

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES –APRIL 14, 2022**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on **April 14, 2022** 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](http://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.

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
Connie L. Kacir	Mayor	Present
Joseph Kridler	Council Member, District 1	Present
Sherry Koepf	Council Member, District 2	Present
Bobby O’Neal	Council Member, District 3	Present
Ronda Miller	Council Member, District 5	Present

**STAFF PARTICIPATING:**

Tim Patek-City Manager, Kristina Vega-City Secretary, Tim Crow-Chief of Police, Amanda Garza-J.B. Wells Park Arena Manager and Laura Zella-Finance Director

**CITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Announcements of upcoming City Events by the Mayor-Independence Relay in coming up at the end of March, Texas Junior High Rodeo in May,
- Announcements and recognitions by the City Manager
- Announcements and recognitions by the Mayor-commended the GEDC on the conference that they hosted regarding economic development
- Recognition of actions by City employees
- Recognition of actions by community volunteers by the Mayor-LCRA Steps Forward, Sesame Club’s Little Free Library that was placed at JB Wells Park

**HEARING OF RESIDENTS**

Amanda Garza-JB Wells Park Arena Manager invited the Council members to the Director’s Dinner for the Texas Junior High Rodeo Association Finals.

Tiffany Hutchinson-Padilla, Main Street Manager spoke in favor of the Tourism Director position.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

- 1.1 Mayor Kacir presented a proclamation for Fair Housing Month
- 1.2 Mayor Kacir presented Hannah Fisher-Klug, Community Engagement Specialist, Sexual Assault Advocate for the Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter, Inc. a proclamation for National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- 2.1 Discussion and possible action on recommendation to the City Council from the Gonzales Convention & Visitor's Bureau regarding amendments to the current job description and other aspects of the position of Tourism Director

Council Member Miller moved to table this item until a workshop could be held between the City Council and the Chamber of Commerce to receive their recommendation on the matter. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Koepp, Miller & Kridler. Nay: Kacir & O'Neal. The motion passed 3 to 2.

- 2.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action Regarding the Disposition and Potential Sale of Surplus Real Property

Council Member Miller moved to table any action regarding the potential sale of surplus real property until additional information is provided. Council Member O'Neal seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

## **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 10, 2022 Regular Meeting
- 3.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-31** Authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the contract with Gonzales Crystal Theater, Inc. for the Operations and Restoration of the Crystal Theatre
- 3.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-32** Authorizing the purchase of a Phase 2-Shade Structure Building for the Police Department in the amount of \$12,329.60
- 3.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-33** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Service Agreement with Gonzales Main Street, Inc.
- 3.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-34** Approving a Performance agreement between the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and the Gonzales Main Street
- 3.6 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-35** Authorizing an Expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 from the Restricted Use Municipal Court Security Fund for City Staff to attend a Court Security Conference
- 3.7 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-36** Approving the amendments to the Bylaws of the Gonzales Main Street, Inc.

- 3.8 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-37** Ratifying the Professional Services Agreement with between the City of Gonzales and SAFEbuilt Texas, LLC to perform Building Official and Inspection Services for the City of Gonzales

**ACTION: Items 3.1, 3.2, 3.4 through 3.7**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Koepp moved to approve the consent agenda items 3.1, 3.2, & 3.4 through 3.7; removing agenda items 3.3 and 3.8 for separate consideration. Council Member Kridler 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 on **Resolution #2022-32** Authorizing the purchase of a Phase 2-Shade Structure Building for the Police Department in the amount of \$12,329.60

**ACTION: Items 3.3**

**APPROVED**

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve **Resolution #2022-32** Authorizing the purchase of a Phase 2-Shade Structure Building for the Police Department in the amount of \$12,329.60. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 3.8 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-37** Ratifying the Professional Services Agreement with between the City of Gonzales and SAFEbuilt Texas, LLC to perform Building Official and Inspection Services for the City of Gonzales

**ACTION: Items 3.8**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2022-37** Ratifying the Professional Services Agreement with between the City of Gonzales and SAFEbuilt Texas, LLC to perform Building Official and Inspection Services for the City of Gonzales. Council Member O'Neal seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0

**RESOLUTIONS**

- 4.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-38** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Addendum One to the Agreement with Frontier Access, LLC (Frontier Waste Solutions) for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services providing for a Residential, Commercial and Industrial Unit Fuel Cost Adjustment increase in the amount of 1.5%

The City Manager requested to move this item to a future agenda.

- 4.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-39** Designating Sage Capital Bank as the City's Depository and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Enter into a Depository Agreement

**ACTION: Items 4.2**

**APPROVED**

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve **Resolution #2022-39** Designating Sage Capital Bank as the City's Depository and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Enter into a Depository Agreement Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 4.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-40** Accepting the Bids and Awarding the Contract for the 2021 Utility Projects to Qro Mex Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$1,073,204.00

**ACTION: Items 4.3**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Resolution #2021-40** Accepting the Bids and Awarding the Contract for the 2021 Utility Projects to Qro Mex Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$1,073,204.00. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: 4. Abstained: Kridler. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 4.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-41** Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Master Equity Lease Agreement, Amendment to Master Equity Lease Agreement, Maintenance Agreement, and Maintenance Management and Fleet Rental Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. to allow for the future lease of several budgeted departmental vehicles

**ACTION: Items 4.4**

**APPROVED**

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve **Resolution #2022-41** Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Master Equity Lease Agreement, Amendment to Master Equity Lease Agreement, Maintenance Agreement, and Maintenance Management and Fleet Rental Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. to allow for the future lease of several budgeted departmental vehicles. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**ORDINANCES**

- 5.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2022-6** Amending the Gonzales Code of Ordinances Chapter 8 Offenses and Nuisances; Article 8.200 Junked Vehicles

**ACTION: Items 5.1**

**FAILED**

Council Member Koepp moved to NOT approve **Ordinance #2022-6** Amending the Gonzales Code of Ordinances Chapter 8 Offenses and Nuisances; Article 8.200 Junked Vehicles. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 5.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2022-7** Amending the City of Gonzales Master Rate and Fee Schedule for Garbage Rates due to Fuel Increase

The City Manager requested to move this item to a future agenda.

## **STAFF/BOARD REPORTS**

6.1 Finance Director provided feedback on any questions regarding:

- Financial Reports for funds as of March 31, 2022
- Cash & Investment by Fund as of March 31, 2022
- Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2021- Informed City Council that the audit will be discussed at the May meeting

6.2 City Manager, Tim Patek updated the City Council on the following:

- Request for Proposal JB Wells Park
- Pressure Plane Analysis
- Hydro-plant
- 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 8:07 p.m.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

7.1 (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).

A) Project A

(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) Oil and Gas Leases

(3) 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) Delinquent Hotel Motel Tax Collection

- AR Guerra Holdings, LLC dba Sleep Inn and Suites

(4) 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) City of Gonzales Electric Utility System-Power Supply and Associated Competitive Matters

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

The Council convened into open session at 8:20 p.m.

8.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action authorizing to negotiate matters discussed in closed session, and/or other actions necessary or recommended related to such discussions in closed session.

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 Kridler, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

  
Bobby O’Neal, Mayor Pro Tem

  
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Kristina Vega, City Secretary