal Year from April 1st Through March 31st to October 1st Through September 30th Beginning October 1, 2013 and Establishing a Severability Clause. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #22, Street Director, Todd Remschel, informed that the brush collection and disposal portion of the Code of Ordinances were in need of modification. Currently the Ordinance states that the City will pick up the brush and that a fee will be charged. The proposed Ordinance defines how to process what the City will pick up, the brush parameters, frequency of collection, location of collection, and the charges that will be imposed. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-33 Amending Division 3. Brush Collection Section 6.121, Establishing Fees, Providing for Publication, and Establishing a Severability Clause. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #23, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that currently in the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14, Section 14.310 (f) M-1 Industrial District; (1) Permitted Uses states that "all uses permitted in R-1, R-2, C-1 and C-2 (with the exemption of dwelling units, day care and kindergarten) plus: ". Staff recommends for your consideration to change the word "exemption" to "exception". This would prohibit the construction and or placement of dwelling units, day care and kindergarten within the areas zoned M-1 Industrial District. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-34 Amending Chapter 14, Section 14.310 M-1 of the Code of Ordinances, Establishing Fees, Providing for Publication, and Establishing a Severability Clause. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

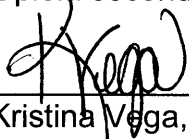
STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

Item #19, Library Board President, Vickie Frenzel, gave the Library Board Report. She stated that the Library has issued 798 Library cards this year. There have been 133 Genealogists this year, 891 internet users per month. All in all it has been a very successful year.

Item #20, City Manager, Allen Barnes presented the Finance Report and stated that the City of Gonzales is still Revenues/Expenditures.


ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schroeder made a motion and Councilman Opiela seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Robert A. Lujan

**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2012 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 4, 2012, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Bobby Logan, Councilmen Tommy Schurig, Gary Schroeder, Lorenzo Hernandez, and Clarence Opiela.

Others Present: City Manager-Allen Barnes, City Secretary-Kristina Vega, City Attorney-Jackie Williamson

Staff Present: Tim Patek, Gary Shock, William Ince, James Conquest, Keith Schauer, Carolyn Gibson-Baros, Mike Jeffrey, Barbara Friedrich, Tim Crow, Mike Terry

Mayor Logan called the meeting to order, gave an invocation and cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dennis Nesser –Deferred

Steve Hendershot-I would like to address you tonight on the proposed expansion of JB Wells. JB Wells to me is one of the great things to happen to this community. It is my understanding that it is being proposed an expansion of the park with the idea of entertaining the 2016-2017 National Junior High Finals. We currently don't meet those standards with the existing arena that we have. This is absolutely a good idea or something to look forward to, but at this time I don't see any way in the world that our community could prepare in that short a period of time to even consider entertaining this type of venue.

OTHER BUSINESS

Item #1, #2, #3, #4. Mayor Logan swore in four new Police Officers for the City of Gonzales-Jon Harris, Rhegan Davis, Tyler Wendland and Matthew Moczygemba

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #5. The Mayor asked if the Council reviewed the minutes of the meetings held on November 5, 2012 and if they had any questions or concerns. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2012 council meeting. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor requested a roll call vote in which they all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Item #6. City Manager, Allen Barnes, in 2003 the council took a vote to no longer sell plots in the Church St Cemetery due to the number of graves that were there that were not marked, apparently there was some double stacking and some other issues. The cemetery itself is not plotted out. At that time they also wanted to move all of the future burials out to the Memorial Park Cemetery on the Shiner Highway in that vote there was some language that was not consistent with state and federal laws today. However at some point since that vote and we don't know when the City began selling lots at that cemetery again. Mayor Logan called for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-124 Adopting by Resolution Previous Council Action Regarding the Church Street Cemetery and Gonzales Memorial Cemetery. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. Mayor Logan requested a roll call vote in which they all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #7. Gonzales Economic Development Director, Carolyn Gibson-Baros, the GEDC Board got an offer from Hebbronville Lone Star Rentals at their November 26th regular meeting and unanimously agreed to accept the offer of \$25,000.00 an acre. They are going to put about \$400,000.00 in capital investments, and create an additional 4-8 jobs in addition to the 12 they already have. Mayor Logan asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-125 In Support of GEDC Sale of Lot 1 in Block 2 of the Gonzales Industrial Park Subdivision to Hebbronville Lone Star Rentals, 3.5012 Acres for \$25,000.00 Per Acre. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor requested a roll call vote in which they all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #8. City Manager, Allen Barnes, this is a budgeted item, however it exceeds my spending limitations. We budgeted \$75,000.00 for this item. Essentially the City's roof has many holes in it and several leaks. We got three quotes from three different companies. The least expensive quote we actually got from a local company Crismon Construction in the amount of \$47,508.00 the others actually exceeded the \$50,000.00 bid limit. Staff respectfully requests the approval of hiring South Texas Steel Buildings DBA Crismon Construction in the amount of \$47,508.00. Mayor Logan asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-126 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with South Texas Steel Buildings for the Re-Roofing of City Hall. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously.

Item #9. City Manager, Allen Barnes, with all due respect to Mr. Hendershot, he did mention some things that I respectfully disagree with but he also mentioned some things that I agree with. First of all I know the spirit of this community and I think that we could have the rodeo grounds ready for 2016. However, there are some things in the proposed contract that are deeply disturbing to both myself and Ms. Williamson. I think that after examining the bid package I just don't know that we are ready for it. I think if we wait until the next time it comes up for bid we can do it the way we expect it to be done, we will be more prepared, and we'll be able to do it right. Mayor Logan asked for a motion. The mayor asked a second time for a motion. No motion was made. Item #9 Resolution 2012-127 In Support of the City's Proposal to Hold the 2016 & 2017 National Junior High Finals Rodeo in the City of Gonzales was denied due to a lack of motion.

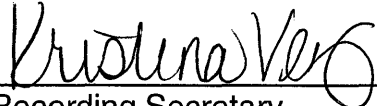
STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

Item #10. State of the City Report by Texas A&M-Progress Report on the Comprehensive Plan. A&M Professor for the Comprehensive Plan Project, Dr. Elise Bright, gave a brief introduction regarding the graduate students that have been working on the project. The project was begun in the spring of 2012 the report is only an interim report and will be completed in May of 2013. This is the grunt work stage with all of the data collection and forecasting, that type of thing, and then in the spring we will begin to think about plans. The students provided information on demographics, economy, land use, urban design, housing, transportation, and transportation hazards. They also went into detail about the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats in Gonzales. The students also provided some ideas on how to improve Gonzales and the quality of life of the citizens of Gonzales.

Item #11. City Manager, Allen Barnes, presented that there were no Financial Reports to be given, but that the City of Gonzales is still revenues over expenditures.

ADJOURN

At 7:00 p.m. the Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schurig made a motion and Councilman Schurig seconded it. The Mayor asked for a final roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Mayor

**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
DECEMBER 11, 2012 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their workshop meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 11, 2012, at Sleep Inn and Suites located at 2138 Water Street, Gonzales, TX 78629

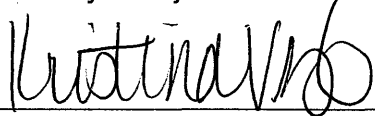
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Staff Present: Allen Barnes, Kristina Vega, Keith Schmidt, William Ince, Todd Remschel, Pam Larison, Robert Miller, Barbara Friedrich, Carolyn Gibson-Baros, Gary Shock,

Mayor Logan called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

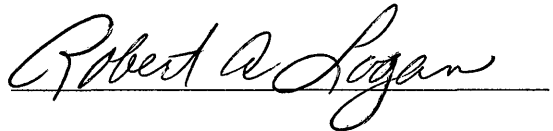
Mike Mowery of SGR Consultants facilitated the workshop to continue assisting with the development of institutional values, a vision statement and long term goals and objectives for the City of Gonzales.

The Mayor adjourned the workshop at 9:21 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
DECEMBER 12, 2012 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their workshop meeting at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 12, 2012, at Sleep Inn and Suites located at 2138 Water Street, Gonzales, TX 78629

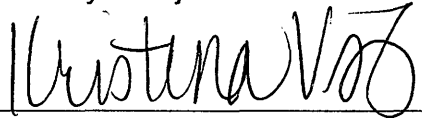
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Staff Present: Allen Barnes, Kristina Vega, Keith Schmidt, William Ince, Todd Remschel, Pam Larison, Robert Miller, Barbara Friedrich, Carolyn Gibson-Baros, Gary Shock,

Mayor Logan called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mike Mowery of SGR Consultants facilitated the workshop to continue assisting with the development of institutional values, a vision statement and long term goals and objectives for the City of Gonzales.

The Mayor adjourned the workshop at 9:04 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:

