

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES –MARCH 12, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held on **March 12, 2020** at 6:00 p.m. at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street. This was an OPEN MEETING, open to the public, subject to the open meeting laws of the State of Texas and, as required by law, was duly posted, at the Gonzales Municipal Building, giving notice of time, date, place, and agenda thereof.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Kacir called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and certified a quorum.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Connie L. Kacir	Mayor	Present
Gary Schroeder	Council Member, District 1	Present
Tommy Schurig	Council Member, District 2	Present
Bobby O'Neal	Council Member, District 3	Present
Dan Blakemore	Mayor Pro Tem/Council Member, District 4	Present

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Tim Patek, City Attorney Dan Santee, Interim City Secretary Kristi Gilbert, Finance Director Laura Zella, Tourism Director Ashley Simper, Captain Gayle Autry, Parks and Recreation Director Anne Dollery, Street Supervisor Todd Remschel, City Engineer Keith Schauer

CITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Announcements of upcoming City Events
- Announcements and recognitions by the City Manager
- Announcements and recognitions by the Mayor:
 - Next Q&A with the Mayor will be on Tuesday, March 17th at 10am at the library and will be sponsored by local motels.
 - Commend the Tourism Director, the Convention and Visitor Bureau, Historical Commission and Ms. Crozier for working with the young Texians for Texas Independence Week.
 - The quarterly meeting with business owners will be in April in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Director on upcoming events.
 - First Airport Advisory Board meeting was conducted on Monday, March 9th
- Recognition of actions by City employees
- Recognition of actions by community volunteers

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

This time is set aside for any person who wishes to address the City Council. Each person should fill out the speaker's register prior to the meeting. Presentations should be limited to no more than 3 minutes.

The following individuals made a presentation to the City Council:

Lori Steindorf introduced herself as the new reporter for the Gonzales Inquirer and introduced herself to the City Council.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 1.1 Mayor Kacir administered the Oath of Office to Officer Jason Hinds.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 2.1 **Minutes** - Approval of the minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2020 and the Q&A with the Mayor of February 11, 2020.
- 2.2 **Absences**-Approval of any council absences for the first quarter of fiscal year 2019-20
- 2.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-27** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Gonzales Inquirer for the Street Closures, Consumption of Alcohol on Public Property and the Recommendation for Funding from the Gonzales Convention and Visitor Bureau in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Come and Taste It on April 24-25, 2020
- 2.4 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-28** Authorizing the Gonzales Convention and Visitors Bureau to provide funding assistance for the purchase of a new stage that will be owned by the City of Gonzales and utilized by all departments; and specifically, Main Street

ACTION: Item 2.1 through 2.2

APPROVED

Mayor Kacir stated she was pulling Items 2.3 and 2.4 for further discussion.

Councilmember O'Neal moved to approve the consent agenda Items 2.1 and 2.2 as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Blakemore seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

ACTION: Item 2.3

APPROVED

Mayor Kacir stated she asked Mr. Fitzwater to add to the agreement notification of downtown business owners affected by the street closures and the closure of the square. Mr. Fitzwater agreed. Mayor Pro Tem Blakemore moved to approve the Resolution 2020-27 as amended. Councilmember Schurig seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Mayor stated there was a savings of \$63,250 by sending the item back to Convention and Visitors Bureau for consideration of funding and obtain additional bids.

ACTION: Item 2.4

APPROVED

Councilmember Schurig moved to approve the Resolution 2020-28 as present. Councilmember Schroeder seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

RESOLUTIONS

- 3.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on Resolution #2020-29 Accepting the Proposals and Awarding the Contract for the Country Village Electric System Replacement Project to Greenstone Electrical Services, LLC.

Mayor Kacir stated City Engineer Keith Schauer recommended awarding the contract to Greenstone Electrical Services, LLC.

ACTION: Item 3.1

APPROVED

Councilmember Schurig moved to approve **Resolution #2020-29** as presented. Councilmember Schroeder seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 3.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on Resolution #2020-30 Accepting the Proposals and Awarding the Contract for the 2020 Street Improvement Plans to Tierra Lease Service, LLC.

Mayor Kacir stated the project is for the rehabilitation of Larry Drive and portions of Independence Park Road, as well as the road next to the city swimming pool.

ACTION: Item 3.2

APPROVED

Councilmember O'Neal moved to approve **Resolution #2020-30** as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Blakemore seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 3.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action Approving Resolution #2020-31 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a License Agreement with Texas Lou's Canoes Incorporated Granting them the use of Independence Park for a Concession Site for the Rental of Non-Motorized Watercraft, Sales of Fishing Bait and Sales of Business Industry Related Accessories.

Mayor stated she was proud to have Lou's Canoes in the City of Gonzales.

ACTION: Item 3.3

APPROVED

Councilmember O'Neal moved to approve **Resolution #2020-31** as presented. Councilmember Schurig seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 3.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action Approving Resolution #2020-32 Appointing a Board Member to the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation.

ACTION: Item 3.4

APPOINTMENT

Councilmember Schurig moved to approve **Resolution #2020-32** appointed Meena Patel to the vacant position. Councilmember Schroeder seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 3.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action Approving Resolution #2020-33 Approving the Creation of Job Descriptions, Amending Position Classification and Amending the Annual Budget Personnel Request Summary to include a Part Time Hydro Plant Station Technician.

ACTION: Item 3.5

APPROVED

Councilmember O'Neal moved to approve **Resolution #2020-33** with the request that contract labor also be considered. Mayor Pro Tem Blakemore seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 3.6 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on Resolution #2020-34 Authorizing the Appointment of the Election Judge and Workers for the May 2, 2020 General Election. Interim City Secretary Kristi Gilbert stated an amended version of the resolution had been provided, but no new names, outside of employees, had been added.

ACTION: Item 3.6

APPROVED

Councilmember Blakemore moved to approve **Resolution #2020-34** as amended. Councilmember O'Neal seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

ORDINANCES:

- 4.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on Ordinance #2020-06 Amending Chapter 6, Health and Sanitation, Article 6.100 Garbage and Trash.

ACTION: Item 4.1

NO ACTION

City Attorney Dan Santee stated Frontier Waste did not provide any amendments, so no action was needed.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS:

- 5.1 Financial Report for the Month of February 2020
Mayor Kacir stated the decrease in fund balance was due to payment on Certificates of Obligation in February.
- 5.2 City Manager, Tim Patek updated the City Council on the Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$852,000 stating that meetings had been conducted and items for Council approval are forthcoming with a completion date of April 2022. Mr. Patek stated demolition of the old library had been awarded to Fred's Contract Services, LLC and will start demolition on March 31st after utilities are all disconnected, and air conditioning units are removed. The expected timeframe for demolition is set at three weeks.

CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION:

The Council convened into executive session at 6:32 pm.

PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, ANNOTATED, CHAPTER 551, SUBCHAPTER D:

- 6.1 (a) 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:
1. In Re Estate of J. B. Wells litigation
 2. Patricia Bennett and Gloria Knight v. City of Gonzales, Texas Cause No. 27,500
 3. A Guerra Enterprise LLC D/B/A Holiday Inn Express & Suites Cause No. 27,591
 4. Unopened City Streets: H.C. Schmidt and Michael Tuch
- (b) Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Gonzales will meet in closed session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
1. Economic Development Corporation Board Member(s)

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Reconvene into Open Meeting at 6:58 pm.

- 7.1 Discuss and Consider any Action Resulting from Closed Session as Necessary

ACTION: Item 7.1

POLICY REQUESTED

Councilmember O’Neal moved to direct the City Attorney to prepare a policy for license agreements on unopened streets. Councilmember Schroeder seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 7.2 Discussion and Direction on future consideration and adoption of an ordinance regarding vexatious requestors pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act.

City Attorney Dan Santee explained the provisions regarding vexatious requestors. Discussion was held with regard to the City Attorney bringing back an ordinance.

ACTION: Item 7.2

NO ACTION

No action was taken as a result of closed session.

CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

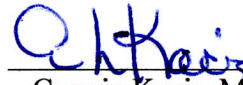
RECEIVE REQUESTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS/STAFF FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON NEXT MEETING AGENDA *(discussion under this item must be limited to whether or not the Council wishes to include a potential agenda item on a future agenda)*

- Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on a future City Council agenda
The Mayor Update and presentation on oil and gas leases, staff confer with Jeff Moore, EDC Attorney for comparison of an EDC and an MDD
 - Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers
 - City and community events attended and to be attended
 - Continuing education events attended and to be attended
- Mayor Pro Tem Blakemore asked to be kept apprised of any action needed as far as event cancellation or closures.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Approved this 9th day of April 2020.



Connie Kacir, Mayor



Kristi Gilbert, Interim City Secretary