

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES –AUGUST 12, 2021**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on **August 12, 2021** 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. 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 Koepp	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	Absent

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 Chief Crow provided letters of commendation for multiple city officers, telecommunications officer and other Law Enforcement Divisions in our area
- Recognition of actions by community volunteers

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Kacir administered the Ceremonial Swearing in of Police Officers: Philip Smith, Tracy Moore and Ryan Morales

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

Bill Bob Low spoke in favor of the Feasibility Study for JB Wells Park

Betty Vaughan spoke in favor of repairs to the Eggleston House and Museum.

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.

- 2.1 **Minutes** - Approval of the minutes for the July 8, 2021 Regular & Special Meeting, August 3, 2021 Workshop and the August 10, 2021 Workshop
- 2.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-58** 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 #2021-59** Authorizing the Nomination of Candidates for Positions to be Filled on the Gonzales County Appraisal District Board of Directors
- 2.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-60** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement for Professional Municipal Advisory Services with RBC Capital Markets, LLC.

ACTION: Items 2.1, 2.2 and 2.4

APPROVED

Council Member O’Neal moved to approve the consent agenda items 2.1, 2.2 and 2.4. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

ACTION ITEMS

- 2.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-59** Authorizing the Nomination of Candidates for Positions to be Filled on the Gonzales County Appraisal District Board of Directors

ACTION: Items 2.3

APPROVED

Council Member O’Neal moved to approve **Resolution #2021-59** Authorizing the Nomination of Candidates for Positions to be Filled on the Gonzales County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

RESOLUTIONS

- 3.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-61** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Addendum Four to the Agreement with Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative for the Electric Utility Operations, Day-to-Day Maintenance Services, and Meter Data Collection.

Mayor Kacir requested to move the agenda item to the next regular meeting agenda.

- 3.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-62** 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 1, 2021, through October 3, 2021

ACTION: Items 3.2

APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2021-62** 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 1, 2021, through October 3, 2021. Council Member Koepf seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 3.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-63** Taking a Record Vote on Setting the Preliminary Maximum Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and Scheduling a Public Hearing

ACTION: Items 3.3

APPROVED

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve **Resolution #2021-63** Taking a Record Vote on Setting the Preliminary Maximum Ad Valorem Tax Rate to \$0.3252 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and Scheduling a Public Hearing for September 2, 2021. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 3.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-64** Authorizing and Approving the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation, A Type B Economic Development Corporation and A Texas Non-Profit Corporation, Execute a Farm and Ranch Contract for the Acquisition of Part of Lots 17, 18, 19, Range 2, 3 East. Gonzales County, Texas, and Generally Located at 2521 Harwood Road, City of Gonzales, Gonzales County, Texas, and any and all Real Estate Closing Documents Necessary for GEDC to Acquire Said Property

ACTION: Items 3.4

APPROVED

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve **Resolution #2021-64** Authorizing and Approving the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation, A Type B Economic Development Corporation and A Texas Non-Profit Corporation, Execute a Farm and Ranch Contract for the Acquisition of Part of Lots 17, 18, 19, Range 2, 3 East. Gonzales County, Texas, and Generally Located at 2521 Harwood Road, City of Gonzales, Gonzales County, Texas, and any and all Real Estate Closing Documents Necessary for GEDC to Acquire Said Property. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 3.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-65** Accepting the donation of a Connex Laundry/Washeteria and contents from Mr. Raymond Shumate/Peggy's Horse Blankets for an approximate value of \$15,000.00 to be used at J.B. Wells Park

ACTION: Items 3.5

APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2021-65** Accepting the donation of a Connex Laundry/Washeteria and contents from Mr. Raymond Shumate/Peggy's Horse Blankets for an approximate value of \$15,000.00 to be used at J.B. Wells Park. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 3.6 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-66** Authorizing City Staff to Seek Competitive Bids/Proposals in the manner most advantageous to the City for a Professional Venue Management Company to market the JB wells Park Expo

ACTION: Items 3.6

APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2021-66** Authorizing City Staff to Seek Competitive Bids/Proposals in the manner most advantageous to the City for a Professional Venue Management Company to market the JB wells Park Expo. Council Member O'Neal seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 3.7 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-67** Appointing a Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Gonzales

ACTION: Items 2.3

APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2021-67** Appointing a Bobby O'Neal as Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Gonzales. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

ORDINANCES

- 4.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2021-21** Accepting the resignation of Council Member District 4, Declaring the vacancy, and Ordering a Special Election to fill said vacancy for the unexpired term

ACTION: Items 4.1

APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Ordinance #2021-21** Accepting the resignation of Council Member District 4, Declaring the vacancy, and Ordering a Special Election to fill said vacancy for the unexpired term. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

- 5.1 Financial Report for the month of July 2021 and Quarterly Investment Reports ending 3/31/2021 and 6/30/2021
- 5.2 City Manager, Tim Patek will update the City Council on the following:
- District wide clean-up
 - Hydro electric

CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION:

The Council convened into closed session at 6:52 p.m.

6.1 Pursuant to Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Gonzales will consult in closed session (1) to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; or (2) to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Subdivision (1).

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RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

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

No action was taken following closed session.

WORKSHOP

8.1 Presentation and Discussion regarding Departmental Budget Requests for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2021 Ending September 30, 2022

The City Council and staff deliberated regarding the proposed budget requests for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2021 Ending September 30, 2022

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

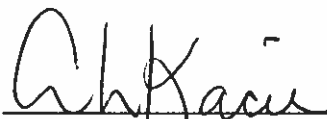
ADJOURN

On a motion by Council Member O’Neal and second by Council Member Koepp the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Approved this 19th day of September, 2021.



 City Secretary



 Connie Kacir, Mayor