

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MINUTES –SEPTEMBER 1, 2022**

The Special Called Meeting of the City Council was held on **September 1, 2022** at 5:00 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 Sucher called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and a quorum was certified.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Steve Sucher	Mayor	Present
Joseph Kridler	Council Member, District 1	Present
Sherrri Koepp	Council Member, District 2-Mayor Pro Tem	Present
Bobby O’Neal	Council Member, District 3	Present
Ronda Miller	Council Member District 4	Present

STAFF PARTICIPATING:

Tiffany Padilla-Main Street Manager, Gary Schurig-Museum Director, Marty Ficken, Golf Course Superintendent, Ralph Camarillo-Parks Director, Gus Tirado-Building Inspector, Billy Rhoades- Building Maintenance Superintendent, Wade Zella -Fire Chief, Tim Crow-Police Chief, Todd Remschel-Street Director, Nick Deleon-Electric Director, Marland Mercer-Wastewater Superintendent, Ryan Wilkerson-Water Superintendent, Jennifer Kolbe-GEDC, Micaela Estrada-Revenue Collections Supervisor, Amanda Garza-JB Wells Arena Operations Manager, Tim Patek-City Manager, Laura Zella-Finance Director, Kristina Vega-City Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

Casimiro Esparza-Gonzales Mental Health Advisory Board, David Tucey-Edwards Association, and Kari Breitschopf-Gonzales County Senior Citizens Association spoke in regards to requests for funding from the City Council to be included in the upcoming Fiscal Year’s Budget.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Sucher opened the Public Hearing for the following items:

The City Council of the City of Gonzales has approved a preliminary tax rate of \$0.3117, which exceeds the lower of the no-new revenue or voter-approval tax rate, and that if adopted, would increase the total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 2.44% or \$42,034, but would decrease the total tax rate from the preceding tax year by \$0.0135, or 4.15%.

Public Hearing for citizen input regarding the use of City Funds for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023. This budget will raise more total property

taxes than last year's budget by \$42,034 or 2.44% and of that amount \$11,873 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

Public Hearing for citizen input regarding the proposed Rate Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023.

Ed Greer and Thomas Enriquez spoke in opposition regarding the City's proposed tax rate

Dale Schellenberg spoke in opposition regarding the City's proposed tax rate and rate and fee schedule.

Mayor Sucher stated the proposed tax rate and budget will be voted on at the September 8th meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629.

Mayor Sucher closed the public hearings at 5:25 p.m.

WORKSHOP

1.1 Presentation and discussion regarding Departmental Budget Requests for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2022 Ending September 30, 2023.

The City Council and staff deliberated regarding the proposed budget requests for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2022 Ending September 30, 2023.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Council Member O'Neal and a second by Council Member Koepp, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Approved this 8th day of September 2022.



S.H. Sucher, Mayor



Kristina Vega, City Secretary