

**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2019 MINUTES**

The City Council convened the Council meeting at 6:00 p.m., November 14, 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 and Dan Blakemore, Bobby O'Neal

Others Present: City Manager- Tim Patek, City Attorney-T. Daniel Santee

Others Absent: City Secretary- Kristina Vega

Staff Present: Laura Zella, Angie Kessler, Anne Dollery, Barbara Friedrich, Genora Young, Ashley Simper, Gary Schurig, Tim Crow

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

CITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Announcements of upcoming City Events
- Announcements and recognitions by the City Manager
- Announcements and recognitions by the Mayor
- Recognition of actions by City employees
- Recognition of actions by community volunteers

Mayor Kacir stated that Darren Schauer will be representing Gonzales at the National League of Cities in San Antonio and will be promoting broadband and how he has brought fiber to a rural community. Our High School Fire Fighting Academy is going very well. Chief had shared recently that the class is progressing and showing great improvement. Sisters on the Fly left a very nice donation in Gonzales, post their event. They donated \$8,900 to Norma's House and I truly feel that, that was in great part to Anne Dollery and all of the wonderful staff we have at JB Wells that showed those ladies a very nice time and were very gracious hosts and hostesses. It is great to see all of the capital improvement projects that we have going on in our City and we thank our citizenry for supporting this Council and our decision for the tax rate. I also wanted to report, we have it further on the agenda but Councilman Blakemore and myself attended an ESD Board meeting several weeks back and asked them for consideration to consider a joint multipurpose facility for emergency personnel and first responders and that was received very positively. I want to give a special welcome to Troops 263 from Gonzales and 261 from Shiner, they are Boy Scouts and they are working on their citizenship and community merit badge.

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

Genora Young, President/CEO of the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation, spoke in her official capacity regarding her concerns with Article 9.300 of the City's Ordinance.

PRESENTATION

1.1, Vince Ortiz presented the Victoria College Annual Report to the Gonzales City Council on the operations of the Gonzales Center.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The Consent Agenda is considered self-explanatory and will be enacted by the Council with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless they are removed from the Consent Agenda upon the request of the Mayor or Councilmember.

The Mayor read the consent items as follows:

2.1, **Minutes** - Approval of the minutes for the Regular Meeting of September 12, 2019 & October 10, 2019

2.2, Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2019-89** Declaring Certain City Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of Said Property in the manner most advantageous to the City of Gonzales

2.3, Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2019-90** Approving the City of Gonzales 2020 Holiday Schedule

2.4, Discuss, Consider & Possible Action Approving **Resolution #2019-91** Authorizing the Payment of Longevity Pay for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

2.5, Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2019-92** Approving the 2019 Final Tax Roll for the City of Gonzales

2.6, Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2019-93** Ratifying the Agreement with United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA").

2.7, Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2019-94** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Purchase Agreement for the Purchase of a brush truck for the Gonzales Fire Department

2.8, Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2019-95** Approving Work Order #60 in the amount of \$75,500.00 with Doucet & Associates for Engineering, Surveying and Project Management of 2020 Street Improvement Projects

2.9, Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2019-96** Approving Work Order #61 in the amount of \$84,500.00 with Doucet & Associates for Engineering, Surveying and Project Management of 2020 Drainage Improvement Projects

2.10, Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2019-97** Approving Work Order #62 in the amount of \$197,500.00 with Doucet & Associates for Engineering, Surveying and Project Management of 2020 Water and Wastewater Improvement Projects

2.11, Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2019-98** Authorizing the City Manager to accept if awarded, a Texas Preservation Trust Fund Grant from the Texas Historical Commission in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the Roof Replacement Project at the Museum and Amphitheater

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Councilman O'Neal made a motion to approve consent items 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9, 2.10, 2.11 and removing item 2.1 to be placed on the next agenda. Councilman Blakemore seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Schurig, Schroeder, Blakemore, O'Neal and the Mayor all voted "aye".

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION ITEMS

3.1, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss, Consider & Possible Action regarding Council direction for the funding and desire to purchase a portable stage for the Main Street Department. Council, post our budget approval I had made inquiry in regards to the versatility of the stage that we had approved and it was clarified that it was a smaller stage. It is in the budget, it is approved. What I was asking was two-fold. We postpone the request for proposals and allow this to go to our CVB. There were several board members that had expressed to me that they would like opportunity to pursue other options, one of those would be a permanent stage that would promote and foster additional tourism opportunities. Members of the CVB also stated that they would be in agreement to entertain possible funding from that source of restricted funds. That is the overview. This action would not be taking the stage away from Main Street. There have been a number of events at JB Wells that utilize a portable stage. Councilman Blakemore made a motion to table this item to another agenda so we can do the research as suggested. Councilman O'Neal seconded the motion. The Mayor called for discussion. There being none, the Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Schurig, Schroeder, Blakemore, O'Neal and the Mayor all voted "aye".

3.2, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss, Consider & Possible Action appointing (2) City Council members to a working subcommittee with the city manager and/or designees developing a proposal for a multipurpose emergency services facility.

Council I had mentioned in the beginning of the meeting during budget we had discussed with Chief about placing on the CIP the cost for a new fire station. We all know that there is a need for that and we should plan for that expenditure. Councilman Blakemore and I did attend an ESD Board Meeting and I did speak in public comments and asked the board to consider working with council should it be their desire with a subcommittee to bring back a proposal for a multipurpose facility. Again, it would just uphold a level of public trust and determine what that feasibility would be. I would like to make it very clear the subcommittee would have no authority to obligate the city to any funds or capital expenditures. It is simply to do due diligence to bring back that proposal and then it would be council's pleasure. We are asking for a subcommittee of two council members and those council members would work in conjunction with the City Manager and/o his designee along with most likely our Fire Chief and others as well. Councilman O'Neal made a motion to appoint Dan Blakemore and Connie Kacir to a working subcommittee. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor called for discussion. There being none, the Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Schurig, Schroeder, Blakemore, O'Neal and the Mayor all voted "aye".

WORKSHOP

4.1, Justin Clark and Bob Farish of Frost Insurance conducted a detailed presentation regarding the proposals received for Health, Dental, Vision and Life Insurance.

4.2, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2019-99** Approving the 2020 Insurance Provider for Health, Dental, Vision and Life. Councilman O'Neal made a motion to approve **Resolution #2019-99** Approving United Health Care Option 11 as the 2020 Insurance Provider for Health, Dental, Vision and Life for fiscal year 2019-2020. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor called for discussion. There being none, the Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Schurig, Schroeder, Blakemore, O'Neal and the Mayor all voted "aye".

ORDINANCES

6.1, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2019-22** Amending Chapter 9 Personnel of the City of Gonzales Code of Ordinances. Council we have a Chapter 9 Personnel Policy. It gives an oversight over each board and commission. As I went through it I made several notes. We discussed terms and each board and commission develop a vision to be placed in our CIP in each budget. We talked about absences, and we talked about adding the Open Meetings Act Training and Public Information Act Training to eliminate confusion when there is a violation or not a violation. Our Museum Board is one of the boards that has fewer members and I wanted to suggest adding more members. I also wanted to add an Airport Board; we have staff that works very well with those that utilizes our hangars and airport. I have several pilots that contact me frequently and they would like to have input along those lines. Counselor Santee suggested that it may be in good order to discuss the policy today and then each of you have additional time for each of you to have your comment

before we adopt the policy next council meeting. This is a generalized policy for our boards and commissions. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Blakemore made a motion to postpone **Ordinance #2019-22** Amending Chapter 9 Personnel of the City of Gonzales Code of Ordinances. Councilman O'Neal seconded the motion. The Mayor called for discussion. There being none, the Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Schurig, Schroeder, Blakemore, O'Neal and the Mayor all voted "aye".

RESOLUTIONS

5.1, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2019-100** Casting Votes for the Gonzales Central Appraisal District Board of Directors for the term of office beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2021. Council we are to vote for five people listed from the slate of a total of six candidates. The City Council may only select five candidates. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman O'Neal made a motion to approve **Resolution #2019-100** Casting votes for Lauren Clampit, Frank "Bud" Box, Craig Hines, Josie Smith-Wright, and Sue Gottwald to the Gonzales Central Appraisal District Board of Direction for two year term beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2021. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor called for discussion. There being none, the Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Schurig, Schroeder, Blakemore, O'Neal and the Mayor all voted "aye".

5.2, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2019-101** Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2019-101** Authorizing the Appointments and Reappointments to the City of Gonzales Board & Commissions: (a) Golf Course Advisory Board; (b) Gonzales Economic Development Corporation; (c) Gonzales Library Board; (d) Main Street Advisory Board; (e) Planning & Zoning Commission; (f) Gonzales Convention & Visitors Bureau; (g) Zoning Board of Adjustment & Sign Control Board; (h) JB Wells Park Advisory Board; and (i) Museum Advisory Board.. The Mayor asked for a motion to postpone this item to the next agenda. You have all of your nominations in the packet but what I did discover, just to clean this process up a little bit. Councilman Blakemore made a motion to postpone **Resolution #2019-101** Authorizing the Appointments and Reappointments to the City of Gonzales Board & Commissions. Councilman O'Neal seconded the motion. The Mayor called for discussion. The Mayor requested that all of the boards and commissions be advertised once again. There being none, the Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Schurig, Schroeder, Blakemore, O'Neal and the Mayor all voted "aye".

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

7.1, Mayor Kacir stated the Financial Report for the Month of October 2019, Quarterly Investment Report ending 9/30/2019 and Quarterly Debt Report are available for review.

7.2, Gonzales Economic Development President/CEO, Genora Young gave the City Council the Economic Development Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

7.3, City Manager, Tim Patek gave the City Council an update regarding City Manager, Tim Patek will update the City Council on the following: Status of the Grant from Texas Historical Commission for Museum Roof Project, the Community Development Block Grant for the wastewater line repairs from the General Land Office, and the Hydro Station Repairs.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:32 p.m. the City Council moved into Closed Session.

8.1 (1) Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Gonzales will consult in closed session with its attorney to receive legal advice regarding pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter", to include the following matters:

- a. In Re Estate of J. B. Wells litigation
- b. Patricia Bennett and Gloria Knight v. City of Gonzales, Texas
Cause No. 27,500
- c. Guerra Properties Delinquent HOT funds

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 7:45 p.m. the Council returned to Open Session

9.1, Discuss and Consider any action resulting from Closed Session as Necessary.

No action was taken regarding closed session.

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman O'Neal made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Blakemore seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



