

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES –SEPTEMBER 8, 2022**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on **September 8, 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.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Sucher called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and a quorum was certified.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Steve Sucher	Mayor	Present
Joseph Kridler	Council Member, District 1	Present
Sherri 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:

Tim Patek-City Manager, Kristina Vega-City Secretary, Tim Crow-Police Chief, Jennifer Kolbe-Economic Development Director, Laura Zella-Finance Director, Todd Remschel-Street Director, Ralph Camarillo-Parks Director, Marland Mercer-Wastewater Director, Billy Rhoades-Building Maintenance Superintendent, Gus Tirado-Building Inspector, Carla Faltisek-Code Enforcement, Wade Zella-Fire Chief, Amanda Garza-JB Wells Park Operations Manager, Ryan Wilkerson-Water Department Director, Nick Deleon-Electric Superintendent, Micaela Estrada-Revenue Collections Supervisor, Tiffany Padilla-Main Street Manager & Caroline Helms-Library Director

CITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Announcements of upcoming City Events-none
- Announcements and recognitions by the Mayor-Mayor Sucher acknowledged volunteer Members of the community and City staff for jobs well done.

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

No comments were made.

BUDGET AND TAX RATE ITEMS

- 1.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2022-15** Approving the Operating Budget for the City of Gonzales and the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2022 and Ending September 30, 2023; Renewing the City's Financial Policy, Investment Policy, and Budget Contingency Policy

ACTION: Items 1.1

APPROVED

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Ordinance 2022-15** Approving the Operating Budget for the City of Gonzales and the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation

for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2022 and Ending September 30, 2023; Renewing the City's Financial Policy, Investment Policy, and Budget Contingency Policy. Council Member O'Neal seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Koepp, O'Neal, Kridler and the Mayor. Against: Miller. The motion passed 4 to 1.

- 1.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action Approving **Resolution #2022-86** to Ratify the Property Tax Revenue Increase Reflected in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget as required by Texas Local Government Code Section 102.007 when adopting a budget that will require raising more revenues from property taxes than in the previous year.

ACTION: Items 1.2

APPROVED

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve **Resolution #2022-86** to Ratify the Property Tax Revenue Increase Reflected in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget as required by Texas Local Government Code Section 102.007 when adopting a budget that will require raising more revenues from property taxes than in the previous year. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Koepp, O'Neal, Kridler and the Mayor. Against: Miller. The motion passed 4 to 1.

- 1.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2022-16** Approving the 2022 Ad Valorem Tax Rate and Levy of Assessed Valuation of All Taxable Property Within the Corporate Limits of the City of Gonzales, Texas

ACTION: Items 1.3

APPROVED

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve **Ordinance #2022-16** Approving the 2022 Ad Valorem Tax Rate and Levy of Assessed Valuation of All Taxable Property Within the Corporate Limits of the City of Gonzales, Texas. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Koepp, O'Neal, Kridler and the Mayor. Against: Miller. The motion passed 4 to 1.

- 1.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-87** Authorizing and Adopting the Investment Policy for the City of Gonzales

ACTION: Items 1.4

APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2022-87** Authorizing and Adopting the Investment Policy for the City of Gonzales. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 1.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2022-17** Adopting the City of Gonzales Rate and Fee Schedule and for various city services; consolidating those fees for convenience

ACTION: Items 1.5

APPROVED

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve **Ordinance #2022-17** Adopting the City of Gonzales Rate and Fee Schedule and for various city services; consolidating those fees

for convenience. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Koepp, O'Neal, Kridler and the Mayor. Against: Miller. The motion passed 4 to 1.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 2.1 The City Council of the City of Gonzales will hold a Public Hearing to review and take input from the public on the benefits and effectiveness of the Curfew Ordinance to determine whether or not it should be renewed

Mayor Sucher opened the Public Hearing at 6:25 p.m.

Chief Crow spoke in favor of readopting the Curfew Ordinance and the effectiveness of the ordinance.

No other comments were made.

Mayor Sucher closed the Public Hearing at 6:28 p.m.

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 August 9, 2022 Special Called Meeting, August 11, 2022 Regular Meeting, August 22, 2022 Workshop & September 1, 2022 Special Called Meeting
- 3.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-88** Declaring Certain City Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of Said Property in the manner most advantageous to the City of Gonzales
- 3.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-89** Authorizing the Use of Independence Square including the Parking Lot, and Designated Street Closures for 2022 Winterfest & Annual Lighted Christmas Parade on December 2, 2022 and December 3, 2022
- 3.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-90** Authorizing the Use of Both Downtown Squares including the Parking Lot, and Designated Street Closures for the new dates of Saturday, April 1, 2023 and Sunday, April 2, 2023 for the Inter-Tribal POW-WOW and Dance Competition
- 3.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-91** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a License Agreement with the Gonzales Youth Sports League

ACTION: Items 3.1 through 3.5

APPROVED

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve the consent agenda items 3.1 through 3.5. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

RESOLUTIONS

- 4.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-92** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Addendum Five to the Agreement with Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative for the Electric Utility Operations, Day-to-Day Maintenance Services, and Meter Data Collection.

ACTION: Items 4.1

APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2022-92** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Addendum Five to the Agreement with Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative for the Electric Utility Operations, Day-to-Day Maintenance Services, and Meter Data Collection. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Koepp, Miller, Kridler and the Mayor. Abstained: O'Neal. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 4.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-93** 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

ACTION: Items 4.2

POSTPONED

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve **Resolution #2022-93** 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. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 4.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-94** Authorizing the City Manager or his designee to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between counties associated with Operation Lone Star for Law Enforcement Services

ACTION: Items 4.3

APPROVED

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Resolution #2022-94** Authorizing the City Manager or his designee to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between counties associated with Operation Lone Star for Law Enforcement Services. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 4.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-95** Authorizing the City Manager to submit, and accept if awarded, an application and associated documents to the Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division, through the Office of the Governor, for up to \$305,870 in Operation Lone Star Grant Funds, for the Purchase of two license plate

readers and camera trailers, wireless mics, one fully equipped truck, and overtime, for the Police Department

ACTION: Items 4.4

APPROVED

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Resolution #2022-95** Authorizing the City Manager to submit, and accept if awarded, an application and associated documents to the Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division, through the Office of the Governor, for up to \$305,870 in Operation Lone Star Grant Funds, for the Purchase of two license plate readers and camera trailers, wireless mics, one fully equipped truck, and overtime, for the Police Department. Council Member O'Neal seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 4.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-96** Approving an Administrative Services Agreement with the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation, a Type B Economic Development Corporation

ACTION: Items 4.5

APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2022-96** Approving an Administrative Services Agreement with the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation, a Type B Economic Development Corporation. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 4.6 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-97** Approving the creation of the Job Descriptions and amendments to the Current Position Classifications for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

ACTION: Items 4.6

APPROVED

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve **Resolution #2021-97** Approving the creation of the Job Descriptions and amendments to the Current Position Classifications for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 4.7 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-98** Authorizing Improvements to the Hydro Electric Dam in an amount not to exceed \$89,905.00

ACTION: Items 4.7

APPROVED

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Resolution #2022-98** Authorizing Improvements to the Hydro Electric Dam in an amount not to exceed \$89,905.00. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 4.8 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-99** Rescheduling the November 10, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting to November 17, 2022

ACTION: Items 4.8

APPROVED

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve **Resolution #2022-99** Rescheduling the November 10, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting to November 17, 2022. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 4.9 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-100** Ratifying the Adoption of the National Management System (NIMS) as the standard for Incident Management

ACTION: Items 4.9

APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2022-100** Ratifying the Adoption of the National Management System (NIMS) as the standard for Incident Management. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. The motion passed 5 to 0.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

- 5.1 Finance Director presented the financials for the month of August 2022.
No questions were asked.

- 5.2 City Manager, Tim Patek updated the City Council on the following:
- District 2 Clean-up
 - 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 6:56 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

- 6.1 (1) 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

- (2) 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) Interpretation of Charter Provisions

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

- 7.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action regarding matters discussed in closed session, and/or other actions necessary or recommended related to such discussions in closed session

Council Member Miller moved regarding closed session item 6.1 (1) (A) to accept City Manager Tim Patek's resignation effective October 7, 2022. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. The motion passed 5 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

No requests or announcements were made.

ADJOURN

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

Approved this 13th day of October, 2022.



S.H. Sucher, Mayor



Kristina Vega, City Secretary