

**CITY OF GONZALES
SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2019 MINUTES**

The City Council convened the Special Called City Council meeting at 6:05 p.m., August 27, 2019, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Connie L. Kacir, Councilmen Gary Schroeder, Tommy Schurig, Dan Blakemore and Bobby O'Neal.

Others Present: City Manager- Tim Patek, City Secretary- Kristina Vega

Staff Present: Laura Zella, Keith Schmidt, Micaela Estrada, Marland Mercer, Keith Schauer, Anne Dollery, Tim Crow

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

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

No comments were made.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor read Citizens are invited to provide public comments on the following matter: The City Council of the City of Gonzales has approved a preliminary tax rate of \$0.3380, which exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and that, if adopted, would increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 19.99%. As per the Tax Code the Governing Body shall announce the date, time, and place of the meeting at which it will vote on the proposed tax rate. The date will be September 12, 2019, the time will be 6:00 p.m. the place Gonzales Municipal Building at 820 St. Joseph Street.

There was no one signed up and no comments were made.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Mayor read the City Council has set a second public hearing on September 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Meeting Chambers of the Gonzales Municipal Building located at 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

RESOLUTIONS

1.1 Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss, Consider, and Possible Action on **Resolution #2019-70** Awarding the contract to SecureVision America for water meters and software and authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Agreement. Council as we had

discussed at prior meetings, we did authorize staff to put out a RFP for the meters. It came in through BuyBoard with a proposal for \$560,416 for the installation of the meters needing to be replaced, that is approximately 1,919 meters. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman O'Neal made a motion to approve **Resolution #2019-70** Awarding the contract to SecureVision America for water meters and software and authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Agreement. Councilman Blakemore seconded the motion. The Mayor called for discussion. There being none, the Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Schroeder, Schurig, O'Neal, Blakemore and the Mayor all voted "aye".

1.2 Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss, Consider, and Possible Action on **Resolution #2019-71** Endorsing the Mayor's "Say Yes to Education" Initiative and the Efforts of the Mayor to Pursue said Public Purpose Initiative by Improving and Strengthening our Community through recruiting a YMCA. Council we have in our brief that outlines that initiative would continue working in partnership with the YMCA, the ISD, our other political subdivisions, community leaders and our youth. We are asking for you to approve the Mayor acting both individually and in the best interest of the City in her official capacity as recognized as the head of the city government. Strengthening the community and to stand united in an initiative to improve the current educational attainment levels and to have a focus of breaking the cycle of generational poverty. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve **Resolution #2019-71** Endorsing the Mayor's "Say Yes to Education" Initiative and the Efforts of the Mayor to Pursue said Public Purpose Initiative by Improving and Strengthening our Community through recruiting a YMCA. Councilman Blakemore seconded the motion. The Mayor called for discussion. Councilman Blakemore wanted to go on record regarding tax payer dollars being used to fund a facility for the YMCA. I would like to for the record to ask our Chief Financial Officer in our budgeting process how much money we set aside for said facility. Finance Director, Laura Zella stated, zero. Councilman Blakemore stated he wanted to go on record we are not funding anything for the YMCA except support and why we wouldn't want to make the community any better for our kids and for anyone else. For those that are against that, says more about them than it does about the YMCA. Mayor Kacir added to that point in our brief and I will read into the record, under fiscal impact, the Council does not approve any fiscal responsibility with this resolution. Again, it is simply to work together as a community, united as a community to pursue interest in overcoming generational poverty, improving educational attainment for our youth. The YMCA does work with children, grades 1-12, they have an after school program, it has proven successful in many different communities, and there is data that reflects those school districts where the reading level and academic level has improved working with the School District on the programs specific to our needs. I don't want to limit it only to our youth, the Y also has senior programs and I actually already had someone who approached the Y in possibly donating a home to make it into a senior citizen center to administer those

programs. I truly feel it is an opportunity for this community. Councilman Schroeder stated Council does not approve any fiscal responsibility with this resolution, so if we support this who is going to be the director of it? Mayor Kacir stated, the YMCA. Councilman Schroeder asked so we are not going to be taking any budget money out, putting no one else on a \$50k a year salary? Mayor Kacir stated for the record Councilman, that answer is no. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Schroeder, Schurig, O'Neal, Blakemore and the Mayor all voted "aye".

1.3 Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss, Consider, and Possible Action on **Resolution #2019-72** Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement with Gonzales Chamber of Commerce for Funding the in-kind contributions from the City of Gonzales for the Come and Take It Celebration on October 4, 2019 through October 6, 2019. Council the agreement is outlined as we have talked in the past; it is because we are using public moneys to fund what is deemed a public purpose. We do need to have a contract with that entity or organization and for the tax payers, documentation. We have itemized the in kind contribution from the City during Come & Take It to be \$16,309.19 and in addition they were approved \$5k from Hotel/Motel tax which is approvable under the statute. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve **Resolution #2019-72** Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement with Gonzales Chamber of Commerce for Funding the in-kind contributions from the City of Gonzales for the Come and Take It Celebration on October 4, 2019 through October 6, 2019. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor called for discussion. There being none, the Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Schroeder, Schurig, O'Neal, Blakemore and the Mayor all voted "aye".

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Blakemore made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:

