

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

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on **July 8, 2021** at 6:06 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. The meeting notice, agenda and agenda packet were posted online at www.gonzales.texas.gov.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Kacir called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. and a quorum was certified.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Connie L. Kacir	Mayor	Present in person
Joseph Kridler	Council Member, District 1	Present in person
Sherri Koepf	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, EDC Director Jennifer Kolbe, Museum Director Gary Schurig 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
- Recognition of actions by City employees
- Recognition of actions by community volunteers

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

Barbara Crozier spoke on behalf and in favor of agenda item 3.4 regarding Laurel Ridge Antiques.

Kay Bakken and Margie Kacir spoke regarding the improvements needed at the Eggleston House.

Serena Gammons spoke regarding a utility bill issue.

Barbara Crozier invited Council to the Crystal Theater’s event at the amphitheater on July 23rd and 24th.

The Mayor read three emails regarding the Eggleston House from Betty Vaughan, Jean Burns and Susan Ward.

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.

- 1.1 **Minutes** - Approval of the minutes for the June 10, 2021 Regular Meeting, June 24, 2021 Special Meeting and the June 29, 2021 Special Meeting
- 1.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-48** Approving A Type B Economic Development Agreement by and between the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and Laurel Ridge Designs, Inc., a Texas Corporation, Authorized Pursuant to Section 505.158 of the Texas Local Government Code-**SECOND READING**

ACTION: Items 1.1

APPROVED

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

ACTION ITEMS

- 2.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-55** Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Enter into an Agreement for Professional Auditing Services with ABIP, PC.

ACTION: Items 2.1

APPROVED

Council Member Brown moved to approve **Resolution #2021-55** Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Enter into an Agreement for Professional Auditing Services with ABIP, PC. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 2.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-56** Authorizing Gonzales County Historical Commission the use of Market Square including designated street closures for the Timeline to Texas Independence – Living History event on October 2, 2021

ACTION: Items 2.2

APPROVED

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve **Resolution #2021-56** Authorizing Gonzales County Historical Commission the use of Market Square including designated street closures for the Timeline to Texas Independence – Living History event on October 2, 2021. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 2.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-57** Authorizing Publication of Notice of Intention to Issue Certificates of Obligation to Finance Improvements at J.B. Wells Park

ACTION: Items 2.3

APPROVED

Council Member O’Neal moved to approve **Resolution #2021-57** Authorizing Publication of Notice of Intention to Issue Certificates of Obligation to Finance Improvements at J.B. Wells Park. Mayor Kacir seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Council Member Brown provided an intervening motion to table. Mayor Kacir seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 2.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2021-20** Authorizing the Issuance of up to \$1,950,000 in Principal Amount of City of Gonzales, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021; Authorizing the Sale Thereof Pursuant to a Negotiated Underwriting, a Competitive Sale, or a Private Placement; Delegating Authority to Certain City Officials to Determine the Method of Sale, to Select Underwriters (if the Bonds are to be Sold Pursuant to a Negotiated Underwriting), and to Approve All Final Terms of the Bonds; Approving and Authorizing the Execution of All Instruments and Procedures Related Thereto Including a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement and a Purchase Contract; Authorizing the Preparation and Distribution of an Official Statement, if Necessary; and Containing Other Provisions Relating to the Subject

ACTION: Items 2.4

APPROVED

Council Member Brown moved to approve **Ordinance #2021-20** Authorizing the Issuance of up to \$1,950,000 in Principal Amount of City of Gonzales, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021; Authorizing the Sale Thereof Pursuant to a Negotiated Underwriting, a Competitive Sale, or a Private Placement; Delegating Authority to Certain City Officials to Determine the Method of Sale, to Select Underwriters (if the Bonds are to be Sold Pursuant to a Negotiated Underwriting), and to Approve All Final Terms of the Bonds; Approving and Authorizing the Execution of All Instruments and Procedures Related Thereto Including a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement and a Purchase Contract; Authorizing the Preparation and Distribution of an Official Statement, if Necessary; and Containing Other Provisions Relating to the Subject. Council Member O’Neal seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

- 3.1 Financial Report for the month of June 2021
- 3.2 City Manager, Tim Patek provided an update to the City Council on the following:
- Hydro electric
 - Street improvements to Oakland Ave. and Ridgemont Lane
 - Right-of-way mowing within the city limits

CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION:

The Council convened into closed session at 6:50 p.m.

4.1 (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 settlement structure

(2) 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.

a) City Manager Evaluation

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Council convened into open session at 7:47 p.m.

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

Council Member O’Neal moved to approve a merit increase in the amount of 6.5% to City Manager Tim Patek. Council Member Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on a future City Council agenda
The Council requested that the City Council meetings return to non-COVID protocol meetings.
- 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 Kridler the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Approved this 12th day of August, 2021.



City Secretary



Connie Kacir, Mayor