

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES –APRIL 8, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held on April 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference pursuant to Section 551.045 of the Texas Government Code and in accordance with the March 16, 2020 order by the Governor of the State of Texas.

The meeting notice, agenda and agenda packet were posted online at www.gonzales.texas.gov.

In accordance with Governor Abbott’s Executive Order 29 issued on July 2, 2020 every person attending the meeting shall wear a face covering over the nose and mouth unless the person is under 10 years of age or has a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering.

On March 16, 2020, Governor Abbott suspended several provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act for the duration of his statewide declaration of disaster, including the new requirement (added by H.B. 2840 last legislative session) that the public has a right to speak on agenda items. This DOES NOT apply to statutorily mandated public hearings, such as zoning and similar hearings. The Governor has since clarified his intent and stated that citizens should be allowed to offer comments by other means.

In person attendance by the public will be limited to 14 which is 50% capacity of the room less Council Members and required staff and should be separated by at least six (6) feet from other groups attending the meeting together. A temporary suspension of certain provisions of the Open Meetings Act to allow telephone or videoconference public meetings has been granted by Governor Greg Abbott. These actions are being taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into a group setting and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code.

Citizens wishing to offer comments on the posted agenda items may email their comments at least two hours prior to the start of the meeting and the comments will be read into the record during the time allocated for citizen comments. Emails may be sent to citysecretary@gonzales.texas.gov and must include the name of the citizen.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Kacir called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and a quorum was certified.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Connie L. Kacir	Mayor	Present in person
Gary Schroeder	Council Member, District 1	Present in person
Tommy Schurig	Council Member, District 2	Present in person
Bobby O’Neal	Council Member, District 3	Present in person
Robert R. Brown, Jr.	Council Member, District 4	Present in person

STAFF PARTICIPATING:

City Attorney Dan Santee, City Manager Tim Patek, Finance Director Laura Zella, Main Street Manager Liz Reiley, City Engineer Keith Schauer Revenue Collections Supervisor Micaela Estrada and Police Chief Tim Crow.

CITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Announcements of upcoming City Events
- Announcements and recognitions by the City Manager
- Announcements and recognitions by the Mayor
Mayor Kacir commented on the availability of the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Recognition of actions by City employees
Chief Crow presented Officer Marisol Sanchez with a letter of commendation.
- Recognition of actions by community volunteers

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

No comments were made.

PROCLAMATION

- 1.1 Mayor Kacir read the proclamation for Fair Housing Month
- 1.2 Mayor Kacir read the proclamation for National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month
- 1.2 Mayor Kacir read the proclamation for Volunteer Month

PRESENTATIONS

- 2.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-24** Acknowledging Receipt and Presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending September 31, 2020

Jon Watson of BrooksWatson & Co presented a detailed summary of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending September 31, 2020.

ACTION: Item 2.1

APPROVED

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve **Resolution #2021-24**. Council Member Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 2.2 Presentation and Discussion from NewGen Strategies & Solutions on the results of the Electric, Water, and Wastewater Rate Study

Chris Ekrut of NewGen Strategies & Solutions, LLC presented the results of the Electric, Water and Wastewater Rate Study.

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 a Councilmember.

- 3.1 **Minutes** - Approval of the minutes for the March 11, 2021 Regular Meeting and the March 15, 2021 Special Meeting
- 3.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-25** Awarding the Contract for to Doucet and Associates for Engineering Services Competitively Procured for the TX CDBG Main Street Sidewalk Grant, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$70,000
- 3.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-26** Authorizing the Temporary Closure of Certain City Streets, Use of City Property and the Sale and Consumption of Alcohol on City Property for the Come & Take It Celebration on October 1, 2 and 3, 2021

ACTION: Items 3.1 to 3.3

APPROVED

Council Member Schurig moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Council Member O’Neal seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

ACTION ITEMS

- 4.1 Discussion and Direction from City Council regarding the Gonzales Little League Contract

The City Council discussed the information that was provided from the Little League recommended that the board have until April 15th to provide supplemental information to include more detailed financials and certificate of insurance.

- 4.2 Discussion and Direction from City Council regarding the opening of the public swimming pool and holding the Summer Youth Program

City Manager Tim Patek asked direction regarding opening The City Council was in agreement that the swimming pool would be opened this summer and that Thrive would be providing the Summer Youth Program for the children at \$10.00 per child per week.

- 4.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-27** Appointing members to the Redistricting Commission

Council member O’Neal selected Isaac Anzaldua for District 3; Council member Schroeder selected Caitlyn Boscamp for District 1; Council member Schurig selected David Tucz for District 2; Council member Brown selected Noel Reese for District 4 and Mayor Kacir selected Felipe Leon as an at large appointment who is also from District 4.

ACTION: Items 4.3

APPROVED

Council Member O’Neal moved to approve Approving **Resolution #2021-27** Appointing members to the Redistricting Commission. Council Member Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

5.1 Financial Report for the month of March 2021 and update on COVID Relief Grant and American Rescue Plan

Finance Director Laura Zella provided a detailed financial report regarding the COVID Relief Grant and American Rescue Plan.

5.2 City Manager, Tim Patek provided an update to the City Council on the following:

- LCRA Steps Forward
- Paddling Trail dock
- Jim Price Clean-Up
- LCRA Transmission Line Replacement

CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION:

The Council convened into closed session at 7:27 p.m.

6.1(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.) Existing and future water rights and sources

(2) Pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Gonzales will consult in closed session 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:

- a.) Consider an offer to purchase unopened streets in the Original Out Town of Gonzales, East of Water street adjacent to Lots 27 and 28, Range 13 and Lots 25-28, Range 14
- b.) Purchase of real property

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Council convened into open session at 8:33 p.m.

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

No action was taken.

CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on a future City Council agenda
- Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers

- City and community events attended and to be attended
- Continuing education events attended and to be attended

ADJOURN

On a motion by Council Member O'Neal and second by Council Member Schroeder, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Approved this 13th day of May, 2021.



City Secretary



Connie Kacir, Mayor