

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES –NOVEMBER 18, 2021**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on **November 18, 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 6:00 p.m. and a quorum was certified.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Connie L. Kacir	Mayor	Present
Joseph Kridler	Council Member, District 1	Present
Sherri Koepp	Council Member, District 2	Present
Bobby O’Neal	Council Member, District 3	Present
Robert R. Brown, Jr.	Council Member, District 4	Absent

STAFF PARTICIPATING:

Tim Patek-City Manager, Kristina Vega-City Secretary, Tim Crow-Police Chief, Keith Schauer-City Engineer, Laura Zella-Finance Director, Jennifer Kolbe-Economic Development Director.

CITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Announcements of upcoming City Events Mayor Kacir recognized a job well done for the Veterans Day collaboration and to remind everyone regarding the upcoming Winterfest event.
- 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

Carolyn Morrow spoke on behalf of and in support of the Chamber of Commerce funding agenda item.

Jon Such spoke in support of Chris Brunken serving on the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 1.1 Vince Ortiz, Center Manager for the Victoria College Gonzales Center presented the 2020-2021 Annual Report on the operations of the Gonzales Center

- 1.1 Mark Ince of Southwest Engineers conducted a presentation regarding Pressure Plane Analysis

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 October 14, 2021 Special Called Meeting, October 14, 2021 Regular Meeting & November 9, 2021 Special Called Meeting
- 2.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-96** Authorizing the Use of Independence Square including the Parking Lot, and Designated Street Closures and the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages for the Gonzales Main Street's 2021 Winterfest Celebration event December 3, 2021 through December 5, 2021
- 2.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-97** Approving the 2021 Final Tax Roll for the City of Gonzales
- 2.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-98** Authorizing the Payment of Longevity Pay for Fiscal Year 2021-2022
- 2.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-99** Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Gonzales County Restoration Association for the Pioneer Village Living History Center.
- 2.6 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-100** Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Preservation Gonzales regarding restricted use funds for the Gonzales County Jail Museum.
- 2.7 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-101** Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Gonzales Chapter Daughters of the Republic of Texas for the J.B. Wells House Museum

ACTION: Items 2.1 through 2.7

APPROVED

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve the consent agenda items 2.1 through 2.7. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

ACTION ITEMS

- 4.4 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action regarding policy recommendations from Fire Chief Schmidt for the future position of Fire Chief

Fire Chief Schmidt recommended that the City Council create a Full-time Fire Chief position and that he would be willing to serve until the position is filled.

Council directed staff to post the position internally immediately.

RESOLUTIONS

- 3.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-102** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract with the Chamber of Commerce for the Hosting and Operations of the Gonzales Visitor Information Center

ACTION: Items 3.1

APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2021-102** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract with the Chamber of Commerce for the Hosting and Operations of the Gonzales Visitor Information Center. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 3.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-103** Authorizing Amendments to the City of Gonzales Personnel Manual

ACTION: Items 3.2

APPROVED

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Resolution #2021-103** Authorizing Amendments to the City of Gonzales Personnel Manual. Council Member Kridler 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 #2021-104** Rejecting the proposals received for the 15-Inch Wastewater Line Project and authorizing staff to readvertise the project

ACTION: Items 3.3

APPROVED

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve **Resolution #2021-104** Rejecting the proposals received for the 15-Inch Wastewater Line Project and authorizing staff to readvertise the project. 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 #2021-105** Approving the Purchase of a 2023 Freightliner M106 Cab and Chassis Truck to include an Ox Body Dump Bed with Electric Flip Tarp and authorizing the City Manager to execute the financing agreements

ACTION: Items 3.4

APPROVED

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Resolution #2021-105** Approving the Purchase of a 2023 Freightliner M106 Cab and Chassis Truck to include an Ox Body Dump Bed with Electric Flip Tarp and authorizing the City Manager to execute the financing agreements. 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 #2021-106** Approving the purchase of a 2023 Freightliner M2106 Cab and Chassis Truck with H.D. Industries, Inc. Pro Patcher Pothole Patcher bed and authorizing the City Manger to execute the financing agreements

ACTION: Items 3.5

APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2021-106** Approving the purchase of a 2023 Freightliner M2106 Cab and Chassis Truck with H.D. Industries, Inc. Pro Patcher Pothole Patcher bed and authorizing the City Manager to execute the financing agreements. 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 #2021-107** Casting Votes for the Gonzales Central Appraisal District Board of Directors for the term of office beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023

ACTION: Items 3.6

APPROVED

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve **Resolution #2021-107** Casting Votes for Frank "Bud" Box, Lauren Clampit, Sandra Gordon, Sue Gottwald and Craig Hines to the Gonzales Central Appraisal District Board of Directors for the term of office beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023. Council Member Kridler 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 #2021-108** Approving the 2022 Insurance Provider for Health, Dental, Vision and Life

ACTION: Items 3.7

APPROVED

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Resolution #2021-108** Approving Blue Cross Blue Shield as the 2022 Insurance Provider for Health (Plan Blue Choice MTBCP014), Dental, Vision and Life for 2022. Council Member O'Neal seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 3.8 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-109** Appointing members to the City of Gonzales Boards and Commissions

ACTION: Items 3.8

APPROVED

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve **Resolution #2021-109** Appointing Rafe Jackson to the Gonzales EDC and Chris Brunken to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Mayor Kacir seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: 2. Against:2. The motion failed 2 to 2.

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Resolution #2021-109** Appointing Chris Brunken to the Gonzales EDC and the Planning & Zoning Commission. Council Member

Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 3.9 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-110** Reappointing the Commissioners to the Housing Authority of the City of Gonzales, Texas and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Certificates of Appointment

ACTION: Items 3.9

APPROVED

Mayor Kacir moved to approve **Resolution #2021-110** Reappointing Donna Pick and Humberto Rivas as Commissioners to the Housing Authority of the City of Gonzales, Texas and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Certificates of Appointment. Council Member O'Neal seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

ACTION ITEMS

- 4.1 Discussion and direction from City Council regarding the disposition and potential sale of Surplus Real Property

The Council determined it in the best interest of the City to sell the non-performing assets.

- 4.2 Discussion and direction from City Council regarding the disposition and potential sale of unopened City Streets

The City Council requested City Staff to provide a formal policy regarding the sale of unopened city streets that will be brought back to the City Council for consideration.

- 4.3 Discussion and direction from City Council regarding the starting pay for hourly employees

Council discussed the pay increases that were adopted within the 2021-2022 Budget. No further direction was necessary.

- 4.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action accepting the recommendation of the Redistricting Committee and setting a date for a Public Hearing and Adoption of the final map

City Attorney, Dan Santee presented the potential Redistricting Maps and discussed the responsibilities and progress of the committee.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

- 5.1 Finance Director, Laura Zella provided feedback on any questions regarding:

- Financial Reports for funds as of October 31, 2021
- Cash & Investment by Fund as of October 31, 2021
- Quarterly Investment Report ending September 30, 2021

- 5.2 City Manager, Tim Patek updated the City Council on the following:

- District wide clean-up
- Eggleston House Request for Proposal status
- JB Wells Park Request for Proposal status
- Meter Reader position to be extended until July 2022
- Certified Public Manager training
- Timeline on Capital Improvement Projects
 - Recently Completed Projects
 - Projects Currently in Process
 - Upcoming Projects

CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION:

The Council convened into closed session at 8:51p.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) Gonzales Convention & Visitor Bureau Agreements

(2) Pursuant to Section 551.086 of the Texas Government Code, to deliberate, vote or take final action on a competitive matter related to certain public power utilities:

A) Consider matters related to electric service

(3) 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 lease 54 acres of City owned property located west of the town of Gonzales

(4) 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).

A) Project A

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Council convened into open session at 9:27 p.m.

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

Council Member O'Neal moved to authorize the City Manager to work with an attorney for oil and gas. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

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

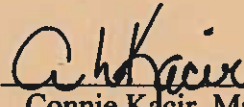
ADJOURN

On a motion by Council Member O'Neal and second by Council Member Koepp the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Approved this 9th day of December, 2021.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary



Connie Kacir, Mayor