

**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 7, 2014 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, 2014, 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 Gary Schroeder, Lorenzo Hernandez, Tommy Schurig and Clarence Opiela.

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

Staff Present: Carolyn Gibson-Baros, Ralph Camarillo, Todd Remschel, Pam Larison, Robert Miller, Tim Patek, Mike Jeffery, Barbara Friedrich, James Conquest, William Ince

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

JoAnn Leifeste-stated that she understood that the JB Wells Lodge and Barn at JB Wells Park was to be discussed during this meeting. She expressed her desire for the Lodge and Barn to be renovated in order to preserve them at the JB Wells Park.

City Manager, Allen Barnes- stated that the City of Gonzales had received word today that we have received the Gold Award for Financial Transparency from the Texas Comptroller's Office.

PUBLIC HEARING

Item #2, The Mayor opened the Public Hearing regarding the Re-Zone of Property Listed Below:

Public Hearing regarding the Rezone of Property Listed Below:

PROPERTY OWNER: Sara Perryman/Helen Stockton

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: #7 D.D. Jones Addition @ Luling & Dunning Streets

PARCEL: 12941

PROPERTY OWNER: Sara Perryman/ Helen Stockton

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: #14 Caramel Hts., Dunning St., .154 AC.; #15 Caramel Hts., 118 Dunning St. , .193 AC. , 119 Qualls St, #5 Caramel Hts., .193 AC

PARCEL: 11354, 23689, 23690

No Public Hearing Comments were made.

The mayor then closed the Public Hearing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #2, The Mayor asked the Council if they had an opportunity to view the minutes. The mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 7th meeting minutes. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

RESOLUTIONS

Item #3, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that this event is not any different than the previous two years. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-1 Authorizing the Master Gardeners' the Use of Texas Heroes Square Including the Parking Lot on Saint Louis and Saint James Street from Friday, April 4, 2014 at 10 A.M. through Saturday, April 5, 2014 for the Master Gardeners' Spring Plant Sale. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #4, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated as Ms. Leifeste said Mr. Wells in his Will left this property to the City of Gonzales. Mr. Wells passed away Noveber 12, 1963 and under the terms of the Will the property was to be conveyed to the City and be maintained by the City. However, the 36 years between the time of Mr. Wells death and the transfer of the property there was no maintenance done to the property. There has been 36 years of dereliction on the Wells family and 17 years of dereliction on the City of Gonzales. It has become an attractive nuisance for the kids out at JB Wells. Staff just needs direction how to proceed on this matter. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-2 Directing the Disposition of the JB Wells Camp House and Barn at JB Wells Park, and directs the City Manager and staff to remove the camp lodge and barn located at JB Wells Park. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #5, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that this item is a part of the policy that was passed approximately 18 months ago declaring property as surplus and authorizing the sale of said property. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-3 Declaring certain City Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of Said Property. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #6, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that it is time again to appoint individuals to the Main Street Advisory Board. The positions were advertised per the Council's instruction. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-4 Re-appointing Debbie Toliver, Del De Los Santos, George

Wilhelm, and Sherri Schellenberg to the Gonzales Main Street Advisory Board for a two year term from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2015; appointing Carlos Camarillo, and Diane McCaskill for a two year term from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2015; and appointing Lisa Brown to Complete the Unexpired Term of Michelle London from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2015. Councilman Schurig seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #7, Edwards Association, Lawrence Fryer, stated that we are planning our 10th Year Celebrating the Martin Luther King Holiday and would like the Council to approve this request. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-5 Authorizing the Temporary Closure of certain approved streets on Monday, January 20, 2014 from 9:20 A.M. to 10:20 A.M. for the annual Martin Luther King March/Parade. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #8, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that we have received a notification from the Tax Assessor Collector that a person has entered a bid for a resale of 912 Ainsworth Street. The original tax sale was on 5/5/98 since that time there have been no bids received. The County has received \$1,481.51 plus the post bid taxes of \$293 and change. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-6 Approving a Tax Re-Sale of Property Located at 912 Ainsworth Street in the City of Gonzales Being Part of Lot 1 & 4, Block 3, Range 1 West of Water Street, Gonzales, Gonzales County, Texas. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #9, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that this is another resale for 5/5/98 the County has received a bid of \$1,674 and change plus the post judgment of taxes of \$621 and some change for this property. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-7 Approving a Tax Re-Sale of Property Located at 907 Pecan Street in the City of Gonzales Being Part of Lot 4, Block 3, Range 1 West of Water Street, Gonzales, Gonzales County, Texas. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

ORDINANCES

Item #10, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that Gonzales hasn't had a Taxicab since 1995. We have been approached by an individual who would like to start a taxicab business here in town. In reviewing the ordinance the fee was \$25.00 per taxicab. IN consultation with the City Attorney she suggested we change it to \$50.00 and \$10.00 Fee for each cab. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to approve Ordinance #2014-1 Amending Section 4.502 Taxicab License Tax of the Gonzales Code of Ordinance by Levying an Annual License Tax of \$50.00 and \$10.00 Fee for Each and Every Taxicab. Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor

asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #11, City Secretary, Kristina Vega, stated that this item came before the Planning & Zoning Commission on November 21st during which all of the members voted in favor of the rezone. These properties were zoned R-1 Single Family Residential but the properties adjacent and directly abutting the property are zoned C-2 Heavy Commercial. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance #2014-2 Re-Zoning all that Certain Lot or Parcel of Land Located at 210 Qualls Street, more Particularly Described at #7 D.D. Jones Addition at Luling and Dunning Streets from Single Family Residential (R-1) to Heavy Commercial (C-2). Councilman Schurig seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #12, City Secretary, Kristina Vega, stated that these properties actually came before the Planning & Zoning Commission the same day and is actually the same property owner. It is directly across from the other property and they are requesting from an R-1 to a C-2 as well. City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the intervening lot between 183 and these three properties is zoned C-2 and is owned by the same owner. City Secretary, Kristina Vega also added that the individual brought this to the Planning & Zoning Commission, they brought it to be more marketable for sale. The property up against Water Street is C-2 these properties will be included with it and be one large property instead of 3 small ones, and they will all be zoned the same. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance #2014-3 Re-Zoning all that Certain Lot or Parcel of Land Located at 210 Qualls Street, more Particularly Described as #14 Caramel Hts., Dunning Street, .154 Ac., #15 Caramel Hts., 118 Dunning Street, .193 Ac., #5 Caramel Hts., 119 Qualls Street, .193 Ac. from Single Family Residential (R-1) to Heavy Commercial (C-2). Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

BOARD/STAFF REPORTS

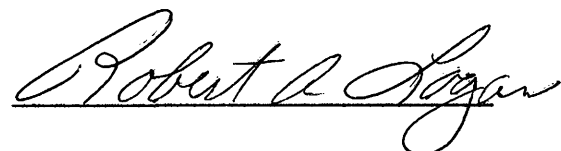
Item #13, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the financials are available for the Council to review.

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Opiela made a motion and Councilman Hernandez seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.


Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 27, 2014 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their called meeting at 6:00 p.m., Monday, January 27, 2014, 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 Lorenzo Hernandez, Tommy Schurig, Gary Schroeder and Clarence Opiela.

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Logan called the meeting to move into executive session under Section 551.087 and Section 551.072 at 6:05 p.m.

Item #1, Section 551.087 Deliberation Regarding Economic Development

Negotiations; Closed Meeting-This chapter does not require a governmental body to conduct an open meeting: (1) to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; or (2) to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Subdivision(1).

Item #2, Section 551.072 To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Council returned to open session at 9:05 p.m.

Item #3, The Mayor called for any motion resulting from Executive Session. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to Authorize the City Manager to Proceed with Construction and Financing of an Expo Center at JB Wells Park not to exceed \$7,000,000.00. The Mayor then asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all vote "aye."

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schroeder made a motion and Councilman Schurig seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Kristina Vega
Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:

Robert L. Logan

**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 4, 2014 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 4, 2014, 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 Gary Schroeder, Lorenzo Hernandez, Tommy Schurig and Clarence Opiela.

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

Staff Present: Mike Jeffrey, James Conquest, Ralph Camarillo, Carolyn Gibson-Baros, Pam Larison, Robert Miller, Barbara Friedrich, Megan O'Neal, Tim Patek, Tim Crow, Keith Schauer, William Ince

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Parks Director, Tim Patek, wished to take a few minutes to introduce our new Museum Director, Megan O'Neal to the Mayor and Council.

Museum Director, Megan O'Neal, introduced herself and gave background of her education, and family.

Joann Leifeste, stated she wanted to express thanks for fixing the museum. Also, stated she is happy because the City will be going out for bids for waste services. I understand that you are going to build an event center and I am asking that it be named the Wells Event Center in memory of JB Wells Sr.

William Shepherd, I have always spoken against any expansion at JB Wells, but I am here tonight to encourage you to approve Item #2. It's time for Gonzales to move on and the City of Gonzales needs a multi-use facility and I think it needs to be at JB Wells Park.

Richard Tiller, I agree that the Exposition center may or may not be a good idea, I don't know anything about it. I have seen no plans, apparently a feasibility study was done from what I understand that it is obvious that it is not going to pay for itself in the early years. It is my understanding that EDC and the Hotel Occupancy Tax funds is going to be used to guarantee some of those payments for I don't know how long. One of the things that we talked about it opening transparency in our government, I think it would have been helpful if some insight from some of the community leaders and stuff might

have been done on this before it was voted to start moving the process along. Would have been helpful to get some feedback or at least say we are excited about it. It's not that I am against it. I just think we should be a little more open with our dealings.

Steve Hendershot, first I want to thank y'all for the wonderful effort y'all are putting forward to put the City in the position to go forward with this Expo and continue to expand JB Wells Park. I don't think that anyone here can argue the point that JB Wells Park has not done more to bring people to Gonzales than any project in the last 30 or 40 years. I look forward to working with the City on this project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #1, The Mayor asked the Council if they had an opportunity to view the minutes. The mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 7th meeting minutes. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez. Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

RESOLUTIONS

Item #2, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated I may take a moment to address a few concerns. I wanted to address the concern of transparency that is why this is brought for that reason to give citizens an opportunity to speak. Another concern is the amount of money coming from the Hotel/Motel Tax, and another type of revenue for the EDC that is often overlooked is the receipts from their loan payments. Also, next month the council is going to be presented a proposal to lease another 130 acres of rights of way. Council could allocate those funds as well, not just Hotel/Motel Tax and not just the EDC. It is anticipated that the City hire a manager to hustle events and a maintenance person for the Expo center. This project is consistent with our Goals & Objectives and Comprehensive Plan. This is the first of many times this will come before the Council. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-8 Authorizing the City Manager to Engage Tim Gescheidle as Architect for the design and Construction of an Exposition Center at J.B. Wells Park; Authorizing the City Manager to begin working with the City Financial Advisor to develop a Financing Package including Certificates of Obligation for the Building. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #3, City Manager, Allen Barnes, this is an annual report from Chief of Police on Racial Profiling. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-9 Acknowledging Receipt of the Annual Racial Profiling Report from the Gonzales Police Department. Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #4, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that the City has been approached by a local business man who would like to buy some real property. The last Legislative session allowed City's to hire real estate professionals to represent them in real estate

deals as another way to dispose of surplus real estate property. We went out at Christmas time for proposals for real estate services and did not get any results, we went out again after the first of the year and got one response from Jeff Dolezal representing Coldwell Banker. The fee is the usual 6% to be paid at closing from the proceeds of whatever sale it is. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-10 Awarding a Contract to Jeff Dolezal with Coldwell Banker, The Ron Brown Company for Real Estate Services. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #5, City Engineer, Keith Schauer, I believe the bid tab is in your packet. Qro Mex Construction out of Burnet was the low bidder. The bids were all very close, so what we decided to do was to go with the lowest bid. This project will get wastewater services into the brickyard area and then down to the soccer fields, so we can have services for restrooms at the soccer field and the brickyard pavilion. It adds a lift station up on top of the hill by the swimming pool area, this will also tie into the restrooms at the little league field, swimming pool, bath house, old rodeo arena. City Manager, Allen Barnes added that the bids came in a little higher than expected, the allocated funds are at \$323,000.00 and the total expenditure in this \$336,478.00, if approved tonight then we will come back with a budget amendment to clean that up. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-11 Awarding a Contract to Qro Mex Construction Co. for Phase II Independence Park Waste Water Project in the Amount of \$336,478.00. Councilman Schurig seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #6, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that this request from Texas Independence Relay is consistent with what they have asked for in the past. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-12 Authorizing the Texas Independence Relay the Use of Confederate Square on March 28, 2014 for Independence Relay Social; the Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages; the Temporary Closure of the 400 Block of Smith Street on March 28, 2014 and March 29, 2014 for the Relay. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #7, City Manager, Allen Barnes, expressed this is another one of those things, I asked the question, we did the research and came up with absolutely no answer. For years the City of Gonzales used the generic seal with the City of Gonzales on it with a star. Being the home of Come & Take It and the proud possessors still of the Come & Take It cannon, we had a seal designed and would like to ask you to approve it as the official seal of the City of Gonzales. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-13 Designating an Official City Seal. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #8, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that our contract with Republic Services

expires on February 15, 2015. The contract requires that Republic requires no less than 180 days notice prior to the expiration of the contract. The contract self-renewed in 2010 because the City failed to properly notify Allied. Mrs. Williamson and I have discuss for several months about the notification process and what we are proposing to do is notify Republic Services by certified mail every 15th for the next six months, so there is no doubt in their mind that we will go out for bid. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-14 Notifying Republic Waste (Formally Allied Waste) of the City's Intent to Solicit Bids for Solid Waste Services Beginning February 15, 2015. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #9, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that these individuals are all up for reappointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission. They have all expressed interest in writing that they wish to continue to serve on the board. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-15 Reappointing Tim Gescheidle, Charles Patterson, Steve Pirkle and Roland Martinez to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a two year term beginning January 1, 2014 and Ending December 31, 2015; Reappointing Phillip Borowitz to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a One Year Term Beginning January 1, 2014 and Ending December 31, 2014. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #10, City Manager, Allen Barnes, said that on December 19th the Texas Gas Services filed a Gas Reliable Infrastructure Program Interim Increase. In the state of Texas this increase has to be filed no later than two years after the last full rate case. This filing took place two days before the expiration of the 2 years. Under the PUCT rules the GRIP increase is an interim increase and the City does not have primary jurisdiction, as it does in the full rate case. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-16 Suspending Gas Reliable Infrastructure Program (GRIP) Rate Increase from the Texas Gas Service. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #11, Gonzales Economic Development Director, Carolyn Gibson-Baros, at their meeting January 13, 2014 the GEDC Board unanimously approved 2 loans for Come & Take It Properties, LLC Dilworth Bed & Breakfast Project in the total amount of \$450,000.00 that will be repaid at 2.25% interest over a 12 year period. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-17 Authorizing the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation Funding of \$450,000.00 for Come & Take It Properties, LLC-Dilworth Bed & Breakfast and Restaurant Project. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #12, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated we are asking to include in the Personnel

Manual the ability for employees to carry over 80 hours of vacation time from one year to another. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-18 Amending the City of Gonzales Personnel Manual to Allow City Employees to Carry Over Vacation Time Up to Eighty (80) Hours from One Year to the Next. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #13, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated this is a resale the original tax sale was on September 2, 2013. The tax collector has an adjudged value of \$41,940.00 the current value of the property is \$35,490.00, one sealed bid was received and approved by commissioner's court in the amount of \$21,000.00. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-19 Approving the Tax Resale of Property Located at 928 St Peter Street in the City of Gonzales Being Lot 7 and the West ½ of Lot 6 Block 5, Badgers Addition, According to the Map or Plat thereof, Recorded in Volume 1, Page 5, Gonzales County, Texas, Save & Except however that Certain .022 Acre, Described in Volume 444, Page 788, Official Records of Gonzales County, Texas. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #14, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that this is a request from the Tourism Advisory Committee, they will advertise the months of April, June, and August and a two page story in the October issue, and they will give us a free ad for that month as well. This would require a budget amendment in the amount of \$2,500.00 if approved. The Mayor asked for a motion. No motion was made. The Mayor asked a second time for a motion, No motion was made for Resolution #2014-20 Approving Gonzales Tourism Committee to Fund Up to \$5,490.00 for Advertising in True West Magazine. The Resolution died due to lack of motion.

Item #15, City Manager, Allen Barnes, expressed that this request is from the Gonzales County Historical Commission and the Gonzales County Jail Museum. In the last budget cycle the City budgeted \$5,000.00 for way finding signs, this is not a budgeted item but tourism has \$25,000.00 line item in their budget for things like this. The Mayor asked for a motion. No motion was made. The Mayor asked a second time for a motion, No motion was made for Resolution #2014-21 Approving the Gonzales Tourism Committee to Fund up to \$5,000.00 to Gonzales County Historical Commission-Chamber of Commerce Jail Museum Texas Historical Museum District. The Resolution died due to lack of motion.

Item #16, City Manager, Allen Barnes, said that during budget time the council asked the Advertising Consultant, Loretta Shirley to get prices for billboards. She has been in touch of JGI. She has received a bid/offer for 7 signs that have been discounted for a lease of 12 months. Those signs are located on I-10, Columbus, Weimer, Schulenburg, and Seguin in multiple sizes. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-22 Approving the Gonzales Tourism Committee to Spend up to \$50,000.00 for a Billboard Campaign. Councilman

Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #17, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated we were approached by the current owner of the property Benny Boyd Gonzales, Re, LLC. is interested in building a Dodge dealership here. They asked for a license agreement for 99 years. I told them that we did not have precedence for a 99 year that we normally do a 31 year agreement. But it's up to the pleasure of the Council. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-23 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a License Agreement Between Benny Boyd Gonzales, Re, LLC. And the City of Gonzales; permitting a Parking Lot to be Placed over an Unopened City Right of Way, and Amending the Resolution to Allow the Term of 99 Years instead of the 31 Years. Councilman Schurig seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

ORDINANCES

Item #18, City Manager, Allen Barnes, said Mr. Mayor you said it all. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Ordinance #2014-4 Calling A City Election for May 10, 2014 for the Purpose of Councilmember for Single Member District No. 3, Councilmember for Single Member District No. 4, and Mayor. Designating the Polling Place thereof; providing for Early voting; providing for other Matter Relating to the Election. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #19, City Manager, Allen Barnes, expressed that in 2011 the Council approved participation in a plan for TML Benefits to retirees. We have recently had a retiree that has experienced some significant medical issues. He was a member of our insurance for thirty-something years never had a problem until 6 months before he retired and had a heart attack. TML has rejected his coverage under the retiree benefit program. I pulled a couple of strings with some people at TML, they talked to the insurance folks and they are now offering a new plan for retirees. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to approve Ordinance #2014-5 Authorizing the Offering of Health Benefits Coverage to City Retirees; Repealing all Ordinance in Conflict. Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #20, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that during last month's meeting we changed the ordinance for Taxi Cabs and I told you that we would be bringing another section to you. The current ordinance requires insurance but it stated that it would be determined by the council. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance #2014-6 Amending the Gonzales Code of Ordinance Section 4.504 Taxicab Insurance Required. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #21, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated the current rates for Hangar rentals of

\$75.00 for a small hangar and \$250.00 month for a large hangar. Ralph has compiled a list of the rates charged in the area. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Ordinance #2014-7 Amending the Gonzales Code of Ordinance Airplane Hangar Rentals, Section 1.503. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #22, City Manager, Allen Barnes, said that he was approached by the JB Wells Park Advisory Board with a concern about the rates charged at the JB Wells Park for RV Rentals. They made a recommendation to lower the rental rates to \$450.00 per month. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Ordinance #2014-8 Approving the Decrease of Renal Rates for the City of Gonzales RV Sites to \$450.00 per month. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

BOARD/STAFF REPORTS

Item #23 & #24, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the financials are available for the Council to review, and that they look good.

Item #25, City Manager, Allen Barnes expressed that there are reports from some of the special contracts available for review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item# 26, Councilman Schurig made a motion to move into executive session GC 551.086 Meeting Concerning Certain Power Utilities. Competitive Matters. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The City Council moved into executive session at 7:40 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 8:31 p.m. the Council returned to regular session.

The mayor asked for any action resulting from the Executive Session.

Item #27, Councilman Opiela made a motion to notify LCRA that the City of Gonzales will request 10% of its electric load to be released in July 1, 2014 and to join the Cities of Brady, Fredericksburg, Lockhart, and Cuero in aggregating the released load with another wholesale electric provider and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Schneider Engineering to represent the city in the aggregation pool. Councilman Schurig seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye".

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schurig made a motion and Councilman Schroeder seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Kristina Vega
Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:

Robert A. Lopez

**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 3, 2014 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, 2014, 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 Lorenzo Hernandez, Tommy Schurig and Clarence Opiela.

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

Staff Present: Mike Jeffrey, James Conquest, Ralph Camarillo, Carolyn Gibson-Baros, Pam Larison, Robert Miller, Barbara Friedrich, Tim Patek, Tim Crow, Keith Schauer, William Ince

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments made.

OTHER BUSINESS

Item #1, The Mayor signed a proclamation designating April 2014 as Fair Housing Month.

PUBLIC HEARING

Item #2, Mayor Logan opened the Public Hearing for the following properties:

Martin/Kleine	NW PT 1 6 Burchard	Minnie D Porter
1403 School	SW PT 1 6 Burchard	Minnie D Porter
1003 Robertson	E PT 8 7 Burchard	Bridgett Smith
1115 Robertson	6 11 Burchard	McCoy Randle
1006 Johnson	N/2 8 3 Burchard	Will F. Johnson
1301 Robinson	S/2 8 Burchard	Erma Steemer Est.
1115 Division	13 3 Kings 8 th	Francis Bryant Est
923 St Joseph	PT 2 Botts	Sally & Leslie Ploeger
1900 Benton	PT 11&8 Highview, PT 11	DB & WF Bonds
1913 Benton	PT 10&8 Highview, PT 11	DB & WF Bonds
1926 Benton	1 9 Highview	Hurbert Almaguer

Building Official, William Ince, stated that there are eleven different structures that deem to be a life safety issue according to the International Property Maintenance Code 2009 version. He showed a slide show with pictures of the structures included, and explained thoroughly the damage for each structure.

Claiburne L. Cowan, Attorney in Austin representing Sally Ploeger, we are going to speak in behalf of asking for some additional time for the demolition on 923 St. Joseph or Ms. Ploeger to remedy this situation. She owns this property with another owner and there have been some ownership disputes within the past years and that is why it has fallen in disrepair. The other owner has failed to pay his portion of the taxes and there was a property tax lawsuit by the taxing authorities. Ms. Ploeger has taken it upon herself and paid \$10,000.00 in taxes owed by the other owner. Ms. Ploeger owns other properties in Gonzales and other cities, she is a responsible property owner, she knows how to manage properties but the situation with this particular piece of property with the other owner got to the point where they couldn't come to an agreement on how to manage the property. We have tonight a general contractor Mark Mraz will talk about what needs to be done with the property and what he would do to remedy the situation but we are asking for 180 days to come up with a plan, get started and remedy the problem.

Mark Mraz, no comment.

Sally Ploeger, wanted to say that I had always had in mind to restore that house and then I had problems with a co-owner and hopefully I will be able to work something out with that person so I can start working on the house. I think the house was built around 1911, and it does need a new roof, I think that's where I would start. It's really nice on the inside. I think it has a lot of significance in Gonzales, it's old and I would really like to save it.

Nelson Green, the owners have agreed to deed the land to me and I would like to have time to tear the building down. This is the property on 115 Robertson Street. I would like to have 90 days to do this.

DB Bonds, first of all I would like to apologize to the City of Gonzales for allowing the properties at 1900 and 1913 Benton....my intention on the 1913 property is to completely demolish it, if I could get 180 days, but the property listed as 1900, I would like to repair it. There's been so many people have broken into those homes and vandalize those homes, but my intentions are to demolish the 1913 Benton Street and the 1900 get it repaired because it's not in too bad of shape, and the other buildings disassemble those too.

The Mayor then closed the Public Hearing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #3, The Mayor asked the Council if they had an opportunity to view the minutes. The mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 4, 2014 City Council meeting. Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez. Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye."

RESOLUTIONS

Item #4, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated this may seem silly, but it is basically for record keeping purposes. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-20 Changing the Regular Scheduled City Council Meeting On March 4, 2014 At 6:00 P.M. To March 3, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #5, City Manager, Allen Barnes, expressed that several Boards and Commission are appointed trough out the year, this would make it to where all board appointments are done in September of each year and effective October of each year. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-21 Aligning Appointments to all Boards and Commissions to September of Each Year. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #6, President of the Board Directors of the GEDC, Nathan Neuse, stated that he had talked to most of the Council, but not all of them regarding this project. This is a business center that will be used for EDC for office space, but this business center would also offer some office space at a low cost to someone that wants to start a business. It's hard to find a place to go when you are a one or two man shop. It's very expensive to build something up when you are going to need to use that money for the business itself. This would provide on a short term basis access to a conference room, copier, printer, things like that, that are sort of expensive to get going in a small business. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-24 Approving The Gonzales Economic Development Corporation's Funding the Purchase and Renovation of a Building for a Business Center Councilman Schurig seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #7, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated this is the action item for the Public Hearing tonight. As you are aware, we heard from Ms. Ploeger requesting 180 days, the gentleman at 1115 Robertson is requesting 90 days and Mr. Bonds asked for 180 days. I believe you have one other letter saying that the building is going down for Mr. Almaguer. We have not had any contact for any other properties. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-25 Ordering the Disposition of Substandard Buildings, we would like to give the owners 180 days for the individuals to do with the property what they wish. Councilman Opiela then amended his motion as follows for the properties below:

<u>PROPERTY ADDRESS</u>	<u>LEGAL DESC</u>	<u>PROPERTY OWNER</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
Martin/Kleine	NW PT 1 6 Burchard	Minnie D Porter	180 days demolish
1403 School	SW PT 1 6 Burchard	Minnie D Porter	180 days demolish
1003 Robertson	E PT 8 7 Burchard	Bridgett Smith	180 days demolish
1115 Robertson	6 11 Burchard	McCoy Randle	180 days demolish
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1900 Benton	PT 11&8 Highview, PT 11	DB & WF Bonds	180 days repair
1913 Benton	PT 10&8 Highview, PT 11	DB & WF Bonds	180 days demolish
1926 Benton	1 9 Highview	Hurbert Almaguer	180 days demolish

Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #8, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated the May council meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2014. That day is the last day of Early Voting for the General Election which is held in the Council Chambers. If the date of the meeting is changed to May 13, 2014 then we can hold just one meeting and include the Official Canvass for the election on that agenda. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-26 Changing the Regular Scheduled City Council Meeting On May 6, 2014 At 6:00 P.M. To May 13, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #9, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that at the February 4th meeting the Council has directed for us to begin working with the Financial Advisors again. This just clarifies the role and renews our contract with RBC. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-27 Authorizing the City Manager to Extend the Financial Advisory Agreement with RBC Capital Markets, LLC for Financial Advice. Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #10, City Manager, Allen Barnes, expressed that Acadia Land Services contacted our City Attorney with interest in leasing 140.3765 acres of designated City streets out in the County. They are offering \$500.00 per acre mineral lease for 3 year paid up lease, 22% royalty in a 2 year option of \$600.00 per acre. The bonus money is \$70,337.50. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-28 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease between the City of Gonzales And Acadian Land Services, LLC. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #11, City Engineer, Keith Schauer, stated that we designed the soccer fields to go down the southwest corner of JB Wells. I talked to commissioner Kevin LaFleur about whether the County would participate in doing a grade for the fields and he has agreed that the County would do all of the grading, so we put out to bid to do a water line extension (about 1100 feet) to provide irrigation for the fields, about an 860 foot wastewater line to provide restrooms for the field. We also had it in our bids to do the irrigation system on the fields. The base bid, low bid for it, that along with the additional \$14,000.00 for engineering and survey services, puts the total cost at approximately \$125,000.00 with only \$75,000.00 budgeted for it. With that, staff recommendation is to reject all of the bids, and to negotiate with QroMex which is doing the Independence Park Project or M&C Fonseca which is being awarded the 2014 Wastewater Project, to

put in the water line for the fields and the wastewater lines, and then we will have to work with City staff to do the irrigation on the fields and the seeding. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to reject all bids for Resolution #2014-29 regarding The J.B. Wells Park Soccer Field; Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #12, City Engineer, Keith Schauer, stated that on February 20th we received Bids for the 2014 Wastewater Projects. We had 9 bidders on the project, the low bid was \$203,415.05 from M&C Fonseca Construction Services that along with the \$18,300 for engineering and surveying would bring the cost to \$221,715.05. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-30 Awarding A Contract To M&C Fonseca Construction Co., Inc. For The 2014 Wastewater Project Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #13, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that this is another out of the ordinary request. We originally thought that we could get a phone system for under \$20,000.00 we got a quote for about \$29,000.00. We at first only got one bid, but that did not include the other campuses. With the help of Mr. Nesser we received 3 more bids, AT&T, Mitel and Cisco, and the most bang for our buck is the Mitel System. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-31 Acknowledging the Increase Costs Associated with a New Telephone System for the City Of Gonzales. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #14, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated the Tourism Committee met and was presented with a request from Bo Davis for the PBR for \$6,000.00 for advertising. Bo Davis has expanded his bull riding from one day to two days this year. This request is consistent with past expenditures, and is a budgeted item. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-32 Approving the Gonzales Tourism Committee to Fund up to \$6,000.00 To DVS Production For Advertising And Promoting The PBR Gonzales Event. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #15, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that there was a copy of the map attached to the event sheet for your review. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-33 Authorizing the Catholic Community of Gonzales and Waelder to Hold a Running with Faith 5k Run/Walk on Saturday, May 3, 2014. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye".

ORDINANCES

Item #16, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that on July 18, 2011 the Council amend the Code of Ordinances Section 3.201 (A) (10) adopting the ICC Code at the same time

they adopted the 2009 Electric Code, it was recently pointed out to me that NEC updates their code at a different rate than the NIC adopts their codes, therefore there is no 2009 Electric Code. The 2011 NEC is actually a safer electric ordinance. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Ordinance #2014-9 Amending the Gonzales Code of Ordinance, NFPA National Electric Code, Section 3.201 (A) (10). Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #17, City Manager, Allen Barnes, expressed that essentially what you are doing is changing the wording from 2002 Code to 2011 Code. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Ordinance #2014-10 Amending Section 3.511 To Reference The 2011 Edition of the National Electric Code. Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #18, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that when we approved the Subdivision Ordinance in December 2013, there wasn't an ordinance passed for filing fees for plats. It is suggested to set the fee for \$250.00. This amount would cover the City's costs for plats. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Ordinance #2014-11 Authorizing the Collection of Platting Fees. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilmen Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye".

BOARD/STAFF REPORTS

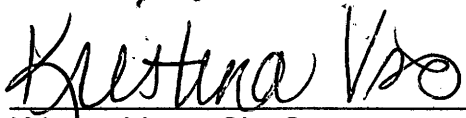
Item #19, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the financials are available for the Council to review, and that they look good.

Item #20, City Manager, Allen Barnes expressed that there is a report from the Chamber of Commerce Float Project available for review.

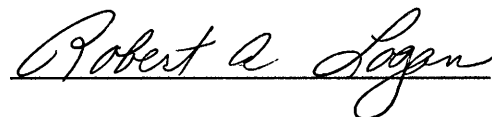
Item #21, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that Crissy O'Neal of the JB Wells Park Advisory Board called and was not going to be available to give the verbal report to the Council, but will be available for the next meeting.

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schurig made a motion and Councilman Opiela seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.


Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 1, 2014 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 1, 2014, 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 Lorenzo Hernandez and Tommy Schurig.

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

Staff Present: Mike Jeffrey, Ralph Camarillo, Carolyn Gibson-Baros, Robert Miller, Pam Larison, James Conquest, Tim Patek, Barbara Friedrich, Megan O'Neal, William Ince, Carla Faltisek, Gary Shock, Tim Crow, Keith Schmidt

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

Councilman Clarence Opiela joined the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dennis Nesser-stated that he wanted to address a problem. In December Hector Porras was removed from the GEDC and in response to an ad I submitted an application for that position. That was in January, February, March, and now April has gone by with no mention of any position being filled on GEDC.

City Manager, Allen Barnes-wished to address the comment, stating that this item was originally planned for the May meeting, but it was my understanding that the Economic Development Director had gotten several applications and she was told that there would be more applications coming in, and so she asked if it could be placed on the May meeting agenda, and that's why it is not on tonight's agenda.

Dawn Walsh-I am the average specialist with Connections Individual and Family Services originally based out of New Braunfels. Main purpose of coming out tonight is to let the community and you know that April is Child Abuse Awareness Month.

Michael Moers-introduced son, Rocky Moers-stated that he is working on an Eagle Scout Badge for Troop 262. He would like to help coordinate electronic recycle day. SCS Recycle will be here on April 26th during the Jim Price Clean Up and are planning to work hand and hand with the Jim Price Cleanup to collect the electronics for recycle.

OTHER BUSINESS

Item #1, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that he is a very proud City Manager. This

Year with the Audit we have received once again recognition from the Government Financial Officers of America the award for outstanding financial reporting.

Item #2, Mayor, Robert A. Logan formally signed a proclamation designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

PUBLIC HEARING

Item #3, Mayor Logan opened the Public Hearing for Early Citizen Input on the Budget.

Pat Anders-Ryan stated thank you as a community and as the Council for everything you have done for the Youth Center to be here for 18 years. I am very blessed to be a part of that, and as you know we are in the process of replacing this person. The youth center is at the beginning of its growth and I am coming to you this evening to help us do that next phase to increase the amount you are giving us by \$1,000.00 a quarter.

Item #4, Mayor Logan opened the Public Hearing Regarding Substandard Buildings:

<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Legal Description</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>
1017 Ainsworth	21 Gardian Kokernot	Pamela Ann Leazer
1515 Weimar	39 Kings 7 th	Rene & Falcon Vega
Weimar St. (1400 Blk)	42 Kings 7 th	Elijah & Annie Clark
1424 St. Andrew	PT 7 Gonzales Tier 2	Cecil Williams

Building Official, William Ince, stated that there are four structures that are viewed to have one of the conditions that impose a health and safety issue to the general public. He showed a slide show with pictures of the structures included, and explained thoroughly the damage for each structure.

Pam Leazer, 1017 Ainsworth, stated I would like to ask if I could have a little more time. I have someone lined up to help me finish demoing it. I was hoping for 6 months.

The Mayor then closed the Public Hearing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #5, The Mayor asked the Council if they had an opportunity to review the minutes. The mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 27, 2014 Called City Council meeting. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez. Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #6, The Mayor asked the Council if they had an opportunity to review the minutes. The mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 3, 2014 City Council meeting. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez. Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

RESOLUTIONS

Item #7, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that you have a proposed Budget Calendar in your packets. At this time we are on schedule with this calendar. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-29 Approving a Budget Calendar For The Budget Period Beginning October 1, 2014 And Ending September 30, 2015. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #8, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that essentially they had requested to have this on an earlier date. Come to find out there is another run on that day, so they are requesting an approval for a change the date to June 14th. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-34 Texas Authorizing The Catholic Community Of Gonzales And Waelder To Hold A Running With Faith 5 K Run/Walk On June 14, 2014 Between The Hours Of 6:00 A.M. And 12:00 P.M. Noon and the Temporary Closure Of St. Lawrence and St. Louis Streets. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #9, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that this is an annual event and the Mainstreet is requesting these closures. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-35 Authorizing Gonzales Main Street The Use Of The Confederate Square On June 6, 2014, June 13, 2014, June 20, 2014 And June 27, 2014 For The Annual Main Street Concert Series; The Use Of Confederate Square On July 4, 2014 For The Annual Star Spangled Spectacular; For The Temporary Closure Of St. George Street From St. Joseph Street To St. Paul Street, And St. Paul Street From St. George Street To St. Lawrence Street; The Temporary Closure Of The Brickyard Area At Independence Park; The Sale And Consumption Of Alcoholic Beverages On June 6th, June 13th, June 20th June 27th, And July 4th. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #10, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated this is an annual festival and are requesting the closures for this event. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-36 A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Gonzales, Texas Authorizing The Sacred Heart Catholic Church To Hold It's Sacred Heart Church Festival On June 14, 2014 At 6:00 A.M. To June 15, 2014 at 1:00 A.M. And The Closure of St. John Street and St. Lawrence Street, St. John Street and St. Louis Street During the Event. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #11, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the Community Health Center is requesting to hold a health festival on April 26, 2014 and is requesting permission to close the portion of street directly beside the parking lot to ensure safety of their

participants. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-37 Authorizing The Community Health Centers Of South Central Texas, Inc. to Hold its Gonzales Spring Healthy Festival on April 26, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. To 1:00 P.M. and the Temporary Closure of a Portion of St. George and St. James Street. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #12, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated these building that were presented by William Ince during the Public Hearing tonight. The only person speaking was 1017 Ainsworth, Ms. Leazer. Staff respectfully recommends Council order the disposition of these buildings that they see fit. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve #2014-38 A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Gonzales, Texas Ordering the Disposition of Substandard Buildings

<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Legal Description</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>
1017 Ainsworth	21 Gardian Kokernot	Pamela Ann Leazer
1515 Weimar	39 Kings 7 th	Rene & Falcon Vega
Weimar St. (1400 Blk)	42 Kings 7 th	Elijah & Annie Clark
1424 St. Andrew	PT 7 Gonzales Tier 2	Cecil Williams

	Address	Repair	Demolish	Within __#__ Days
1.	1017 Ainsworth		x	180
2.	1515 Weimar		x	30
3.	Weimar St (1400 Blk)		x	30
4.	1424 St. Andrew		x	30

Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #13, City Manager, Allen Barnes said that in February, Council decided to release a portion of our load that we purchase from LCRA this July. We will release 10% this year. There is a 2 year waiting period before we can release any more of the load and we can release up to a total of 35%. We ask that the Council set the percentage of Load Release to the maximum of 35%. The Load Release will give us some stability. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-39 Determining the Percentage of Electric Load Release from Lower Colorado River Authority. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #14, Fire Chief, Keith Schmidt, stated that at the March 6th members of the Gonzales Fire Department voted to change our Constitution and By-Laws. The changes will have our career staff conduct all required training for the department. It will do away with the Training officer and the Assistant Training Officer positions. The career staff will be allowed to participate in the Texas Emergency's Retirement System and the net cost to the City is going to be \$1,800.00 a year when we are all said and

done. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-40 Approving the Recently Adopted Constitution and By-Laws of the Gonzales Fire Department. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #15, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that we are requesting approval of this resolution appointing Georgia Pavliska as Election Judge, Guadalupe Saldana as Alternate Election Judge, Jerome Pavliska, Genaro Saldana and Jenny Nesser as Election Clerks on Election day, and for Early Voting-Kristina Vega as EV Judge, Barbara Friedrich as Alternate EV Judge and as EV Clerks- Laura Zendejas, Holly Barnhart and Angela Kessler. We also ask that you set the hourly wage to \$11.00/hr. for the Election Judge and \$10.00/hr. for the clerks with an additional \$25.00 compensation for delivering the ballot boxes, ballot box keys and leftover supplies after the election is over. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-41 Appointing Election Judges And Clerks For The City General Election On May 10, 2014 In Accordance With Texas Election Code 32.008(A) . Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #16, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the Council has approved the planning and building of an Expo Center at JB Wells Park. This will be a very critical facility for our community for many years to come. We have several folks helping with the design of the facility, but nobody has extensive background in this type of building nobody has experience in entertainment venues. In talking to some of my colleagues the name Venue Works came up. The cost for Phase I is \$28,500.00, this can be paid from the Hotel/Motel Tax. I have talked to the Chairman of the Tourism Board; he's on board for this. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-42 Authorizing The City Manager To Negotiate A Contract With Venue Works As Design Consultants For The Expo Center At J.B. Wells;. Councilman seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #17, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated you have a list of the property we are asking to be surplus. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-43 Declaring Property as Surplus, and authorizing the sale of said property, except those electronic items that can be donated to the Eagle Scout Project on April 26, 2014 during the Jim Price Cleanup. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "

Item #18, City Manager, Allen Barnes expressed that we receive several requests a year for the loan of the cannon. We have no policy that directs us, dictates to us, tells us yes, no or maybe. I ask Mr. Patek and Megan our Museum Director to come up with a policy and I believe they came up with a really good policy but the only thing that I did not see in this policy. One is that of course prior to the cannon leaving the museum, we

would in an open council meeting to advise that the cannon would be loaned to XYZ Museum. Also, we have established a precedent when it went to Houston to require \$10,000,000.00 insurance on the cannon. Insurance is mentioned but I believe it should state \$10,000,000.00 in the policy, and also there will be times that we do not wish to loan it out and we will exclude the month of March, October and the last couple weeks of February. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-44 Establishing a Policy for Inter-Museum Loans. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #19, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that this is coming to you because we just passed the policy. This is coming to you because 2014 is Susanna Dickenson's 200th Birthday. Due to Susanna's special place in Texas history, they thought it appropriate to display the cannon at their museum for a month. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-45 Authorizing The Loan Of The Come And Take It Cannon To The Joseph And Susanna Dickinson Hanning Museum For The Month Of November 2014 To Celebrate Susanna Dickinson's 200th Birthday. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #20, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated this is an annual thing we get from Public Utilities Commission. Every year they dictate to us what our franchise fee is or should be. There is a .78 increase this year. The Council in the past has approved this and staff has no recommendation for this. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution#2014-46 Adjusting the Telecommunication Right-Of-Way Access Line Rates To the 2014 Consumer Price Index Maximum Rate as Determined by the Public Utility Commission of Texas. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #21, City Manager, Allen Barnes expressed that the contract with Gonzales Dog Adoptions has expired but since the fiscal year has changed then we are proposing the contract to expire in October of 2015. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-47 Authorizing The City Manager To Execute An Agreement With Gonzales Dog Adoptions, Inc. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #22, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that this is the same situation as the contract for Gonzales Dog Adoptions and staff is requesting council's approval of this resolution. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-48 Authorizing The City Manager To Execute An Agreement With Friends Of Gonzales Animal Shelter, Inc. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #23, City Manager, Allen Barnes expressed that the 1835 Village named locations after Texas folks and events I feel it is only fitting to dedicate Hwy 97 in front of the subdivision as Immortal 32 Memorial Highway. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-49 Approving the Designation of Texas State Highway 97 from Texas State Highway 90A Eastward as Immortal 32 Memorial Highway. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #24, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that you have before you a proposed replat of the 1835 Village. The big change is that the single residential lots are now combined, and the names of the streets have changed. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-50 Approving the Re-Plat Of 1835 Village as Approved by The Planning and Zoning Commission On March 31, 2014. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #25, Gonzales Economic Development Director, Carolyn Gibson-Baros expressed that all of the action items were heard and voted on during the March 24th GEDC Meeting. Mike Jeffrey the director at JB Wells completed a community development funding application asking for \$17,500.00 to pay for the labor for the new JB Wells Fence. The board approved that and is seeking approval of funding from the Council. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-51 Authorizing The Gonzales Economic Development Corporation Reimbursement To The City Of Gonzales For Labor For The Fencing Of The J. B. Wells Project In Return For The City Of Gonzales Funding Of The Gonzales Economic Development Corporation's Business Center Project. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #26, Gonzales Economic Development Director, Carolyn Gibson-Baros stated that March 24th the GEDC approved a loan to Sheilah Kay Restaurants DBA Baker Boys Barbeque a loan for \$100,000.00 to be paid in over a 10 year period to be paid at 2.25% interest and if they perform upon that satisfactorily then \$15,000.00 will be forgiven from the back of the note. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-52 Approving the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation's Loan to Sheilah Kay Restaurants, LLC DBA Baker Boys BBQ Restaurant for the Purchase of Equipment. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #27 Gonzales Economic Development Director, Carolyn Gibson-Baros, stated that this has been a long time coming and I am very thrilled to stand in front of you tonight and tell you that the board has unanimously approved a loan to JMOS Realty Company

that is the principals R John and Ken McClung for the construction of a mechanic shop on their property on 304. They are moving their location from Luling back to Gonzales. Their loan of \$400,000.00 will be paid at 2.50% interest over a 5 year period. If the loan is performed upon satisfactorily the first four years the last years of payments will be forgiven. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-53 Approving the Gonzales Economic Development Corporations Loan To JMOS Realty Company, LLC for the Construction of a 10,800 Square Foot Machine Shop. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #28, Gonzales Economic Development Director, Carolyn Gibson-Baros stated that TXGN our own short line has brought a lot of industrial growth to our community and to the county came to GEDC to ask us to assist with \$4,500.00 in the work that they are doing at the crossing on 90A. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-54 Authorizing the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation's Funding of a Grant to the Texas Gonzales & Northern Railway for Highway 90 A Crossing Improvements. Councilman Schroder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #29, Gonzales Economic Development Director, Carolyn Gibson-Baros expressed that during the March 24th meeting the board voted by majority, Clint Hille abstained because he has an interest in Bell Oaks Inn approved a \$15,000.00 maximum 50/50 grant for improvements to the property. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-55 Approving the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation's Small Business Grant to Bell Oaks Inn and Bed and Breakfast. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

ORDINANCES

Item #30, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated the state requires us to renew this ordinance every 2 or 3 years, and that's basically what this is. There are a couple of minor changes that will coincide with the school schedule. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Ordinance #2014-12 Re-Adopting And Amending Article 8.500 Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Gonzales Concerning Curfew For Minors; Establishing Fines And Penalties As Provided By Law . Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

BOARD/STAFF REPORTS

Item #31, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the financials are available for the Council to review, and that they look good.

Item #32, Crissy O'Neal, the president of the JB Wells Park Advisory Board gave a summarized verbal report on the projects that the board has been tracking since its creation.


ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schurig made a motion and Councilman Opiela seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Robert A. Logan

**CITY OF GONZALES
CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 17, 2014 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their called meeting at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, April 17, 2014, 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 Lorenzo Hernandez, Tommy Schurig, Gary Schroeder and Clarence Opiela.

Others Present: City Manager-Allen Barnes, Gonzales Economic Development Director-Carolyn Gibson-Baros, City Attorney-Jackie Williamson

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Logan called the meeting to move into executive session under Section 551.072 at 6:02 p.m.

Item #1, **Section 551.072 To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property** if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.

Item #2, **ADJOURNED EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 6:50 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Council returned to open session at 6:55 p.m.

Item #3, The Mayor called for any motion resulting from Executive Session. Councilman Opiela made a motion to authorize the city manager to negotiate a contract for the purchase of real property at a price discussed during executive session. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor then asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all vote "aye."

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schurig made a motion and Councilman Opiela seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Robert A. Logan

**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 13, 2014 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 13, 2014, 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 Lorenzo Hernandez, Gary Schroeder, Clarence Opiela and Tommy Schurig.

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

Staff Present: Gary Shock, James Conquest, Ralph Camarillo, Robert Miller, Pam Larison, Keith Schmidt, Barbara Friedrich, Tim Patek, Megan O'Neal, William Ince, Todd Remschel, Bethany McBride

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gonzales Healthcare Systems Foundation, Connie Kacir-stated Mr. Mayor, members of the Council on behalf of the Hospital Foundation, I thank you. I thank our City Manager, Allen Barnes, and all of the city department supervisors for being our strategic partner and our co-host for the Hospital Gala. We could not be more proud of our City in facilitating us in preparing our venue, attending us in a first class fashion, in every way. We are humbled to have had the opportunity to work with you. Who made this event attended by 611 individuals a huge success. Thank you for your time, thank you for your resources, and most of all thank you for serving us in the spirit of Gonzales. It is the Foundations privilege and honor to honor you the City of Gonzales for commitment to quality healthcare through your tremendous dedication in supporting our Spring Gala May 3rd, 2014, located on the grounds of our historic national treasure, Gonzales Memorial Museum and Amphitheater. Mr. Mayor may our president approach the bench and present to you this plaque.

JoAnn Leifeste, Connie has told me that so many people of so many ages have told her that the Gonzales Memorial Museum is the most underused venue in Gonzales, but as Tommy can verify that the amphitheater isn't safe as it is now, even though it is appealing as a venue. One of the ladies who attended was seated up in the amphitheater got up to come down to dance and her foot slipped out from under her and she fell, and I know that Tommy called EMS. I called her the next morning and she said by the grace of God I'm alright. We need a railing down the center so people have something to hold on to. Tommy had suggested the edge of the steps being painted so they are more noticeable. Then of course, there wasn't much lighting there except

maybe the starts on the outside. I guess that's something, that there could be extra lighting available when there are events as opposed to a permanent lighting. I wrote Ms. Childs that is our representative at the Texas Historical Commission, I don't know if she's written to you or not about the possibility of moving the safety requirements up from the list of other restoration plans you have for the museum. So it can continue to be used and be used safely.

City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that the architect, Tim Gescheidle is already working on that. I don't know if he has already drawn the plans on that or not, although I know he has spoken to Ms. Childs about incorporating that into the renovations. I don't know what phase, I don't know what his time line is, but I do know for a fact that Tim is already on it.

RESOLUTION

Mayor Logan stated, Mr. Traylor is here and has another meeting to go to, so I am going to move him up from Item #7 to Item #1.

Item #7, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that Dusty Traylor is here with RBC is here tonight. This is the first step in selling the Certificates of Obligation. We did this a couple of years ago for the Water Projects. Mr. Traylor can explain the process, but essentially I have asked him to figure \$10 million dollars at 4% with a 20 year payout.

Director at RBC Markets, Dusty Traylor, said that Bob Henderson and I have the honor and privilege of serving as your Financial Advisor. The note that I pass out is a quick memo kind of on the financing for the Exhibition Hall and Convention Center Project. The notice you have before you is a notice of intention to issue certificates of obligation and it starts a 30 day process. You have to have that notice published in the paper at least 30 days in the paper prior to the selling of any certificate of obligation related thereto. So in the time frame between now and then we will be working closely with Allen, Pam and all of the City Staff to prepare preliminary official statements and ultimately sell the \$10 million dollars of obligations for that project. We understand that you wish to pay the debt service on these certificates of obligation actually out of the EDC and the Hotel/Motel Occupancy taxes. The Certificate of Obligation does carry a pledge of ad valorem taxes so if there was anything that ever happened with those other revenues, that you would have the ad valorem tax pledge standing behind it that you could if something went wrong that you could make those payments with if you needed to. We were looking at the debt service here today and on an estimated 20 year repayment for a \$10 million issue your estimated annual debt service on that in today's interest rate environment will be right at \$735K per year, and that's assuming a 4% rate. The action that you are taking tonight helps to start the clock so you can get the ball rolling towards the issuance and once we have the sale then we will have about 30 days before you receive the money. The Texas Attorney General will have to approve the transaction prior to the money being given to the City. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-56 Authorizes To Give Notice Of Intention To Issue Combination Tax And Revenue Certificates Of Obligation In An Amount Not To Exceed An Aggregate Of \$10,000.00

For The Purpose Of Paying, In Whole Or In Part, Certain Public Improvements In The City Including, Construction, Furnishing, And Equipping A New Exhibition Hall And Convention Center And Acquiring Land Related Thereto, Constructing Street, Sidewalk And Related Drainage Improvements To The City's Combined Utility System And To The City's Park System; To Pay All Or Portion Of The Legal, Fiscal And Engineering Fees In Connection With The Projects, And To Pay The Cost Of Issuance Related To The Certificates Of Obligation. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

OTHER BUSINESS

Item #1, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that he has been the City Manager for over 2 ½ years, and September 2011 when I was first being hired. One of the complaints of the citizens was that the City just was not transparent enough with their dealings. Several of the folks in the room were among those that felt that way. I made a promise that night that we were going to turn that around in a short amount of time. It is my outstandingly great pleasure to present to the City Council our third year in the Texas Comptrollers Leadership Circle which is for governmental transparency in the state of Texas. For the last two years, we have been rated Gold Members, I have to report to you tonight that we are no longer Gold members. We are one of 19 cities in the state of Texas who are now Platinum members.

Item #2, Mayor, Robert A. Logan formally signed a proclamation designating June 3, 2014 as Confederate Monument Re-Dedication Day.

PUBLIC HEARING

Item #3, Mayor Logan opened the Public Hearing Regarding Substandard Buildings:

<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Legal Description</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>
1121 Hamilton	MID PT 3 11 Badgers	Sandra Sue Logan Henrichs & Ronald Ford Logan
1506 Hickston	PT 26-27 Juengermann	Frances J Kelley
619 St James	Blk 9 PT Lot 5 & PT Lot 6	Eusebio Deleon

Building Official, William Ince, stated that these photographs were taken Monday. The three buildings that are being brought to you tonight are structures that are viewed to have one of the conditions that impose a health and safety issue to the general public. Each one of these structures had an event where there was a fire involved. He showed a slide show with pictures of the structures included, and explained thoroughly the damage for each structure.

Sandy Henrichs, 1121 Hamilton, stated that half of the property is hers and half is his. There has not been much cooperation on his part and I am asking for 2-3 Months-total of 180 days to take care of this property.

Frances Kelley, 1506 Hickston, expressed that the fire was not as catastrophic of an event as the others. Someone was going to build a shed to store the things inside. I

would like to request an extension for demo, as long as you can give me.

Item #4, Mayor Logan opened the Public Hearing Regarding the Rezone of

PROPERTY OWNER: Sara & Spencer Breitschopf

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: PT 15 Kings 4th; PT Lot 15 Kings 4th, PT 14, 22 Kings 4th; PT 15 and 22 Kings 4th

PARCEL: 13080, 24805, 13065, 13066

Sara Breitschopf, stated that she has rental properties in Gonzales, and it is my objective to have clean, nice, affordable rental properties to offer our community. I purchased this property knowing that part of it was zoned commercial and the other part was zoned R-1. My intention was to build apartments on this property. It is at the corner of Morey and 183. The part on Morey street needs very little land improvements which is where I wanted to begin building, the other part that is mostly the commercial part of it off of 183 will need quite a bit of land improvements. If I could get all of it zoned so that it could all match and all could be consistently zoned commercial then I would be able to place my buildings on the property and offer much more curb appeal. With this being our main artery through our town, our community, I would like to make as nice as possible to represent our community and also offer affordable living to our residents here in town. So I ask you to rezone the entire property and make it all match on a C-2. If I could get that done it would be much more profitable to me. I just wouldn't be able to consider it if I had to start where it is zoned commercial. It just wouldn't be a good business decision for me, however if I could get it zoned commercial over there on Morey Street then I could go ahead and begin my construction.

The Mayor then closed the Public Hearing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #5, The Mayor asked the Council if they had an opportunity to review the minutes. The mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 8, 2014 City Council meeting. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez. Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #6, The Mayor asked the Council if they had an opportunity to review the minutes. The mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 17, 2014 Called City Council meeting. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez. Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

RESOLUTIONS

Item #8, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that Mike Brooks from BrooksCardiel, our auditors are here. Mr. Brook's firm is in a second year of a three year engagement is

here to present this. Mike Brooks, partner with BrooksCardiel CPAs, and I will be presenting you with a short summary which highlights some of the more important parts of the CAFR. First, I would like to report that the City is issuing a comprehensive annual financial report as opposed to an annual financial report, which means that the City has gone above and beyond the standard reporting requirements. Next, is what we consider to be the most important statement in the CAFR which is the auditor's opinion; We have issued a clean unmodified opinion which the highest level of assurance that we can give as auditors, that the City's financial statements are free of material misstatement and all footnotes are disclosed. Next, several financial highlights, total assets exceeded total liabilities by approximately by \$32.6 million, the City's total net position increased by \$440k, the City's governmental fund balance reported a combined ending fund balance of approximately \$2.9 million which is an increase of \$285k over the previous year, and the unassigned fund balance within the general fund was approximately \$2.1 million or 35% of total annualized general fund expenditures. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-57 Acknowledging the Receipt of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Six-Month Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2013. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #9, City Manager, Allen Barnes, I believe you introduced this when you did the proclamation Mr. Mayor. Mr. Donald Rihn is here to answer any questions. My name is Donald Rihn and I am here to represent Chapter 2553 for my wife. I put all of the paperwork together for the dedication coming up and the work that was done on the monument. I just want to point out that the Chapter, raised just over \$16k to restore this monument, by the funds, donations, and a grant. No City, federal funds or anything was used on that monument. Everyone is invited to June 3rd if you approve this event. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-58. Authorizing The Cross Of Honor Chapter 2553 United Daughters Of The Confederacy The Use Of The Confederate Square For The Re-Dedication Of The Confederate Monument. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #10, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that this item before you tonight, I learned about at a managers meeting I go to every February. Texas Revenue Recovery Association is a group of cities that have gotten together and when someone owes the city a back utility bill moves to another member city, the member city agrees that they will not connect utilities until that is paid. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approved Resolution #2014-59 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Contract Agreement with Texas Revenue Recovery Association. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #11, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that this is an annual bid process. We have received a bid from EF Ehrig which was \$7.25 per bale and Ronald Barborak bid \$13.10 per bale. Staff respectfully requests the approval of this resolution approving the contract to the high bid Ronald Barborak at \$13.10 per bale. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-60 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Ronald Barborak for the Baling of Hay at J.B. Wells Park. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #12, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that this came from a joint training session with EOG and the Fire Department. This will be \$50k to construct a gravel pad for EOG and the Fire Department to train with. This will come at no cost to the City. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve #2014-61 Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract With EOG To Construct A Mutual Use Training Ground At 400 County Road 488. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #13, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that Hector Porras was appointed to a 2 year term to GEDC on April 1, 2013. He resigned from the board. We have received three applications, Linda Carter, Dennis Nesser, and Lucianne Blakemore. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-62 Appointing A Dennis Nesser as a member of the Board Of Directors To The Gonzales Economic Development Corporation To Fill The Unexpired Two Year Term Of Hector Porras' Beginning April 1, 2013 And Ending September 30, 2015 Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #14, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that this item and the next item go hand and hand; one can't really be introduced without the other. The next item we propose is to open the museum 7 days a week instead of 6. We have explained to Megan we will let her work as many hours as she wants to, but she would like to keep it around 40ish. This will allow us to have folks cover the Museum the days she has off. The Museum Director would work Monday-Friday and these folks would be hired to work specifically on the weekends. Currently there is a sufficient amount of money in the salaries line item to cover it for the remainder of the budget year. It would provide better service for our customers because the only complaint we get on the museum is that people drove all this way and it was closed. This way it would be open on Mondays, and regular business hours except during lunch hour, and will be open 7 days a week. Sunday has different hours, it would be open 1-5 rather than opening 10-5. This will be a much more effective way to run the museum, but we have to have the employees approved before we ask you to change the hours of the museum. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-63 Authorizing the Creation of Two Additional Part Time Positions at the Gonzales Memorial Museum.

Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #15, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that since we now have so many employees at the museum, we would like to extend the hours of the museum. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-64 Establishing a New Schedule for the Gonzales Memorial Museum. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #16, Mayor, Robert A. Logan, stated that the information for the Official Canvass of the Election is as follows:

	NAME	EARLY VOTING	ELECTION DAY		TOTAL	
Mayor						
DISTRICT 1						
	Mike Hanson	12	9		21	
	Robert A. Logan	45	36		81	
DISTRICT 2						
	Mike Hanson	12	4		16	
	Robert A. Logan	46	29		75	
Mayor						
DISTRICT 3						
	Mike Hanson	23	6		29	
	Robert A. Logan	65	44		109	
District 3						
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	Del De Los Santos	9	14		23	
	Lorenzo Hernandez	54	36		90	
Mayor						
DISTRICT 4						
	Mike Hanson	12	4		16	
	Robert A. Logan	123	87		210	
District 4						
DISTRICT 4						
	Clarence Opeila	121	79		200	
					0	

The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-65 Accepting the Official Canvass of the Election. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted “aye”.

Item #17, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that you heard the presentations regarding the substandard buildings during the Public Hearing comments. It is consistent with our precedent to allow each of these homeowners 180 days to repair or demolish their homes. Therefore staff recommends 180 days to do either one. I think the one on St. James and Hamilton are beyond repair, and the one on Hickston is going to demolish and rebuild. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-66 Ordering the Disposition of Substandard Buildings.

	Address	Repair	Demolish	Within ____#____ Days
1.	1121 Hamilton		x	180
2.	1506 Hickston		x	180
3.	619 St. James		x	90

Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted “

Item #18, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that the quality of Church Street has received accolades from everybody all over town. We are recommended arterial and collector streets as designated by the comprehensive plan in this year and future will be paved with asphalt with an asphalt overlay, and residential streets will be paved with the chip seal like we have normally been doing. This year we are recommending this year that we do Church Street, St. Paul Street and Saint Andrew and move St. Vincent to next year to be done in October. We have some utility work to be done under St. Vincent that we were not really expected when we started this program. We have a sewer line, a water line that has continually broken. It will give us an opportunity to fix those and to work on some drainage issues that we have in the area if we move St. Vincent. The policy that is proposed would require the City employees to do an assessment of each City Street, water and wastewater. It would also require us before we start a city street to have preconstruction meeting like we do our contractors. That gives the departments all an opportunity to express their concerns. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-67 Adopting a Street Maintenance Program Policy. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted “aye”.

Item #19, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated this will move St. Vincent to next year's street project. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-68 Modifying the 2014-2015 Street Maintenance Program. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted “aye”.

Item #20, Gonzales Economic Development Corporation President, Nathan Neuse, stated that this is something he and Allen talked about. The activity of the GEDC continues to increase at a rapid pace with new retail and industrial development, single and multi-family housing and a need for focused recruitment of the large workforce. Due to the increase the board feels it is time to increase their staff. At the GEDC meeting on April 28, 2014 the board unanimously approved asking City Council to create a position of administrative assistant to the Economic Development Director. The employee will report directly to the Economic Development Director and will provide administrative and clerical support duties that will free the ED Director to focus on creative, positive economic growth, enhancing the quality of life and maintaining the historic heritage of Gonzales. This will be paid for out of ED funds. We originally said when we open the new center. The work load continues to go up, so we need some help in that department. We are requesting your help to create this position and get somebody hired to work anywhere from 20-40 hours a week, depending on how the workload comes out. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution#2014-69 Authorizing The Creation Of The Position Of Administrative Assistant To The Economic Development Director; All Funding For The Position Will Be Provided By The Gonzales Economic Development Corporation. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

ORDINANCES

Item #21, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that in the approved budget there is a \$37k surplus. I was a little antsy to present a surplus to you because I always know what you do. There was some maintenance to a bucket truck I believe that caused Robert to go about \$20k over on his maintenance to equipment and we need another \$17k in the distribution line item. Thankfully we have a \$37k surplus, we request that those funds be allocated \$20k to maintenance to equipment and \$17k to distribution. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Ordinance #2014-13 Adopting a Budget Amendment for the Electric Department to Increase Maintenance to Equipment and Distribution Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #22, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that this is going to re-write our ordinances in an effort to update our ordinances. This allows us to have a fee structure. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Ordinance #2014-14 Repealing Chapter 5 Of The Code Of Ordinances And Adopting A New Chapter 5 Fire Prevention And Protection; Adopting The 2009 International Fire Code And Amendments Attached Hereto. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #23, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated Ms. Breitschopf spoke during the Public Hearing portion of the meeting. Last night P & Z met and voted 4 to 1 to deny her

request for C-2 zoning. City Attorney, Jackie Williamson stated that first of all Planning & Zoning first considered this issue in January, they tabled it and that is something they cannot do. It says that the P & Z shall either, approve it, not approve, or approve it with conditions. There were several other meetings after that, and Allen and I met last week and we have got to have the P & Z meet Monday and make a decision on it. There has been some discussion that they want to rezone that entire block to R-2, which is contradictory to our Comprehensive Plan and the Local Government Code states that the zoning regulations must be adopted in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan. Sara has the right to appeal to you all because part of her property from the state right of way 200 feet into her property is zoned C-2. City Secretary, Kristina Vega, stated that it is a substantial area that is zoned C-2. This has been ongoing of course, but the reason she was requesting C-2 is because it is less restrictive on the setbacks. If you were to rezone it R-2 it would be more restrictive and it would be harder for her to develop the area that she would like to. Now, if you notice on the map the substantial area is actually zoned C-2 and like Mr. Barnes mentioned it is very difficult to sell, market or build when you have 2 different zoning designations on it. A lot of the area is C-2, it is going to back an R-1 area but there are barriers that are required to be put between the R-1 to C-2 Areas. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance #2014-15 Re-Zoning All That Certain Lot or Parcel of Land Located at Pt 15 Kings 4th, Pt Lot 15 Kings 4th, Pt 14, 22 Kings 4th, Pt 15 and 22 Kings 4th From R-1 To C-2. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #24, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated several weeks ago you received an email from me where I authorized over my spending authority, for some emergency repairs for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. There was \$45k to repair and paint the clarifying plant that is not going to be able to be done this year. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Ordinance #2014-16 Adopting a Budget Amendment to the Water Department Budget; Providing for a Transfer of Funds Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

BOARD/STAFF REPORTS

Item #25, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the financials are available for the Council to review, and that they look good.

Item #26, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the Special Contract information is also available for your review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item #27 and Item #28, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that there are some items in my contract that no longer apply to me and no longer apply to the City and honestly Jackie and I have not had a chance to talk about it let alone come up with a new contract. My evaluation is coming up at the regular meeting in August and I request that we just wait until then to do this during my evaluation. The Mayor asked for a motion.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to table the Executive Session. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schroeder made a motion and Councilman Hernandez seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 3, 2014 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 3, 2014, 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 Lorenzo Hernandez, Gary Schroeder, Clarence Opiela and Tommy Schurig.

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

Others Absent: City Secretary-Kristina Vega

Staff Present: Carolyn Gibson-Baros, Gary Shock, James Conquest, Ralph Camarillo, Robert Miller, Pam Larison, Keith Schmidt, Barbara Friedrich, Tim Patek, Megan O'Neal, William Ince, Todd Remschel, Bethany McBride

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dennis Nesser, stated that he has one objection with this land that has been purchased by the City and that's what we worked hard over the last couple years to be transparent. Words used by Mr. Barnes consistently and words when this Council was elected was need and I don't feel like transparency was used. I think a lot of people have gotten misinformation because the lack of transparency. I think this council has failed us as citizens because of that.

Kirby Knox, expressed that he is a citizen of Harwood. I'm here also to talk to you about your land purchase 12 miles out of your jurisdiction. There has been no transparency. It's been a secret project AK47 stuck right in my back and I don't appreciate it. I've heard all kind of things, truck stop and industrial park. I kind of can add one and one together why a city goes 10 miles outside of its city limits to purchase this property and that's called annexation. If I wanted to live in Gonzales I wouldn't be here and I don't want Gonzales coming to me. I think you need to explain to the citizens of Gonzales what you are doing out there. State your purpose. GEDC my understanding is Gonzales Economic Development is funded by a cent and a half sales tax from the City of Gonzales for the good of Gonzales, what are they doing out there?

Barbara Crozier, I am here to discuss item #7 on your agenda, Resolution establishing policy for LED billboards. I sat on the original sign board. We felt it best to be decided based on a one on one basis.

Suzie Day, stated that she was the JGI Advertising Sales Rep for 8 years, and she is speaking in regards to the billboard at the intersection of 183 and Hwy 90A. Both sides are filled and there are a lot of inquiries. We would be able to offer more advertising if it weren't a stagnant sign. We would like to make it a LED billboard in order to allow more advertising.

Garrett Middleton, with Middleton Outdoor Victoria, has many LED billboards in Victoria. It reduces the amount of signs because of the number of ads shown on LED because it increases the amount of impressions per sign. One of the issues that people have is the potential safety risk. I did an Open Records Request with the City of Victoria for accidents 6 months before installation and 6 months after and there hasn't been any increase in accidents in that time. The State of Texas allows 7 impressions per sign that can change every 8 seconds. This is going to help generate sales tax in local businesses.

Gary Henderson, is a Harwood resident across 794 from the land. The main thing on this agenda is that it will create more tax revenues for the City. If you want to do that, then why not just raise the internal tax rates instead of going 11 miles out of your jurisdiction? We're talking about 11 miles away the response time for the fire department and EMS is as bad as it is already without having any backup that far away.

OTHER BUSINESS

Item #1, 2 and 3 City Attorney, Jackie Williamson swore in Robert A. Logan as Mayor, Lorenzo Hernandez in District 3, and Clarence Opiela in District 4.

PUBLIC HEARING

Item #4, The Mayor opened the Public Hearing for Early Citizen Input on the Budget.

Brent Baker, Gonzales County Historical Commission, regarding the Jail Museum. The building has major issues which cause it to become endangered. The critical issues are the roof trusses are not up to code, will need to provide ADA accessibility and ramp, renovations of restroom (electrical, A/C and Heat) currently the jail museum has no public restroom, Chamber of Commerce office. Therefore the Gonzales Historical Commission is requesting \$10k by the City Council from the Hotel Occupancy Tax.

Barbara Crozier, Crystal Theater, stated that the Hotel Occupancy Tax money is used to bring in professional artists and productions for Christmas, Valentines and summer time. This year we are hoping to use the funding for A/C replacement and the advertising money to partner with the other activities to draw people to Gonzales to enjoy more activities.

Karen Swenson, GCAM Executive Director, started in March of this year. I just wanted to thank the Council for the money that was given last year. It was to help 6000 people last year with food, clothing, rent, prescriptions. We are asking to increase in the budget in the amount of \$1,000.00.

RESOLUTION

Item # 6, The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-70 Approving the Appointment of Tommy Schurig as Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Gonzales. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #7, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that he was approached by JGI for a LED Billboard at 183 & 90A. In 2008 the City was contacted regarding a LED policy but no policy was created at that time. Staff is seeking City Council direction regarding the LED Billboards. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-71 Establishing a Policy Concerning the Placement of Electronic Led Billboards in the City Limits. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. Councilman Hernandez amended his motion to send the requests to the Sign Control Board on a case by case basis. Councilman Schroeder seconded the amendment. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #8, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated this item comes before you as suggested by VenuWorks to contract with a company to perform an evaluation of the projected media impressions and exposure value for naming rights for the expo center. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to table Resolution #2014-72 Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With Joyce Julius And Associates, Inc. To Perform An Evaluation Of The Projected Media Impressions And Exposure Value For Naming Rights Sponsor Of A To-Be Constructed Multi-Purpose Event Center (Expo Center) Located In Gonzales Texas until another Town hall Meeting is held in order to get more citizen input. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #9, City Manager, Allen Barnes, informed the Council that he recommends tabling this item until the July meeting. The last Charter amendment was in the late 90's early 2000's. The committee will consist of 5 people appointed by City Council in July for 180 days. Tabling this item will allow the City Council to consider who they want to appoint. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to table Resolution #2014-73 Authorizing the Appointment of a Charter Review Commission. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #10, City Manager, Allen Barnes, suggested due to the holiday on the 4th that the July 1st Council Meeting be changed to July 8th. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-74 Authorizing the Rescheduling of the July 1, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting To July 8, 2014. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #11, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that this is a housekeeping item. This item authorizes the City Manager to enter into a contract to purchase land for resale to GEDC. In the past the City Council has had resolutions for action items. There are no legal ramifications if approved or not approved. The Mayor asked for a motion. No motion was made. The Mayor called a seconded time for a motion. No motion was made. Resolution #2014-75 Ratifying The Purchase Of 122 Acres On Interstate 10 And The Resell Of The Property To The Gonzales Economic Development Corporation died due to the lack of a motion.

Item #12, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that the Lynn Theater did this last year and is requesting to do it again. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-76 Authorizing The Lynn Theatre The Use Of The Confederate Square For The Movie On The Square On June 7, 2014 Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

ORDINANCES


Item #13, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that this will amend Ordinance 2014-11 in order to contain fees for amended plats. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance #2014-17 Amending Ordinance 2014-11 The Collection of Platting Fees by Adding an Amended Plat Fee. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

BOARD/STAFF REPORTS

Item #14, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the financials are available for the Council to review, and that they are still looking ok at 61% revenues over expenditures.

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.


Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CALLED CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP
JUNE 23, 2014 MINUTES**

The City Council convened a special called budget workshop at 6:05 p.m., Monday, June 23, 2014, 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: William Ince, Todd Remschel, Megan O'Neal, Barbara Friedrich, Tim Patek, and Tim Crow, Pam Larison, Gary Shock, Robert Miller, Keith Schmidt, Carolyn Gibson-Baros

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

Item #1. City Manager, Allen Barnes opened the workshop session to discuss the proposed City of Gonzales Budget for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2014 and Ending September 30, 2015. The City Manager stated that this workshop will give the Council an opportunity to ask for any questions or discuss any programs you wish to discuss. The Mayor and Council engaged staff with questions regarding their departmental budgets.

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schurig made a motion and Councilman Schurig seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Robert Logan

**CITY OF GONZALES
CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 1, 2014 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their workshop meeting at 5:35 p.m., Tuesday, July 1, 2014, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

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

The following members were absent: Mayor Bobby Logan

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

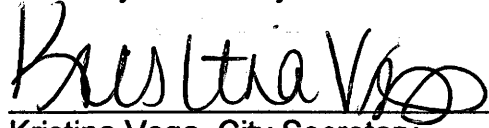
Staff Present: Keith Schmidt, Tammy West, Todd Remschel, Megan O'Neal, Pam Larison, Angie Kessler, Ralph Camarillo, Carolyn Gibson-Baros, Barbara Friedrich, Tim Patel

Mayor Pro-Tem Schurig called the workshop to order at 5:35 p.m.

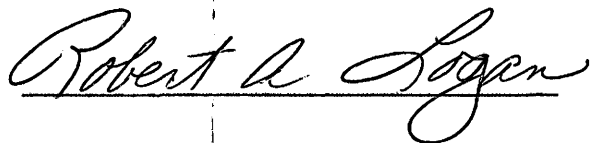
City Manager, Allen Barnes requested instruction on how to proceed with the sale of Bonds for the Expo and Conference Center at JB Wells Park. He stated that the interest rates have suddenly dipped and that the figures for the bond sales were based on 4% and the interest rates are at 3.4%, 60 basis points lower than expected. City Manager Barnes asked the council to advise Dusty Traylor of RBC Capital where to go, whether to price the bonds, to sell next week or whether not to. More discussion followed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Schurig asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to delay the sale of the Certificates of Obligation until Council provides further direction to City Administration. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor Pro Tem asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder and the Mayor Pro Tem all voted "aye".

The Mayor asked for a motion for the workshop to be adjourned. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The mayor then adjourned the workshop at 5:58 p.m.


Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



26K square feet of space, has outside space for entertaining. It costs the city about \$400K to subsidize it. According to the local government code the commissioner's court of a county and the governing body of that municipality in that municipality in that county may jointly erect, acquire, equip, maintain and operate a recreational cultural facility. I know the school district is in favor of a civic center and I hope you will ask the county to help so the city doesn't have to build this by ourselves and go without our other needs being met.

Charles Roaches-to those present tonight I am the pastor of Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church here in the city and there's a concern, I received a letter recently concerning city code 6.300 section 6.301 concerning grass being over 12 inches tall and I think that's something that the city wants to make this a beautiful city and all, but due to the recent rains, and the inability to keep the grass at that level even when the lawn service can't get out, when they have a mower broken. We don't even have a lawn mower repair shop in Gonzales. One thing that really insults me to get this letter, the worse property that you want to see is the City's Pioneer Village that is over 3 feet tall with grass and right behind the city maintenance facility where he have over 40 people working and grass is over 3 feet tall, you can view it on your way home. We have people like Southern Clay that has the property across the street from the old Walmart and the American Legion. In the 1800 block of Luling Street which is across and right behind Wal-Mart it looks like a jungle and yet we have this selective enforcement causing a burden and not being considerate and you yourself have some of the worst kept properties. The Highway Department in this rainy season has trouble keeping their right of way clean and the median. I would hope that the council would have backbone enough and that the City Manager would call off and have a moratorium until we can all catch up on our grass cutting and not cause people to have liens put against their property and whatever. You can drive all over this city and there are jungles, yet only our black communities and our minority communities are receiving these letters, because one of our former city councilmen on College Street has all kind of cars parked in his yard and we don't see that aggressively being enforced so please help us out. Remember even though elections are over, recalls are not and we need to have some consideration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #1, The Mayor asked the Council if they had an opportunity to review the minutes. The mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the minutes for the May 13, 2014 City Council meeting. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez. Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #2, The Mayor asked the Council if they had an opportunity to review the minutes. The mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 3, 2014 Called City Council meeting. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez. Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

RESOLUTION

Item # 3, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the list of surplus property is in the back of this item in your book, it consists of several telephones, basically the old phone system, a laptop computer and a docking station. This item is consistent with our previous actions. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-72 Declaring Property as Surplus. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #4, City Manager, stated this that the Tourism Committee recommends the expenditure of these funds. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-73 Authorizing The Gonzales Tourism Committee To Fund Up To \$2,848.00 To Victoria College Gonzales Center For The Creation Of An Educational Exhibit Housed At Victoria College Gonzales Center September 2014 To December 2014 With The Topic Being Immigration To Gonzales County Spanning The Past 200 Years; Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. Councilman seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #5, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated this was on the last regular agenda. It has been several years ago the Charter was amended in the early 2000s. I made a note of a couple things that I ran across, a quorum must include either the mayor or the mayor pro tem, does not require the City Manager to live in the City limits, the appointment of the City Secretary, nepotism is not consistent with the state law, vague on how to amend the Charter, all it says the council may appoint a charter review commission of five members. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-75 Authorizing the Appointment of a Charter Review Commission consisting of Ken Morrow, Tim Markham, Steve Hendershot, David Gumper and Dennis Nesser. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "nay". Councilman Schroeder and Hernandez vote "aye". The motion then failed the Mayor said that this item will be brought back to the August 5th City Council meeting.

Item #6, City Engineer, Keith Schauer expressed that June 19th we received 4 bids for the replacement of over 2000 feet of wastewater line on St. Vincent Street. This is an old concrete and clay line that's in very bad shape so it needs to be replaced, plus we are planning on paving St. Vincent Street starting October. The low bid was Qro-Mex Construction for \$219,919.50. Qro-Mex has done work for us in the recently and we have been very pleased with their work. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-77 Awarding the Contract for the St. Vincent Street Wastewater Replacement Project to Qro-Mex Construction Co. Inc and authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #7, City Manager, state that this is consistent with what we have done in the past. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-78 Appointing Crystal Cedillo, as the Tax Assessor-Collector for the City Of Gonzales For 2014 To Perform The Effective Tax Rate and Rollback Calculations. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #8, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that pretty frequently you have heard us say is it on state bid or it is on state bid. We found out that we were not officially members of the purchasing coop. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-79 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with the State of Texas Co-Op Program. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #9, City Secretary, Kristina Vega stated that this item as event form from Joey Carrizales, one of the coaches at Jr. High and they are requesting to do a color run which is very popular right now. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-80 Authorizing the First Shot Cook-Off and Gonzales Jr. High to Hold the First Shot Color Run On September 20, 2014 At 8:00 A.M. To 12:00 P.M. And The Closure of Smith Street, St. Lawrence Street and St. Louis Street during the Event. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #10, Gonzales Economic Development Director, Carolyn Gibson-Baros, stated that GEDC at their April 28th Meeting voted unanimously to loan \$87k to La Bella Tavola Italian Grill at 2.25 interest for 7 years. If that note is performed upon \$15k will be forgiven off the back end of the note. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-81 Authorizing the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation's funding of a Loan Of \$87,000.00 To La Bella Tavola Italian Grill for Purchase of Equipment. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #11, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that there is a home located at the corner of St. Vincent and Hamilton that encroaches on a City right of way 8.15 feet and the owners of the property have requested a license agreement. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-82 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a License Agreement between Saralynne Stockton Perryman, as Independent Executrix of the Frank M. Stockton Estate, Independent Executrix of the Helen M. Stockton Estate, Trustee of the Stockton Trust, the City of Gonzales (Licensor)- Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

And Engineering Fees In Connection With The Projects And To Pay The Costs Of Issuance Related To The Certificates Of Obligation. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

ORDINANCES

Item #17, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that Section 8.308 of the code of ordinances deals with noise and it states that an officer "shall" issue a citation, but we are proposing to change the wording to "may," this gives the officer discretion if they wish to issue a Citation or not. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Ordinance #2014-18 Amending Article 8.300 - Noise, Section 8.308 – Enforcement, Subsection (A) Of the Code of Ordinances. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #18, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that 4.316 of Article required Council approval for every Carnival that enters the City to conduct business. This change will allow the City Secretary to administratively approve the applications for the Carnivals. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance #2014-19 Amending Article 3.11 Division 2 Carnival Section 4.316 Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #19, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that Tim Spurge recommended to just turn this ordinance down and we will bring it back at a later date. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to reject Ordinance #2014--20 Authorizing The Issuance, Sale And Delivery Of \$_____ In Aggregate Principal Amount Of "City Of Gonzales, Texas Combination Tax And Revenue Certificates Of Obligation, Series 2014"; Securing The Payment Thereof By Authorizing The Levy Of An Annual Ad Valorem Tax And A Pledge Of Certain Surplus Revenues Of The City's Water And Wastewater System; And Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of A Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement, A Purchase Contract, An Official Statement And All Other Instruments And Procedures Related Thereto Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

BOARD/STAFF REPORTS

Item #20 and #21, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the financials are available for the Council to review, and that the City is doing ok..

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Opiela made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Kristina Vega

Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:

Robert A. Logan

**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING & WORKSHOP
July 15, 2014 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their workshop meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 15, 2014, 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-Kristina Vega

Staff Present: Todd Remschel, Carolyn Gibson-Baros, Ralph Camarillo, Megan O'Neal, Pam Larison, Laura Zella, Tim Patek, Gary Shock, Keith Schauer, Keith Schmidt, William Ince, Bethany McBride, James Conquest, Barbara Friedrich

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

Item#1, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the City Secretary received a petition signed by 455 qualified voters. As per the City Charter the City Secretary examined the petition applied by the City Charter, she consulted the City Attorney, and they consulted the Secretary of State and I will let the City Attorney discuss the conclusion.

City Attorney, Jackie Williamson expressed that Chapter 277 of the Election Code petitions stated that if a City Charter was in effect prior to September 1, 1985 then the Charter governs these types of petitions. The petition did not include an oath of the individuals that circulated the petition, which is required in the City Charter.

The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to reject the petition. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schroeder, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye".

OTHER BUSINESS-WORKSHOP

Item #2, The City Council and Administration discussed the design, costs, financing, schedule, plans, location and construction for the Expo and Conference Center at JB Wells Park.

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Councilman Schurig made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The mayor then adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Kristina Vega
Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED: |

Robert A. Logan

**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 5, 2014 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 5, 2014, 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 Lorenzo Hernandez, Gary Schroeder, Clarence Opiela and Tommy Schurig.

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

Staff Present: Todd Remschel, Carolyn Gibson-Baros, Ralph Camarillo, Pam Larison, Tim Patek, Gary Shock, Keith Schauer, Keith Schmidt, William Ince, James Conquest, Barbara Friedrich, Carla Faltisek, Tim Crow

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

George Eberle, I would like to express my concern that all of the minutes are not posted for the Boards, Commissions and Committees, and I would also like to see a monthly or 2 month calendar of the meetings on the website.

Kirby Knox, stated he is a citizen of Harwood and would like to address Item #19 on the agenda, considering of the funding of GEDC to purchase of 122 acres on IH10. I addressed the Council a couple months ago about this. This has been a hotly contested issue, of which over 450 of your constituents signed what we believed to be at the time to be a valid petition, wanting the democratic process to take place and allow them to vote on this. It is my belief as I have seen the deed that the property has already been purchased. It was done without any proper public notice, and it was done so quietly. My concern is that I don't believe a municipality can go that far out of the City limits about 11 or 12 miles and set up shop at some point you're going to come back and annex. I've said it before and will say it again, I am not a citizen of Gonzales and I don't want Gonzales coming to me either, and I think you need to give the citizens the opportunity to have a voice in this.

JoAnn Leifeste, stated that she was given the following reason from Kristina Vega last week as to why the City cannot provide me with the JB Wells Park revenues for November 1999 to the present. I asked for this by Public Information Request on July 18th. A quote from Ms. Vega's email to me JB Wells Park was not made into its own department until the stub budget beginning April 2013 therefore in order to provide the revenues and expenditures prior to that time would be very difficult and require the

creation of a new document. To create the document would take days and possibly weeks and as per Public Information Act the City is not required to create a document if there is not a document already in existence. Article 3 section 3.13 of the Charter of the City authorizes the council to compel that a document be created. So I am asking the council to compel this document be created that will show the revenues received from the JB Wells park from its inception in November 1999 to the present. I am also asking this information be made available to the public.

Barbara Crozier, I am here as a representative to the Hotel/Motel Tax Association, better known as the Tourism Advisory Committee. Our budget that we have worked hard on for the last couple months is for your consideration tonight and is your packets and I am simply here tonight to make myself available as a committee member as the vice chair of that committee to answer any questions that might arise.

PUBLIC HEARING

Item #1, Mayor Logan opened the Public Hearing regarding Substandard Buildings:

<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Legal Description</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>
121 St Joseph	BLK15 Lots 1-3 E ½ St James Between 14&15	Sue Smith Kelly ETAL
820 Wallace	PT 3 Range III East	Joe Arrellano Jr ETAL C/O Lupe Silva
720 Water	BLK 7 PT Lot 1	Ann Keck

Building Official, William Ince, stated that tonight we have 3 structures that pose a threat to the health and safety of the general public and are in violation of the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code sections 301 and 304. You have a letter from Ms. Keck and that is in reference to 720 Water Street. The first structure is located at 121 St. Joseph, and was built in the early 1900's. It has numerous windows missing, the fascia and the soffit degradation is due to the rain gutters on the roof. The substructure has become compromised due to water and decay. We are not recommending this structure be demolished.

The next structure is 820 Wallace. The home was built in the 1940's, the front door shows a clear sign that it has structural issues, the roof displays a rotten deck because of the shingles warping and the holes in the siding are evidence of water saturation. The other two structures on the property are in the same shape as the primary structure.

The last structure is located at 720 Water Street. The home was built in the 1940's. A remodel permit was issued on 6/10/2013 which has expired. A second remodel permit was issued on 4/25/14 a \$900 value was given for the complete remodel. No permit was issued for the plumbing, electrical or the HVAC due to the inaccurate estimation of the value of the scope of work required and there was evidence of electric work that was performed without permits this remodel permit was suspended by section 105.6 of the 2009 International Residential Code.

All of these structures have fallen in a state of disrepair, it is my recommendation that you consider that each one of these structures in their own way can have an impact upon the historical heritage and their visual appeal to their neighborhood, community and their city.

Item #2, Mayor Logan opened the Public Hearing regarding the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2014 ending September 30, 2015.

JoAnn Leifeste, stated the UTSA Program took a group of Gonzales County Citizens through a 4 month process of workshops for this reason, to understand how best to work effectively together to identify meaningful community projects and how to describe these projects and ultimately how to secure funding for them.

Item #3, Mayor Logan opened the Public Hearing regarding the Tax Rate for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2014 ending September 30, 2015.

No comments were made.

Item #4, Mayor Logan opened the Public Hearing regarding for use of Gonzales Economic Development Corporation Funds for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015. The GEDC Budget includes funding for the Main Street Façade Grant Program in the amount of \$75,000.00

No comments were made.

Mayor Logan then closed the Public Hearings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #5, 6, 7 The Mayor asked the Council if they had an opportunity to review the minutes. The mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 1st, July 8th, and the July 15th City Council meetings. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez. Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

OTHER BUSINESS

Item #8, Finance Director, Pam Larison, stated that on July 29th we received the 2014 Tax Levy with the effective and roll back rates. Council will need to take a vote as to where they would like to set it, so we can take that to the next council meeting. The effective rate is set at 0.1508 and the rollback rate is 0.1628. Last year's effective rate that we passed was at 0.1845. If you wish to go with the rollback then we are required to make two Public Hearings, and it will go to Council in September to be passed. At this time it is the Council's wish if they want to go with the effective rate, I believe if we go down that many points on the rate could hurt us. Mayor Logan asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion that we go with the rollback rate of 0.1628. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman

Opiela, Schurig, and the Mayor voted "aye". Councilman Hernandez and Schroeder both voted "naye".

Item #9, Economic Development Director, Carolyn Gibson-Baros stated that on July 28th meeting the EDC unanimously sat the budget that's been sent to you for Fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014. It is presented to you for your consideration, but no vote tonight. This is the presentation only.

RESOLUTION

Item # 10, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that he received a telephone call from the Texas Department of Agriculture they are assembling the regional review committee to establish the scoring criteria for the community development block grants. In the past the city manager and one of the council members have been appointed. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-75 Appointing Allen Barnes and Robert A. Logan to the Regional Review Committee for the CDBG Program. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #11, City Attorney, Jackie Williamson stated this lease was on the agenda for the previous meeting. The council asked me to speak to the company and possibly get a plat of the lease. The property is city streets that are on the Moulton Road and the company comes to us last after they have their unit and enough property for their unit because our city streets run straight through their property. The lease will bring \$500 per acre 2 year term with a 3 year option at \$600 an acre, and it's a 22% royalty. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-83 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease with Talaria Oil and Gas LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. Councilman seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #12, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that all we are asking for tonight is for the approval of the site for both buildings, preliminary floor plan, subject to of course the changes as it develops, and the site plan of the building. We are not asking for authorization to proceed with the buildings. Basically asking how you want to proceed. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to table Resolution #2014-85 Approving the Preliminary Site Plan, Floor Plan, And Elevation Plan for the Expo Center at JB Wells Park and the Gonzales Conference Center and bring the item back in 90 days. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #13, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that based on conversations that we all have had with Tim Gescheidle we do not have a firm price for these two buildings. I request we table this for 90 days as well. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman

Hernandez made a motion to table Resolution #2014-87 Authorizing the Intention to Issue Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation and to bring the item back in 90 days. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #14, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that this item was tabled last month to be brought back at this time. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-88 Authorizing the Appointment of a Charter Review Commission appointing Deidra Voigt, Dennis Nesser, David Gumper, Susan Berger and Dee Dee Singlemann. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #15, City Manager, Allen Barnes expressed to the council that based on the information presented by our building official we are requesting that you give all three of these locations 180 days to come in compliance with the property maintenance code. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-89 Ordering the Disposition of Substandard Buildings, and giving all three of the properties 180 days to be in compliance with the code. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #16, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that this item has been placed on the agenda for discussion at the request of 2 Council members. The intent of the proposed resolution is to protect the health, safety and security of the citizens of Gonzales by prohibiting the processing, housing and/or detaining of any illegal aliens which could affect community services and have an impact on independent school district. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-90 To Protect the Health, Safety, and Security of Our Citizens and Community. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #17, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that in August of 2011 the City entered into a lease agreement with AV-Tech. In recent meetings AV-Tech they have advised that they need to conduct geographical work prior to drilling, and are asking for a slight modification of the lease agreement. They have offered \$79,000 additional bonus money for a one year extension on the lease, and are asking to pay that over a 12 month period at \$6,583. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-91 Extending the Lease Agreement with AV-Tech Oil & Gas, L.L.C. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #18, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that Loretta Shirley is here to present the marketing plan to you for the fiscal year October 2014-September 2015. This plan

includes promoting and advertising Gonzales in several different magazine and publications, and billboards. The cost of this implement this plan is \$161,106.50 and will be paid as services are provided. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-92 Approving the Gonzales Tourism's Marketing Plan for October 2014 - September 2015. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #19, City Manager, Allen Barnes expressed that before you consider this item Ms. Williamson has some information she would like to discuss with you. I would like to make a recommendation that this item would be tabled at this time until we can receive an Attorney General opinion regarding the timeliness of the petition and the public notice that was published in the newspaper, and would like to draft that request tomorrow. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to table Resolution #2014-93. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. Councilman Hernandez asked if this gets tabled then this property still cannot be sold. Councilman Schurig withdrew his motion and the second to table Resolution #2014-93. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-93 Approving the Sale of 122 Acres on Interstate 10 and FM 794 tomorrow morning excluding the billboard and the mineral rights, and if the City loses money then require the GEDC to reimburse that amount. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #20, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated Mr. Mayor you said it all. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-94 Authorizing The City Manager To Execute A Proxy Nominating And Appointing Rufus M. King, David Kuntschik, Gilbert Philippus, Charles W. Dubose And Philip Roeber To Represent The City Of Gonzales at The Gonzales Royalties Inc. August 25, 2014 Annual Stockholder Meeting. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #21, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that staff respectfully request that you recognize the receipt of the budget and also request that you establish August 19th as the Public Hearing for the Budget and August 19th and September 2nd as the Public Hearing for the Tax Rate. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-95 Acknowledging Submission of the Proposed 2014-2015 Operating Budget For The City Of Gonzales and ordering a Public Hearing on August 19th for the Budget and August 19th and September 2nd for the Tax Rate. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #22, Finance Director, Pam Larison stated that on June 3rd I received a letter from Beth Ellison which is our representative at TML our medical insurance. She states that right now she is giving me a rough estimate at 18% rate increase for our medical insurance, and also that the rerates will not be finished until the end of August. Mr.

Barnes and I got together and discussed the opportunity to go out and speak to insurance consulting firms. We spoke to Frost Insurance out of San Antonio and Brenson Benefits from Dallas. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-96 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Frost Insurance of San Antonio for Employee Insurance Consulting Services; Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

ORDINANCES

Item #23, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that this is known as a warrant fee. We do not currently charge this fee but it is in line with the state statute. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance #2014-20 Adopting a Municipal Court Special Fee Pursuant to Article 45.203 of The Code of Criminal Procedure. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

BOARD/STAFF REPORTS

Item #24 and #25, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the financials and special contracts and are available for the Council to review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item #26, The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to table the City Manager's evaluation until August 19th. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

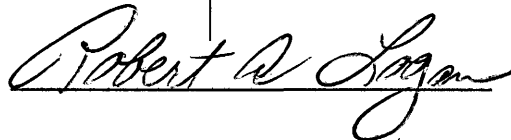
ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED: _____



Robert A. Lagan

**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
AUGUST 12, 2014 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their workshop meeting at 6:10 p.m., Tuesday August 12, 2014 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.

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

Mayor Logan called the workshop to order at 6:10 p.m.

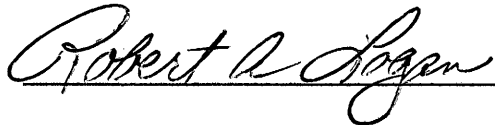
Mike Mowery of SGR Consultants facilitated the workshop to assist in discussing council interviews, Governance Model vs. Political Model, Development of Team and Council Goals and Vision. The Council and City Manager engaged in discussion and team building exercises to refocus from the Goals and Objectives developed 18 months ago.

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The workshop adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Robert A. Logan

**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
AUGUST 13, 2014 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their workshop meeting at 6:15 p.m., Wednesday August 13, 2014, 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.

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

Mayor Logan called the workshop to order at 6:15 p.m.

Mike Mowery of SGR Consultants facilitated the workshop to assist in discussing council interviews, Governance Model vs. Political Model, Development of Team and Council Goals and Vision. The Council and City Manager continued discussion from the previous night's workshop and participated in additional team building exercises to refocus from the Goals and Objectives developed 18 months ago.

The Mayor adjourned the workshop at 8:50 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Robert A. Logan

**CITY OF GONZALES
CALLED CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP
AUGUST 19, 2014 MINUTES**

The City Council convened a special called budget workshop at 5:15 p.m., Tuesday, August 19, 2014, 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: William Ince, Todd Remschel, Megan O'Neal, Barbara Friedrich, Tim Patek, and Tim Crow, Pam Larison, Gary Shock, Robert Miller, Keith Schmidt

Mayor Logan called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Item #1, Mayor Logan opened the Public Hearing regarding the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2014 ending September 30, 2015

No comments were made.

Item #2, Mayor Logan opened the Public Hearing regarding the Proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2014 ending September 30, 2015

No comments were made.

The Mayor then closed the public Hearing.

OTHER BUSINESS

Item #3, City Manager, Allen Barnes opened the workshop session to discuss the proposed City of Gonzales Budget for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2014 and Ending September 30, 2015. The Mayor and Council wished to go over the Proposed Budget page by page to be able to express any questions or concerns they may have with the proposed budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item#4, Mayor Logan asked for motion to move into Executive Session. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to move into Executive Session as authorized by GC 551.072 Personnel. Annual Evaluation of City Manager. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder, and the Mayor all voted "aye".

The Council moved into Executive Session at 9:20 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION


Item #5, At 10:40 the Council returned to open session.

The Mayor asked for any action resulting from Executive Session.

Councilman Schroeder made a motion to not take any action at this time and to revisit the evaluation of the City Manager in 6 months. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

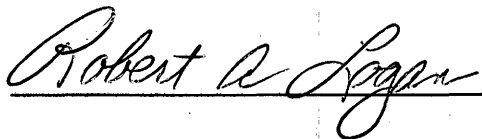
ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Opiela seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 10:42 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Robert A. Legan

**CITY OF GONZALES
CALLED CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP
AUGUST 26, 2014 MINUTES**

The City Council convened a special called budget workshop at 5:15 p.m., Tuesday , August 26, 2014, 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: William Ince, Todd Remschel, Megan O'Neal , Barbara Friedrich, Tim Patek, and Tim Crow, Pam Larison, Gary Shock, Robert Miller, Keith Schmidt

Mayor Logan called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Item #1. City Manager, Allen Barnes opened the workshop session to discuss the proposed City of Gonzales Budget for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2014 and Ending September 30, 2015. The Mayor and Council wished to go over the Proposed Budget page by page to be able to express any questions or concerns they may have with the proposed budget.

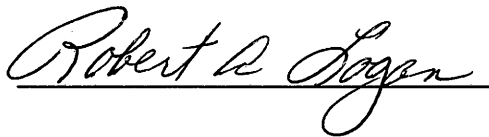
ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schurig made a motion and Councilman Schroeder seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 11:31 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 2, 2014 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 2, 2014, 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 Lorenzo Hernandez, Gary Schroeder, Clarence Opiela and Tommy Schurig.

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

Staff Present: Tim Patek, Carolyn Gibson-Baros, Robert Miller, Pam Larison, Wade Zella, Barbara Friedrich, Megan O'Neal, Todd Remschel, William Ince, Keith Schmidt, Gary Shock, Tim Crow, Ralph Camarillo, Bethany McBride, Jonathan Lorton, Eduardo Silvestre, Victor Izaguirre

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barbara Crozier, expressed thanks for the opportunity to speak. My concerns tonight concern the funding for the Crystal Theater. Crystal Theater was included for the first time last year as one of the special project that the Hotel/Motel Tax funds each year. It's basically to support historic buildings, treasures in our cities and in our case the programming to bring entertainment that will draw tourists from outside into our community. I addressed the council several meetings ago basically gave an idea how the money was spent last year bringing in programming that was designed to bring in out of town tourists to stay overnight in Gonzales. The moneys that were given to the Crystal last three quarters from the Hotel/Motel was spent only for advertising to bring out of town tourists into town or the development and expenses that were involved with the programming that we were advertising. The reason that it is critical that it stay funded in the method that it was last year rather than to change that methodology to a 1 by 1 case that a member of the Crystal had to go before the hotel/motel taxing entity is a matter of time. If we are given an opportunity within a 60 to 90 day deadline to bring programming in that we feel is appropriate for our community and our outlying area. There isn't enough time to go through the hotel/motel process funding that takes a minimum of two months to do that possibly 3 months, and of all the special contracts that the City has with various entities that bring tourism into town the Crystal probably operates on the most critical short timeline, therefore on behalf of the Crystal ask you to respectfully reconsider as you go into any amendment processes on this budget, that the funding stay the way it was funded last year rather than the one by one case which would make us miss production opportunities that we feel is appropriate.

Brandy Egger-I am just going to comment and say that I had applied two different times with three different boards, EDC, tourism and Main Street. The first time I applied was July 28th and the applications went missing, I have since reapplied and made sure they got to the City Secretary. They weren't online on the agenda, but I have spoken to her and she said that she made sure that they were received today.

PUBLIC HEARING

Item #1, Mayor Logan opened the Public Hearing regarding the Tax Rate for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015. The Public Hearing was left open until after the other business is completed.

No comments were made.

OTHER BUSINESS

Item #2, Mayor Logan swore in the new Police Officers, Jonathan Lorton, Eduardo Silvestre, Victor Izaguirre

Mayor Logan then closed the Public Hearing for the Tax Rate

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, The Mayor asked the Council if they had an opportunity to review the minutes. The mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 23rd, August 5th, 12th, 13th, 19th and 26th City Council meetings. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

RESOLUTIONS

Item #9, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that in March the City Council voted to appoint Boards & Commissions in September with terms beginning October 1 to September 30. You have in front you a list. Staff has no recommendation for this resolution. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to table Resolution #2014-85 Appointing Members to the City of Gonzales Boards and Commissions until the next regular scheduled City Council meeting. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item # 10, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated this is an annual event for October 3rd-5th. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-87 Authorizing the Temporary Closure of Certain City Streets for the Come & Take It Celebration and Authorizing the Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #11, Gonzales Economic Development Director, Carolyn Gibson-Baros stated that at their August 25th meeting EDC unanimously approved five Small Business Incentive

Grants that are brought to you tonight for approval of funding. This is a budgeted expense. The first is for the Hotel Alcalde for 50% or a maximum of \$15 thousand dollars associated with installing the sprinkler system. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-97 Approving the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation's Small Business Incentive Grant to Hotel Alcalde. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #12, Gonzales Economic Development Director, Carolyn Gibson-Baros this also was unanimously approved at the August 25th meeting, a Small Business Incentive Grant to White's Service Company for reimbursement of 50% of the cost of \$168 thousand or a max of \$15 thousand of costs associated with purchase and renovations of their new shop located at 830 St. Paul. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-98 Approving the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation's Small Business Incentive Grant to White's Service Company. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #13, Gonzales Economic Development Director, Carolyn Gibson-Baros again at their meeting on August 25th the EDC unanimously approved the SBIG Grant to J. Douglas Phelan for reimbursement of 50% of the total project cost of \$32,698.52 or a maximum of \$15 thousand for the installation of a sprinkler system at 621 St. Paul Street. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-99 Approving the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation's Small Business Incentive Grant to J. Douglas Phelan, Owner of Templin Saloon. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #14, Gonzales Economic Development Director, Carolyn Gibson-Baros stated that August 25th the EDC board unanimously approved a SBIG to Barbara Priesmeyer Crozier for reimbursement of 50% for the total project cost of \$60 thousand dollars or a maximum of \$15 thousand for costs associated with renovations of the creation of a wine patio and cellar of 821 St. Joseph Street. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-100 Approving the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation's Small Business Incentive Grant to Laurel Ridge Antiques & Inn. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #15, Gonzales Economic Development Director, Carolyn Gibson-Baros again at their August 25th meeting the EDC unanimously approved a Small Business Grant to La Bella Tavola Italian Grill & Pizza reimbursement of 50% of the total project cost of \$23,200.00 or a maximum of \$15 thousand for costs associated with installing a sprinkler system at 601 St. Joseph Street. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman

Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-101 Approving the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation's Small Business Incentive Grant to La Bella Tavola Italian Grill & Pizza. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #16, City Secretary, Kristina Vega, stated that this item has gone out to bid. The bid that was received was from Sandra Benes, she has actually been running the JB Wells concession stand for many years. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-102 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement for JB Wells Arena Concessions. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #17, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that this is Loretta's annual contract. I do not remember what the amount was last year, but it was in the \$21 thousand price range so there is not a huge difference. Loretta Shirley stated to speak to the dollar amount the actual contracted dollar amount is the same. Last year I gave you a 15% discount for the long term relationship but this year I had to cut the discount to 7%, due to my cost of business increases, which is about a \$2,500 difference. Councilman Hernandez asked if this item has gone out to bid. Parks & Recreation Director, Tim Patek stated this item has been on an annual basis. City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that this is considered professional services and can be done as a request for proposal and on a scoring criteria that does not include the financial consideration. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-103 Approving the Request from the Gonzales Tourism Committee to Approve its Recommendation to Contract with Rockin' S Marketing and Design for the City of Gonzales. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. City Manager, Allen Barnes asked if it is Council's desire to go out with a request for proposal next year, if so could we have an amended motion to that effect. Councilman Schroeder amended his motion to state that at this time next year we put this out as a Request for Proposal. Councilman Schurig amended the second. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #18, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that it is time to pick a paper of record. Both of the papers offered a bid, the bid tab is located directly behind the briefing sheet. Staff has no recommendation. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-104 Designating the Gonzales Cannon as the Official Newspaper of Record for the City of Gonzales. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela and Schurig voted "nay". Councilman Hernandez, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye". The motion carries three to two.

Item #19, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that this is for the Golden Crescents Regional Planning Commissions General Assembly. The one caveat is the representative shall be appointed by and be a member of the City Council. The Mayor

asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-105 Appointing Robert A. Logan and Lorenzo Hernandez as Representatives to the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #20, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the Tourism Committee has recommended spending up to \$5000 in advertising for Come & Take It this is consistent with what has been done in the past. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-106 Authorizing the Gonzales Tourism Committee to Fund up to \$5,000 to the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture for Advertising and Promoting Come & Take It Celebration. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #21, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that airports in the state of Texas fall under TxDot Aviation. Ralph and I had a meeting with TxDot Aviation and discussed the needs of the airport. Most of what was discussed was the need for more hangars. They said they had a 90/10 grant meaning they would pay 90% and we would pay 10%, the total project is roughly about \$915 thousand of that the State of Texas will pay \$823 thousand of that and the City would be expected to pay \$91,500 of that. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-107 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Grant Agreement for Hangar Development at the Roger M. Dreyer Airport. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #22, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that Ms. Berger notified the City that she did not feel that she would not be able to serve on the Charter Review Committee effectively; therefore staff is requesting to place Tim Markham on the committee in her place. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-108 Appointing Tim Markham in Place of Susan Berger to the Charter Review Committee. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #23, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that we are in TML's IEBP Region #7. It is currently represented by Joe A. Cardenas who is the Assistant City Manager and Economic Development Director in Uvalde. He has been an IEBP board member since 2007 staff respectfully requests voting for Mr. Cardenas or taking no action. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-109 Authorizing the Election of a Member to the TML Multistate Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool 2014 Board of Trustee. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #24, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated in February the Council passed a resolution authorizing the carry-over of 80 hours of vacation year to year. That resolution contrary to what many of us thought actually said that if they did not use their vacation to the level below the 80 hours by December 31st would lose the excess amount. It was found that Seguin has a very common sense approach to the vacation carry-over. They permit the employees to carry over 2 years-worth of vacation. I thought this was a little excessive so Jackie and I came up with the carry-over of one years-worth of vacation and rather than to take away whatever they are over that limit then they would not earn additional vacation until they use their vacation down. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-110 Amending Section 7.02 of the Personnel Manual Regarding Vacation Time Carryover. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #25, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the federal license for the Hydro plant expires in 2020, and believe it or not the license process can take up to 5 years. I have talked to two companies about completing the notice of intent and proceeding with the licensing. I have spoken to Verde Watts and Schneider Engineering. Schneider Engineering included a Cost Benefit Analysis for the hydro plant and to proceed with the NOI for the hydro. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-111 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with Schneider Engineering to Conduct a Cost Benefit Analysis for the Hydro Plant. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #26, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated the only concern I have is that if embers or something fall out what is it going to do to our new street? City Secretary, Kristina Vega stated that the BB-Q itself will be held on the parking lot of the Silver Star and that the closures would be just to ensure the pedestrians have safe crossing. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-112 Authorizing the Temporary Closure of a portion of Street in Front of 810 St. Paul Street for the 1st Annual Dennis Richter Memorial Scholarship Fund Cook-Off. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #27, City Manager, Allen Barnes expressed that 1835 Village's Developers Agreement falls under the old subdivision ordinance; therefore their request for re-plat had to be approved by P&Z which was approved unanimously last week Thursday. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-113 Approving the Re-Plat of 1835 Village as Approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

ORDINANCES

Item #28, Finance Director, Pam Larison expressed as per the City Charter the budget must be approved not less than 15 days prior to beginning of the fiscal year. The total proposed budget is \$25,406,805 in total revenues and \$24,910,513 in total expenditures. It is a balanced budget within the General Fund and will be operating revenues over expenditures within the electric, water production, wastewater, solid waste, restricted use and the Economic Development. Staff would like to get council's direction on how to go forward with the cost of living pay increases. City Manager, Allen Barnes asked about the equipment that was discussed and those would be on a lease purchase. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Ordinance #2014-21 Approving the City of Gonzales Operating Budget for the City of Gonzales and the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2014 and Ending September 30, 2015 and Renewing the City's Investment and Contingency Policy and adding to the budget the lease purchasing of the combination tanker/pumper fire truck for the Fire Department and the maintainer and front end loader for the Street Department. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #29, Finance Director, Pam Larison, stated annually the City of Gonzales must replace the prior year's ordinance and correct the tax rate levied on the fiscal year upcoming. We can set the tax rate at the effective rate, we have published our two public hearings, but if we decide to go with the roll back we will not be voting on that tonight, we would be setting the roll back rate and setting the date time and place to approve it. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to approve Ordinance #2014-22 Recommending the Roll back tax rate of 0.1628 and setting the Public Hearing for September 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #30, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated that every 5 years we are required to update this plan. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Ordinance #2014-23 Amending the City of Gonzales Drought Contingency Plan and Water Conservation Plan. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #31, City Secretary, Kristina Vega stated that in March of this year the Council voted to appoint all members of the boards & commissions in September of each year with terms to begin in October. Amending the ordinance will be consistent with the policy that was approved at that time. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Ordinance #2014-24 Amending the Terms of Section 14.1103 (a)(1) Planning & Zoning and Zoning Board of Adjustments & Sign Control Board Terms 14.1105 (a)(1) & (2) of the Code of Ordinance. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #32, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that in 2012 the Council passed a resolution establishing a policy where plumbers would no longer be able to do water and sewer taps and repairs in the City's Streets, however our water and sewer departments are exceedingly busy and unable to effectively handle these taps in an efficient and timely manner. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance #2014-25 Adopting a Sewer Tapping Ordinance. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

BOARD/STAFF REPORTS

Item #33 and #34, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the financials and special contracts and are available for the Council to review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item #35, The Mayor asked for a motion. At 7:30 p.m. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to move into Executive Session after a 10 minute recess. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

At 7:47 the Council moved into Executive Session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 8:15 p.m. the Council returned to Open Session.

The Mayor asked for any action resulting from Executive Session.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to instruct the City Attorney to pursue mediation on the complaints filed by the Gonzales County Water Supply Corporation. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Schurig seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.


Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 9, 2014 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their called meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 9, 2014, 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 Lorenzo Hernandez, Gary Schroeder, Clarence Opiela and Tommy Schurig.

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

Staff Present: Robert Miller, Pam Larison, Barbara Friedrich, Todd Remschel, Keith Schmidt, Tim Crow

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Item #1, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the Finance Director would like to gain direction on how to proceed with this item that was discussed at the Budget Workshop. Robert Miller and I have not had an opportunity to discuss the details of this, but would like to have authorization to eliminate that position and divide some of the salary from that position between the linemen in the Electric Department. Robert Miller stated that he would like the opportunity to keep the guys he has and it takes a long time to train someone. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve the elimination of the vacant position in the electric department and to distribute the salary among the existing lineman positions and to instruct the City Manager to bring a policy back. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

ORDINANCES

Item #2, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated the Ordinance in front of you sets the tax rate at 0.1628 cents per \$100 valuation which is the Roll Back rate, indicated by council at the last meeting staff respectfully recommends the approval of this Ordinance. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Ordinance #2014-22 Approving and Levying a Tax Rate of 0.1628 for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Opiela made a motion to adjourn

and Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.


Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 7, 2014 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 7, 2014, 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 Lorenzo Hernandez, Gary Schroeder, Clarence Opiela and Tommy Schurig.

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

Staff Present: Todd Remschel, Tim Patek, Ralph Camarillo, Carolyn Gibson-Baros, Barbara Friedrich, Megan O'Neal, Carla Faltisek, William Ince, Keith Schauer, James Conquest, Keith Schmidt, Tim Crow, Gary Shock, Gabriel Trevino

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Gannon-declined

Susie Day-declined

Carolyn Gibson-Baros, stated that October 25th is the Fall Community Cleanup and will be located behind the Victoria College and is for City residents only. I also wanted to let everyone know that Monday September 29th GVTC pulled the switch for us to become the first Giga Region in the state of Texas. Gonzales, Bulverde and Boerne make up that Giga Region.

OTHER BUSINESS

Item #1, Mayor Logan swore in Police Officer, Gabriel Trevino

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #2 & 3, The Mayor asked the Council if they had an opportunity to review the minutes. The mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 2nd and September 9th City Council meetings. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez. Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

RESOLUTIONS

Item #4, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated as you are aware being a Home Rule City, we have a one mile extra territorial jurisdiction. Select Energy Services has filed an

application with the Texas Railroad Commission for a saltwater injection well. The hearing is scheduled for October 29th and 30th in Austin. I will be testifying and the City Attorney will as well. It would be very nice if we had the backing of City Council through this resolution that we could introduce to the Railroad Commission. We feel that the City's position is fairly weak because we are going to talk about traffic and safety issues that the Railroad Commission by state statute does not give much weight to. We feel that a resolution by the council, objecting to this will carry more weight than our regular testimony. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-114 Regarding Its Opposition To An Application To Dispose Of Oil And Gas Waste By Injection Well That Is Pending Before The Railroad Commission Of Texas As Proposed By Select Energy Services, LLC. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item # 5, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated this item was carried over from last month we were asked to provide the information for the attendance and absences of board members. We recommend the action the Council deem appropriate. Councilman Opiela stated that one of the things they were looking for when they requested more information were the term limits of each board, when they were appointed and how many years they served. Councilman Hernandez requested the board appointments to be on separate items. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to table Resolution #2014-115 Appointing The Following Persons To The Gonzales Economic Development Corporation, Main Street Advisory Board, Tourism Advisory Committee, Planning & Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment and Sign Control Board, Library Board, Golf Course Advisory Board, And JB Wells Park Advisory Board. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #6, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated Mr. Schauer is here to present this item. City Engineer, Keith Schauer stated that we received three bids on this project. FMN Ploch Construction was the low bidder \$177,772.03. FN Ploch is a reputable business out of New Braunfels. They do a lot of chip seal for TxDot so we are confident that they will do a good job. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-116 Awarding a Bid to F.N. Ploch Co., Inc. In The Amount Of \$177,772.03 For The Street Improvement Program To Include Installation Of Approximately 20,193 SY Of Grade 3 Single Course Chip Seal Over Reclaimed Streets Followed By Approximately 64,739 SY Of A Pre-Coated Grade 4 Single Course Chip Seal; Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With F.N. Ploch Co., Inc. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #7, City Engineer, Keith Schauer stated that the city received two bids on this project, one from Ace Asphalt of Arizona and the other from Lone Star Paving of Dripping Springs. Ace Asphalt was the low bidder at \$154,706.86 they have provided me with references for the company. Ace has only been in New Braunfels for about a

year. The references I checked all had good things to say about them, they gave me personal references and their resumes and on both of the resumes they have 20 plus years of paving experience, and their references said they were good guys, easy to work with. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-117 Awarding A Bid To Ace Asphalt Of Arizona In The Amount Of \$154,706.00 For The St. Vincent Street Improvement Plan To Include Approximately 20,018 SY Of 1.5 Inch Thick HMAC Over The Entire Length (Asphalt); Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With Ace Asphalt Of Arizona. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. Councilman Schroeder asked if the other company was Lone Star Paving. Were they the ones that did Church Street, St. Paul and St. Andrew? Mr. Schauer stated that is correct. City Manager Barnes asked if the City is treading on dangerous ground if they do not go with the lowest credible bidder. City Attorney, Jackie Williamson stated that the fact that the paving company has only been in business in Texas for 1 year could be a valid reason to reject the bid and go with Lone Star Paving. Councilman Schurig then rescinded his motion to approve the resolution, and Councilman Opiela rescinded his second. Councilman Schurig then made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-117 Awarding a bid to Lone Star Paving in the amount of \$170,278.00 for the St. Vincent Street Improvement Plan to Include Approximately 20,018 SY of 1.5 Inch Thick HMAC over the Entire Length (Asphalt); Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Lone Star Paving and Asphalt Company. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #8, City Engineer, Keith Schauer stated that there were 4 bids received on this project. The low bidder was Smith Contracting Company out of Austin at \$185,870.00. Smith has done work for us in the past and we have been happy with their work in the past, and honestly I think they are the most qualified to do the work. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-118 Awarding A Bid To Smith Contracting Co., Inc. In The Amount Of \$185,870.00 for the St. Vincent Street and St. Lawrence Street Storm Sewer Project; Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with Smith Contracting Co., Inc. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #9, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that we solicited bids for fuel for the upcoming year. Bids were received from Schmidt & Sons and Johnson Oil Company. The most reasonably priced was Schmidt & Sons; this will probably be the last time we bid for a 1 year agreement. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-119 Awarding A Bid To Schmidt & Sons, Inc. For The Purchase of Fuel; Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With Schmidt & Sons, Inc. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #10, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that this is actually a dual resolution. It authorizes the use of Confederate Square on December 5th and 6th, as well as December the 5th. The scheduling and logistics stay the same. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-120 Authorizing Gonzales Main Street The Use Of Confederate Square On December 5, 2014 And December 6, 2014 For The Annual Winterfest; The Temporary Closure Of St. Louis Street Between Hamilton Street And St. James Street, St. James Street Between St. Louis Street And St. Lawrence Street, St. Lawrence Street Between St. James Street And St. Joseph Street, St. Joseph Street Between St. Louis Street And St. George Street And St. George Street Between St. Joseph Street And St. Paul Street On Friday, December 5, 2014 At 5:00 P.M. for the Lighted Christmas Parade. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #11, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated this item was sent back to the Council from the Zoning Board of Adjustments & Sign Control Board. If I may take just a moment, I was recently in Dallas and saw a billboard that caught my eye, and then it changed. I saw one at night and it's not that much brighter than the regular billboards. Having said that I am still not going to make a recommendation either way, but I did want to advise the Council that I have seen one and it's just another billboard. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-121 Approving The Request Of JGI To Upgrade And Existing 12' X 28' Static Billboard To A 10' X 30' Led Billboard At 1903 W. Hwy 90a, Gonzales, Texas The Placement Of Electronic Led Billboard. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #12, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that November 4th is Election Day and the county uses the council chambers as a polling place. Staff respectfully recommends changing the date from November 4th to November 3rd. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-122 Authorizing the Rescheduling of the November 4, 2014 regular City Council Meeting To November 3, 2014. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. Councilman Schurig amended the second. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #13, City Manager, Allen Barnes expressed that the Methodist Church has requested the portion of St. Paul in front of the church to protect the children during their annual Trunk or Treat. This is the same as what has been done in the past. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-123 Authorizing the Temporary Closure of the 400 Block of Saint Paul Street between the Hours of 3:00 P.M. and 6:15 P.M. on October 26, 2014 for the First United Methodist Church Trunk or Treat Celebration. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #14, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the Gonzales ISD had approached Chief Crow some time ago by Dr. Strozier and she presented this idea. It looks like a win-win situation for everybody. There are some things that school district police departments can enforce that we cannot as far as the Texas Education Code. There have been some back and forth with the school as far as the memorandum of understanding. Chief Crow does not object to the creation of the department based under the MOU you have in front of you. I don't object to it, we already work well together with the school district, and I don't think Jackie objects to it. However, it is at the will and pleasure of this council. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-124 Authorizing The City Manager To Sign A Memorandum Of Agreement Between The Gonzales Independent School District And The City Of Gonzales Regarding The GISD Police Department And Gonzales Police Department. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #15, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the Catholic Communities of Gonzales and Waelder have requested to use the square for a prayer service on October 11th. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-125 Authorizing the Catholic Communities of Gonzales and Waelder the Use of Confederate Square on October 14, 2014 from 11:00 A.M. To 1:00 P.M. for The Community and Country Rosary Prayer Service. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. A member of the Catholic Community stated that the date was actually supposed to be for the 11th. Councilman Hernandez amended the motion to read October 11, 2014. Councilman Opiela seconded the amendment to the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

ORDINANCES

Item #16, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated this is at the request of the auditor. This is to clean up the budget for the land purchase that was made during the summer. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Ordinance #2014-26 Adopting a Budget Amendment for the Purchase of 122.56 Acres of Land more or less out of the Russell Ward $\frac{3}{4}$ League Abstract No. 468, and the George Tumlinson $\frac{1}{3}$ League Abstract No 447, the John Cain $\frac{1}{3}$ League Abstract 154 and Russell Ward $\frac{3}{4}$:League Abstract no. 468. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

BOARD/STAFF REPORTS

Item #17, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the financials are available for the Council to review. It looks like the year ended ok, just not as good as it has in the past.

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Schurig seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at

6:48 p.m.

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Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:

Robert A. Logan

**CITY OF GONZALES
CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 28, 2014 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their called meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 28, 2014, 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 Lorenzo Hernandez, Gary Schroeder, Clarence Opiela and Tommy Schurig.

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

Staff Present: Ralph Camarillo, Megan O'Neal, Tim Crow

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Item #1, City Manager, Allen Barnes introduced Bob Farish and Justin Clark from Frost Insurance to present this item. He also added that this is an action item tonight if the council wishes to make a decision about the health insurance, or if you wish to wait to take action then there will be an item on the November 3rd agenda.

Frost Insurance, Senior Vice President, Bob Farish explained to the council the differences between partially self-funded and fully insured insurance benefits. He stated that while the TML renewal is the best fully Insured option. Frost solicited for partially self-funded proposals, and details were explained about the rates that were provided to council. He provided quotes for other services which included Basic Life, Voluntary Life, Voluntary Dental and Voluntary Vision.

TML Representatives, Beth Ellison and Julian Fontana stated the city has been with TML for 26 years and that they would hate to lose that relationship. They explained the reason behind the rate increases were due to the amount of large claims. It was explained that TML does offer partially self-funded insurance and if that's the route the council would like to take they would be happy to offer a proposal.

City Manager, Allen Barnes suggested that the Council take no action tonight and see what Julian Fontana and Bob Farish can come up with in the next 5 days.

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schurig made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

 Kristina Vega
Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:

Robert A. Lagan

**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 3, 2014 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., Monday, November 3, 2014, 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 Lorenzo Hernandez, Gary Schroeder, Clarence Opiela and Tommy Schurig.

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

Staff Present: Tim Patek, Ralph Camarillo, William Ince, Tim Crow, Barbara Friedrich, Megan O'Neal, James Conquest, Carla Faltisek, Keith Schauer, Pam Larison, Laura Zella, Caroline Helms, Micaela Estrada,

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Item #32, Jon Such, said I am here representing the Gonzales Independent Golf Course Advisory Board. We appreciate the support the City of Gonzales gives the golf course. I just wanted to share with you a few things that the golf course staff and the city has done down at the golf course. This past year they have hosted 11 tournaments for approximately 700 participants. That is a tournament every 4 ½ weeks. What's really important about these tournaments is that they actually help support a number of charities and community groups throughout the town and county. For instance the Elks Club, firemen, and I think recently the Running M had one that supported Norma's House, so this is very helpful in supporting the community by having golf tournaments. Routinely throughout daylight savings time the golf course has had 35 Wednesday night scrambles which have averaged 50 players per evening. There have also been a few improvements down there, such as the City has built a new Tee Box for hole #4 along with a sand trap and reestablished turf on 6 greens. The golf course has purchased a new green mower and aerator as well. No doubt the Golf Advisory Board wants to thank the City for the support at the golf course.

Barbara Crozier-I am here tonight on behalf of the Crystal Theatre which will be item #10 that you will be considering. The Crystal Board of Directors is here in support of our request. The request was unanimously passed by the hotel/motel board. I would like to make myself available tonight to answer any questions that you may have. The Crystal resubmitted that request as instructed by the HOT board and is now coming to you for final approval.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #1 & 2, The Mayor asked the Council if they had an opportunity to review the minutes. The mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 7 and 28 City Council meetings. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

RESOLUTIONS

Item #3, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated he was directed four Octobers ago, we bring this to council every November. This is a non-budgeted item. The total impact is \$45,372.50, and the way that this is covered is when we have vacancies during the year, that salary covers the longevity pay. Our employees are paid \$5 per month for each year of service up to a maximum of 25 years. Part time employees are paid \$2.50 per month based on the number of hours they work. The minimum amount to be paid to an individual is \$42.50 and the maximum is \$1,500.00. The average amount is \$475.00 and our longevity averages about 7.9 years. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-115 Authorizing the City of Gonzales to Pay Employees Longevity Pay for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye"

Item #4, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated as you are aware last February we notified Republic Services that we would be going out for request for proposals for waste services. Our contract with Republic expires on February 15, 2015. On October 14, 2014 we opened the responses to the RFP. Three companies responded; Texas Disposal Systems, Republic Services and Progressive. The RFP was written to allow the council to pick and choose the services for the community. There are several options for service and the apparent low bidder would be Progressive, however, staff has some concerns about their future price increases. The future price increase is set at a maximum of 6% but if there are any unexpected expenses they pass those along to the city as well. The Council will have the ability to accept or reject and based on Council action they will be able to move to terminate the contract within 90 days if they disagree with Council action. That is really concerning to me. Republic has tied their increases to CPI and is capped at 6%. Texas Disposal has a flat rate of 3.5% per year. Mr. Barnes then stated that there are representatives from each of the three firms available tonight to speak. The three firms representatives briefed the Council on the details of their companies and were available for any questions or comments the Council could possibly have. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-126 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Republic Services for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal. The Mayor called for a second. No Second was made the motion died due to a lack of second. The Mayor then asked for another motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-126 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Texas Disposal Systems for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item # 5, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated this item was tabled 90 days ago to be brought up at this meeting and it is time to bring it back. Staff respectfully makes the following recommendation number one to approve this resolution, number two to appoint a design committee consisting of two councilmembers and the city manager and if there is anyone else that you deem appropriate, and number three set a council workshop as soon as possible (possibly November 13th). Also, if the council so desires to proceed with the Expo at JB Wells and delay the Conference Center downtown, you can approve that and table it to a later date. You can approve to proceed with both but establish a priority of one over the other, or you can say a parallel track for them. Councilman Hernandez asked if we do one and hold off on the other we are back to square one because we have no figures, and this is what happened six months ago. City Manager Barnes stated this is what happened six months ago, and this is the reason I am requesting the workshop for the Council to sit down to discuss budgeting, how to proceed with the design team, how to proceed. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-127 Authorizing Staff to Proceed with the Planning and Construction of the Expo Center at JB Wells and tabling the Downtown Conference Center until the design committee recommends it to come back to Council, and Appointing Lorenzo Hernandez and Clarence Opiela to the Design Committee and Setting a Council Workshop on the Issue on November 13, 2014. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #6, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated this item was brought at the request of the council. My predecessor several years ago divided the salary of the public works director into several other positions. We recently did that with the Electric Department with some hesitation from the Council, that's what this resolution does. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-128 Prohibiting the Elimination of Employee Positions and Distributing Budgeting Salary Funds among Existing Employees. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #7, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated this project will replace a waterline in a range of ¾ to 6 inches for 5500 linear feet of St. Vincent. This will replace that with a new 8 inch PVC line before the street repairs to the street. The bids came in all over the map. The low bid for the project came in at \$377,329.00 but that included almost \$83 thousand for paving over the trench repair, but as soon as this work is done we will start tearing up the street for the St. Vincent Street repairs. By eliminating the \$83 thousand dollars, that brings us to \$298,329, plus \$25 thousand for engineering costs, which brings it to \$323,329. This is a non-budgeted item; however, in talking with the Finance Director the Water Department has a sufficient amount in retained earnings/fund balance to cover that. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-129 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with M & C Fonseca for the St. Vincent Street Water Line Replacement

Project. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #8, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that most of this property is stored at public works, and we respectfully request the approval of this resolution in order to get these items on GovDeals. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-130 Declaring Property as Surplus; Approving the Sale of Surplus Property. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #9, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the Tourism Committee met and is requesting the approval of funding to the ICA sale in the amount of \$2,500.00. The ICA sale brings a large amount of people to town. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-131 Approving the Gonzales Tourism Committee's Funding of Up To \$2,500.00 To Central Texas Independent Cattlemen's Association for Advertising and Promoting the Central Texas All Breed Bull and Female Sale. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #10, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated this is a request from the Crystal Theatre to the Tourism Committee in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be used for advertising to promote a full season of events for the Crystal Theatre. There are roughly half of a dozen or eight events this funding would be used for. The application for the request is attached. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-132 Approving the Recommendation of the Gonzales Tourism Committee to Fund Up to \$10,000.00 to Gonzales Crystal Theatre for Advertising and Promoting a Full Season. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #11, City Manager, Allen Barnes, stated this is an annual event and staff respectfully requests the approval of this resolution. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-133 Authorizing the Master Gardeners' the Use of Texas Heroes Square Including the Parking Lot on Saint Louis Street and Saint James Street from Friday, March 20, 2015 At 10:00 A.M. Through Saturday, March 21, 2015 for the Master Gardeners' Spring Plant Sale. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #12, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated this is another annual event and there is not a change in the course from previous years. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-134 Authorizing The Gonzales Chamber Of Commerce The Closure Of St. Lawrence City Street For The Annual Jingle Bell Fun Run On December 6, 2014 From 7:00 A.M. Until 10:00 A.M.

Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. Councilman Schurig amended the second. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #13, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated this item has been reviewed by Freddie Dipple of Southwest Engineers. The streets, water lines, sewer lines and the other infrastructure meets the City guidelines therefore he recommends the acceptance of this infrastructure. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-135 Accepting the Street, Water, Wastewater and Electric Infrastructure for 1835 Village Subdivision. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #14, City Manager, Allen Barnes expressed this item and the next item kind of fall into a grey area that staff felt more comfortable bringing to you. These items are advertising items that are technically included in the advertising budget but the funds have not yet been allocated. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-136 Approving the Gonzales Tourism Committee's to Spend up to \$2,500.00 for Advertising at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #15, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated again like in the previous agenda item is a budgeted item but has not yet been allocated. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-137 Approving the Recommendation from The Tourism Committee's Expenditure of Up To \$5,000.00 To Advertise Winterfest. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #16, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the EDC has three and a half positions open. Clint Hille has served three consecutive terms and is considered termed out. Al O'Donnell has submitted his resignation effective December 2014 the other two openings are Nathan Neuse and James Ryan and they have both submitted letters requesting to serve another term. We have received six applications for the two openings; Linda Carter, Lucianne Blakemore, Brandy Egger, Tommy Cox, Crissy O'Neal and Mike Hanson. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-138 Re-Appointing Nathan Neuse, James Ryan, appointing Tommy Cox and Appointing Crissy O'Neal For A Unexpired Term To The Gonzales Economic Development Corporation. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #17, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that we have twelve members on the Mainstreet Advisory Board. The members serve a two year term but do not have a

maximum term. There are two vacant positions due to letter of resignation from Kacey Lindemann-Butler and George Wilhelm. The members that wish to continue to serve another term are Egon Barthels, Connie Dolezal, Susan Weber, Melissa Taylor and Lisa Brown. Applications have been received from Gilbert Perez, Brandy Egger, John Pirkle, Colton Filip and Mike Hanson. Barbara Friedrich has requested that you appoint one for a one year term and the other for a two year term. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-139 Re-Appointing Egon Barthels, Connie Dolezal, Susan Weber, Melissa Taylor, and Lisa Brown To The Gonzales Main Street Advisory Board For A Two Year Term From October 1, 2014 To September 30, 2016 Appointing John Pirkle; And Appointing Brandy Egger To The Gonzales Main Street Advisory Board For A One Year Term From October 1, 2014 To September 30, 2015. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #18, City Manager, Allen Barnes expressed that Paul Frenzel and Phillip Borowitz have expressed that they wish to serve another term on the Planning & Zoning Commission. There is one opening and we have received applications from Paul Neuse, Ray Raley and Mike Hanson. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-140 Re-Appointing Paul Frenzel and Phillip Borowitz Appointing Paul Neuse to the Planning and Zoning Commission; and Establishing An Effective Date. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #19, City Secretary, Kristina Vega stated that we have two openings. Charlie Pankey has resigned and we had a vacant position. Mr. Anzaldia has requested to be a permanent member; he has been an alternate for many years. We have received applications from Kenneth Moore, Mike Hanson and Pat Mosher for the other position, and Ms. O'Donnell has submitted a request to serve another term on the ZBOA. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-141 Re-Appointing Dawn O'Donnell and Isaac Anzaldia to the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Sign Control Board and Appointing Kenneth Moore for an unexpired term beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015 and appointing Pat Mosher as Alternate 2 for a two year term beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2016;. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #20, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that there are currently nine members on the Tourism Advisory Committee. Four of them would like to be reappointed, Meena Patel, Alison Rodriguez, Ken Morrow and Ann Covert. There are currently three positions available, one position will fill an unexpired term, and the other two will be for two years. We have four applications with the Tourism Advisory Committee, Dawn O'Donnell, Chris Kappmeyer, Brandy Egger and Mike Hanson. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-142 Re-

Appointing Meena Patel, Alison Guerra-Rodriguez, Ken Morrow And Ann Covert And Appointing Dawn O'Donnell for a one year term beginning on October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015 and Chris Kappmeyer and Brandy Egger for a two year term beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2016 To The Tourism Advisory Committee. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #21, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that this board was actually created last year with a total of nine members with staggered terms. Four members had a one year term and five members had a two year term. Four members have come up for reappointment, of which three have requested to continue to serve, Wesley Caldwell, Steve Hendershot and Bryan Herndon. Bill Shepperd does not wish to serve an additional term. At the writing of this we had one application from Mike Hanson, however we had Dan Blakemore turn in an application to be on this board. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-143 Re-Appointing Wesley Caldwell, Steve Hendershot, Bryan Herndon and Appointing Dan Blakemore to the J.B. Wells Advisory Board. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #22, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that there are two members on this board whose terms are up, and they do wish to continue to serve, and that is Debbie Ticken and Floyd Rogers. There is one unfilled position and we have two applications, one from Mike Hanson and Doug Kotzebue. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-144 Re-Appointing Debbie Ticken, Floyd Rogers and Appoint Doug Kotzebue to the Golf Course Advisory Board. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #23, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated the library board has eight members appointed by City Council. Forrest Penney has requested to resign from the board and three individuals are requesting to be reappointed and they are Dorothy Eberle, Swann Reid and Ida McGarity. We have received two applications to replace Mr. Penney, and they are from Dean Davis and Mike Hanson. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-145 Re-Appointing Dorothy Eberle, Swann Reid, Ida McGarity and Appoint Dean Davis to the Gonzales Library Board. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #24, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that we have Bob Farrish here tonight and the folks from TML. I would like to make a quick recommendation if I could. We are rapidly running out of time in this year to develop anything other than staying with TML to be honest with you. What my recommendation is for the upcoming year we stay with the Fully Funded TML plan. We have already budgeted for it, we already have

everything in place, and we also ask direction from Council to begin the examination of our insurance with an end date to be presented to Council in the October meeting. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-146 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with TML for Employee Benefits. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. City Manager Barnes stated since Mr. Opiela Seconded the motion there are other coverages, not just the health insurance, that include the supplemental vision, dental insurance, and the life insurances. Staff would respectfully recommend that we move from TML dental and vision to the Principal that Bob mentioned the other night. It is less expensive to our employees and a better alternative. Councilman Schurig amended his motion to include Dental, Vision and Life Insurance with Principal. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion to amend. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #25, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated this is a tax resale. The Tax Collector has an adjudged value of \$2,500.00, with a current value of \$2,500.00. A sealed bid has been received in the amount of \$1,300.00, it was approved by commissioner's court on October 27th, and the tax assessor recommends accepting the bid. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-147 Authorizing a Tax Resale of Property with Legal Description of Lot 28, Kings 7th Addition as Described in Volume 136 Page 402. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

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Item #26, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that there have been a couple of citizens that have requested desire to be able to operate golf carts and sports utility vehicles within the city limits on the streets. Jackie has researched this through the Texas Transportation Code and has come to the conclusion that we can adopt regulations to operate golf carts and sports utility vehicles within the city limits. In talking with the Chief of Police, Chief Crow feels that this is not a prudent thing to do given the amount of traffic and the amount of large trucks we have in town, and I would recommend to not to approve this resolution. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to not approve Ordinance #2014-27 Not Approving the Operation of Golf Carts and Utility Vehicles in the Corporate Boundaries of the Municipality in Accordance with Texas Transportation Code Section 551.404. The Mayor asked for a second. No second was made and the motion died due to lack of second.

Item #27, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that this is simply housekeeping item. Chapter 11.38 of the Alcohol Beverage Code allows the City to collect an alcohol sales permit at one half of what the state charges. We currently do that but however when looking it up we have been relying on state law versus city ordinance to do that. We do not have a city ordinance stating that we may or may not collect that fee and this simply puts what we've been doing for many years into city ordinance. It does not change what we have already been doing. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman

Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance #2014-28 Amending Chapter 8.600 by Adding a Section 8.604 Providing for Alcohol Permit Fees and Setting the Fee at 25% of the State Fee. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #28, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated this item has gone before the Planning & Zoning Commission on October 29th and was unanimously approved the request for rezone from HC Schmidt III of his property at 1543 Seydler from R-1 Single Family Residential to R-2 Multi-Family Residential. That part of Seydler has C-2 Heavy Commercial and to my knowledge we have not seen any objections to this request. Staff has no objections to this and respectfully request approval of this ordinance. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Ordinance #2014-29 Re-Zoning All That Certain Lot or Parcel of Land Located at 1543 Seydler, More Particularly Described as Pt 8 Range VI from Single Family Residential (R-1) To Multi-Family Residential (R-2). Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

BOARD/STAFF REPORTS

Item #29, 30, & 31 City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the financials, quarterly investment report and the special contract reports are available for the Council to review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item #33, The Mayor asked for a motion. At 8:12 p.m. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to move into Executive Session. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 8:36 p.m. the Council returned to Open Session.

The Mayor asked for any action resulting from Executive Session.

Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve the mediated settlement proposed by Gonzales County Water Supply Corporation. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Schurig seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.


Kristina Vega
Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:

Robert A. Logan

**CITY OF GONZALES
CALLED CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
November 13, 2014 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their Called City Council Workshop at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, November 13, 2014, 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 Lorenzo Hernandez, Clarence Opiela and Tommy Schurig.

Members Absent: Gary Schroeder

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

Staff Present: Pam Larison, Mike Jeffrey

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

Item #1, The City Council, city staff and members of the JB Wells Park Advisory Board engaged in discussion regarding the Expo Center at JB Wells Park Including Location, Project Cost, Financing, Design, Construction, Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment.

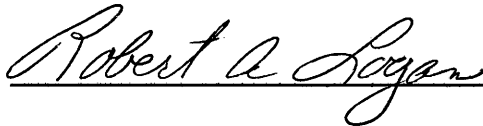
ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schurig made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Opiela seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Robert A. Logan

**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 2, 2014 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., December 2, 2014, 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 Lorenzo Hernandez, Gary Schroeder, Clarence Opiela and Tommy Schurig.

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

Staff Present: Tim Patek, Ralph Camarillo, William Ince, Tim Crow, Barbara Friedrich, James Conquest, Carla Faltisek, Keith Schauer, Pam Larison

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #1 & 2, The Mayor asked the Council if they had an opportunity to review the minutes. The mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 3 Regular City Council Meeting and November 13 Called City Council Workshop. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez. Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

OTHER BUSINESS

Item #3, Robert McClain of McLain Decision Support Systems presented a copy and a detailed explanation of the Utility Cost of Service and Rate Design Report that was designed for the City of Gonzales.

RESOLUTIONS

Item #4, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that we were approached September 26th by LCRA requesting changes in their wholesale contract. It's kind of an unusual position to be in because both modifications benefit the City of Gonzales. As you are aware that we released some electric load to AEP earlier this year and we anticipated a two year waiting period, and this changes that contract to do away with that waiting period so we can proceed next June with an additional five percent. They currently charge a public service fund amount that is collected on each bill; they are lowering the public service fund from \$24 million down to \$9 million. Both of these appear to be

beneficial to the City of Gonzales. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-14 8 Authorizing Modifications to the LCRA Wholesale Electric Agreement. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye"

Item #5, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that Steve Moffitt with Snyder Engineering is here to present this item to you. I did include in this an update on load release program. We do this for six members of the load release. We try to give an update your performance on an annual basis. The city has committed up to 35% of your load release. Year to date you have saved approximately \$25 thousand dollars in the last 5 months with the load release in energy costs. The last time we were here when we talked about the load release, we also talked about the re-licensing of the Hydro Electric facility. We have looked at all of the options associated with this plant, and as you know you are moving into a 5 year window of when your licensing will expire. The two options are to relicense or decommission it. We looked at some background on your system. System wide you have about 93 almost 94 million kilowatt hours that you purchased in 2013. The average consumption is for the hydroelectric facility is about 1.7% of your annual electricity consumption. The relicensing process normally takes 5 years. The cost of relicensing process is a substantial expense. You are looking at anywhere between \$200 and \$300 thousand. One thing we did include in this is cost of capital improvements in the amount of \$75 to \$100 in capital improvements to fix some structural things that need to be improved to keep the plant operational. Alternatively the estimated cost of decommissioning is not insignificant. The cost estimate that we were able to come up with in some extensive conversations with FERC, are in the range of \$1.9 to \$5 million, but there is no way of knowing for sure that you wish to decommission the unit. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-149 Receiving the Results of the Feasibility Study for the Re-permitting of The Hydroelectric Power Plant's FERC Permit. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item # 6, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that staff has reached a tentative agreement with TDS for trash disposal services. The price for the City are as follows; residential \$14.80 including once a week pick up with 96 gallon containers, every other week curbside recycle with a 96 gallon container and 4 times a year bulk trash pickup not to exceed 5 cubic yards. The cost of service to our customers would be \$15.69. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-150 Approving the Contract for Solid Waste Services with Texas Disposal Services; Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye". Councilman Schroeder voted "nay".

Item #7, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the City annually must approve the Annual Final Tax Roll for the City of Gonzales. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-151 Approving the

2014 Tax Roll for the City of Gonzales. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #8, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated on November 6, 2014 the Council conducted a workshop to discuss the JB Wells Expo Center. Items discussed included the location, project cost, financing, design, construction, furniture, fixtures and equipment. Tim Gescheidle presented a preliminary sketch of the proposed Expo Center. The square footage of the assembly area is right at 12 thousand square feet and it should anywhere from 12-15 hundred people including tables and chairs. It would most likely be a pre-engineered metal building, possibly some masonry or wainscoting to dress it up a bit. Councilman Opiela stated that we need to decide the next steps for us such as decide a location, basic plan and get a cost. City Manager Barnes stated in his opinion was that when he goes out to buy a car, I have in mind the target amount in mind and this is the same scenario. We just need to know what amount we want to spend on this building. Are we looking at \$3 million for construction or \$3 million for furniture, fixtures and equipment? For me personally I need to know how much we want to spend before we can move forward. In my experience in building government buildings is that I have always been told by my council how much they want to spend and then I make decisions based on that. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-152 Establishing the Location, Project Cost not to exceed \$3.3 million, Financing, Design, Construction, Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment of the JB Wells Expo Center. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Item #9, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that LCRA currently provides services for TCOS Aggregation Billing for the City of Gonzales and has for many years. This aggregation is for electric transmission services. We have never had a written agreement with LCRA for these services. We currently pay \$200 per month for these services and this amount will not change. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-153 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with LCRA to Continue Transmission Aggregation Billing for the City of Gonzales. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

ORDINANCES

Item #10, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that on August 1, 2014 the City received a letter from Republic Services concerning the increase in rates as per the Department of Labor, Bureau of Statistics Consumer Price Index. This increase is only reflective by the 6% incurred from Republic Services (Allied Waste Services). It is staff's intention to provide rate increase notices for policy consideration to the Council and Mayor as they are received. Rate increases should be considered only when deemed necessary to cover operating costs of the City of Gonzales. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance #2014-27 Amending

Section 6.114 of the Code of Ordinances by Approving and Incorporating the Rate Change for Republic Services (Allied Waste Services) Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

BOARD/STAFF REPORTS

Item #11 & 12, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the financials, quarterly investment report and the special contract reports are available for the Council to review.

Item #13, Gonzales Economic Development Corporation President, Nathan Neuse gave a verbal report of the projects that the EDC has been able to fund and bring within the City during the past six months.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item #14, The Mayor asked for a motion. At 7:17 p.m. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to move into Executive Session. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 8:20 p.m. the Council returned to Open Session.

There was no action resulting from Executive Session.

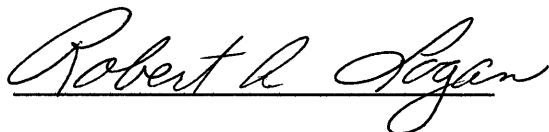
ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Schurig seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Robert L. Logan