

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES –October 13, 2022**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on **October 13, 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 Sucher 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>
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 Crow-Interim City Manager, Kristina Vega-City Secretary, Tim Crow-Police Chief, Jennifer Kolbe-Economic Development Director, Laura Zella-Finance Director, Todd Remschel-Street Director, Marland Mercer-Wastewater Director, Wade Zella-Fire Chief, Amanda Garza-JB Wells Park Operations Manager, Tiffany Padilla-Main Street Manager, Gary Schurig-Gonzales Memorial Museum Director, Erica Leopold- Administrative Assistant & Gayle Autry-Police Assistant Chief.

**CITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Announcements of upcoming City Events- Airport Board hosting the Come & Take It Fly In on October 22, 2022 10am-2pm, Main Street co-hosting with Gonzales Ministerial Alliance The Happy Fall Y'all on October 29, 2022, Rededication of the Memorial Museum Reflection Pond and Improvements to the Eggleston House on Friday December 2, 2022.
- Announcements and recognitions by the Interim City Manager- None
- Announcements and recognitions by the Mayor- Mayor Sucher acknowledged volunteer Members of the community and City staff for jobs well done.
- Recognitions of actions by community volunteers- National Night Out

**HEARING OF RESIDENTS**

Bob Burchard, Connie Dolezal, and Dee Sengelmann spoke regarding the Butterfly Garden.

Daisy Scheske Freeman spoke regarding Come & Take It and gave thanks to The City of Gonzales for assistance.

David Tucz spoke regarding Dr. MLK March on January 16<sup>th</sup>

Lew Cohn spoke regarding the lack of cell service during the Come & Take It Event and the need for the city to have better service during large events.

#### **PRESENTATION**

- 1.1 Vince Ortiz, Center Manager will provide the Victoria College 2021-2022 Annual Report to the Gonzales City Council on the operations of the Gonzales Center

#### **PROCLAMATIONS**

- 2.1 Mayor Sucher presented a proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2022-October 2022 to Hanna Fisher-Klug, Community Engagement Specialist, Sexual Assault Advocate for Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter, Inc.
- 2.2 Mayor Sucher presented a proclamation for Manufacturing Day-October 7, 2022 to the GEDC, Remschel Customs and Personal Impressions

#### **CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION:**

The Council convened into closed session at 6:51 p.m.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

- 8.1 (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) Discussion on the structuring of the search process to fill the City Manager vacancy

#### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

The Council convened into open session at 7:21 p.m.

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

No action was taken.

#### **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 September 8, 2022 Regular Meeting, September 12, 2022 Called Joint Meeting & September 26, 2022 Special Called Meeting
- 3.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-101** Approving the 2022 Final Tax Roll for the City of Gonzales



- 3.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-102** Authorizing the designation of individuals as authorized signatories and removing all others for all accounts in the City of Gonzales' name with all financial institutions
- 3.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-103** Approving the City of Gonzales 2023 Holiday Schedule
- 3.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-104** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Gonzales Dog Adoptions
- 3.6 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-105** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Friends of Gonzales Animal Shelter
- 3.7 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-106** Authorizing the Expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 to Norma's House, Gonzales Regional Children's Advocacy Center, Inc. from the Restricted Use Municipal Court Child Safety Fund
- 3.8 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-107** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to Execute Contracts between the City of Gonzales and the Gonzales County Mental Health Advisory Board, Inc. and Gonzales County Senior Citizens Association, Inc.
- 3.9 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-108** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to Execute an Agreement between the City of Gonzales and Preservation Gonzales, Inc. for Historical Preservation
- 3.10 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-109** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to Execute an Agreement between the City of Gonzales and Gonzales Crystal Theater, Inc. for Historical Preservation and the Encouragement, Promotion, Improvement, and Application of the Arts
- 3.11 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-110** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to Execute an Agreement between the City of Gonzales and The Edwards Association for Historical Preservation
- 3.12 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-111** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to Execute an Agreement between the City of Gonzales and Gonzales County Restoration Association dba Gonzales Pioneer Village for Historical Preservation
- 3.13 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-112** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to Execute an Agreement between the City of Gonzales and Gonzales Chapter Daughters of the Republic of Texas for Historical Preservation

- 3.14 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-113** Approving a termination of original agreement by and between the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and Arberia, LLC, a Texas Limited Liability Company, DBA La Bella Tavola, Come and Take It Bar and Grill
- 3.15 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-114** Approving a Performance agreement between the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and the Gonzales Main Street
- 3.16 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-115** Approving a Performance Agreement by and between the City of Gonzales, Texas, and Gonzales Economic Development Corporation concerning upgrades to the Gonzales Memorial Museum, generally located at 414 Smith Street
- 3.17 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-116** Accepting the Proposals and Awarding the Contract for the Gonzales Memorial Museum Restoration Underground Crawlspace Project to Hodges Construction Services
- 3.18 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-117** Approving a Type B Economic Development Agreement by and Between the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and City of Gonzales, Texas, authorized pursuant to section 505.158 of the Texas Local Government Code for the matching grant moneys for the EDC Water Tower Project in the amount of \$84,000.00

**ACTION: Items 3.1 through 3.18**

**APPROVED**

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve the consent agenda items 3.1 through 3.18. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- 4.1 Discussion, Consideration and recommendations to provide direction to staff regarding the Butterfly Garden improvements and downtown beautification.

The City Council engaged in discussions regarding the Butterfly Garden and downtown beautification and the many options provided. The City Council's consensus was that they desired the original proposal that was presented at the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting to be re-represented at the November meeting for a final vote on the proposal before moving forward with any other plans.

**RESOLUTIONS**

- 5.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-118** Rescheduling the January 12, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting to another date in January 2023

**ACTION: Items 5.1**

**APPROVED**

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve **Resolution #2022-118** Rescheduling the January 12, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting to another date in January 2023. Council



Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 5.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-119** Authorizing the Purchase of a Fire Engine and Related Equipment for the Fire Department and Authorizing the Interim City Manager to Execute the Purchase Agreement and all necessary documents

**ACTION: Items 5.2**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Resolution #2022-119** Authorizing the Purchase of a Fire Engine and Related Equipment for the Fire Department and Authorizing the Interim City Manager to Execute the Purchase Agreement and all necessary documents. Council Member O'Neal seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 5.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-120** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the financing agreements with Kinloch Equipment and Supply, Inc. for the Mile after Mile Lease Proposal of a 2023 Freightliner M-2 106 Non-CDL Broom Bear Street Sweeper

**ACTION: Items 5.3**

**APPROVED**

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve **Resolution #2022-120** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the financing agreements with Kinloch Equipment and Supply, Inc. for the Mile after Mile Lease Proposal of a 2023 Freightliner M-2 106 Non-CDL Broom Bear Street Sweeper. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 5.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-121** Accepting the Proposals and Awarding the Contract for the 2021 Sidewalk Improvement Plans to Diamond X Contracting, Inc

**ACTION: Items 5.4**

**POSTPONED**

Council Member O'Neal moved to postpone **Resolution #2022-121** Accepting the Proposals and Awarding the Contract for the 2021 Sidewalk Improvement Plans to Diamond X Contracting, Inc. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 5.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-122** Accepting the Proposals and Awarding the contract for the 2022 Street Improvement Plans to Diamond X Contracting Inc.

**ACTION: Items 5.5**

**POSTPONED**

Council Member O'Neal moved to postpone **Resolution #2022-122** Accepting the Proposals and Awarding the contract for the 2022 Street Improvement Plans to Diamond

X Contracting Inc. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 5.6 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-123** Issuing a Change Order to the contract with Diamond X Contracting, Inc. for the 2022 Street Improvement Projects to reduce the amount of the contract by \$504,753.69

**ACTION: Items 5.6**

**POSTPONED**

Council Member O'Neal moved to postpone **Resolution #2022-123** Issuing a Change Order to the contract with Diamond X Contracting, Inc. for the 2022 Street Improvement Projects to reduce the amount of the contract by \$504,753.69. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 5.7 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-124** Authorizing the Appointments and Reappointments to the Airport Advisory Board, Gonzales Convention & Visitors Bureau, Gonzales Economic Development Corporation, Gonzales Golf Course Advisory Board, JB Wells Park Advisory Board, Gonzales Library Board, Main Street Advisory Board, Museum Advisory Board, Planning & Zoning Commission, and Zoning Board of Adjustment & Sign Control Board

**A. Airport Advisory Board**

The following members are appointed to the Airport Advisory Board for a two-year term beginning October 13, 2022 and ending September 30, 2024:

1. James "Steve" Dixon
2. John Coale
3. John Langhoff

The following members are appointed to the Airport Advisory Board for the remainder of a two-year term beginning October 13, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023.

1. Darwood Dupree

**B. Gonzales Convention & Visitors Bureau**

The following members are appointed to the Gonzales Convention & Visitors Bureau for a two-year term beginning October 13, 2022 and ending September 30, 2024:

1. Daniel Garza
2. Denise Bryant
3. LeeAnn Breslaw

**C. Gonzales Economic Development Corporation**

The following members are appointed to the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation for a two-year term effective October 13, 2022 and ending September 30, 2024:

1. Rafe Jackson
2. Elmer Avellaneda
3. Melissa Cowey

The following members are appointed to the Gonzales Economic Development



Corporation for a two-year term effective October 13, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023:

1. Ryan Lee

**D. Gonzales Golf Course Advisory Board**

The following members are appointed to the Gonzales Golf Course Advisory Board for a two-year term beginning October 13, 2022 and ending September 30, 2024:

1. Bill Kessler
2. Debbie Tieken
3. John Hahn
4. Ryan Lee

**E. JB Wells Park Advisory Board**

The following members are appointed to the JB Wells Park Advisory Board for a two-year term beginning October 13, 2022 and ending September 30, 2024:

1. Billy Bob Low
2. Don Pooley
3. Heather Shelton
4. Janelle Trammel

**F. Gonzales Library Board**

The following members are appointed to the Gonzales Library Board for a two-year term beginning October 13, 2022 and ending September 30, 2024:

1. Dorothy Eberle
2. Ida McGarity
3. John Tinsley
4. Swann Reid

**G. Main Street Advisory Board**

The following members are appointed to the Main Street Advisory Board for a two-year term beginning October 13, 2022 and ending September 30, 2024:

1. Adriane Hastings
2. Britney Jones-Caka
3. Linda Brown
4. Jaydin Barfield

The following members are appointed to the Main Street Advisory Board to fill an unexpired term effective October 13, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023:

1. Kayla Craven
2. Joey Moss

**H. Museum Advisory Board**

The following members are appointed to the Museum Advisory Board for a two-year term beginning October 13, 2022 and ending September 30, 2024:

1. Terry Crisp
2. Denise Bryant
3. Rose Ruiz Jones

4. Joey Moss

**I. Planning & Zoning Commission**

The following members are appointed to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a two year term beginning October 13, 2022 and ending September 30, 2024:

1. Paul Neuse
2. Tom Tiller
3. Pedro DeLuna III

The following members are appointed to the Planning & Zoning Commission for the remainder of a two-year term beginning on October 13, 2022 and ending on September 30, 2023

1. Rose Ruiz Jones

**J. Zoning Board of Adjustment and Sign Control Board**

The following members are appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment & Sign Control Board for a two-year term beginning October 13, 2022 and ending September 30, 2024:

1. Richard Crozier
2. Johnnie Edwards
3. Pat Mosher (Alternate I)

The following members are appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment & Sign Control Board to fill an unexpired term effective October 13, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023:

1. Vacant
2. Vacant (Alternate II)

**ACTION: Items 5.7**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Resolution #2022-124** Authorizing the Appointments and Reappointments to the Airport Advisory Board, Gonzales Convention & Visitors Bureau, Gonzales Economic Development Corporation, Gonzales Golf Course Advisory Board, JB Wells Park Advisory Board, Gonzales Library Board, Main Street Advisory Board, Museum Advisory Board, Planning & Zoning Commission, and Zoning Board of Adjustment & Sign Control Board. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 5.8 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-125** Authorizing the Gonzales Junior High Athletics the Permission to close the 400 Block of St. Paul Street, and 400 Block of Smith Street and Hold the GJHS Veteran's Day Color Run/Walk on November 11, 2022

**ACTION: Items 5.8**

**APPROVED**

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve **Resolution #2022-125** Authorizing the Gonzales Junior High Athletics the Permission to close the 400 Block of St. Paul Street, and 400 Block of Smith Street and Hold the GJHS Veteran's Day Color Run/Walk on



November 11, 2022. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 5.9 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-126** Authorizing JB Wells staff to organize and hold a Spooky Trail Event on Santa Anna Mound on October 28-30, 2022

**ACTION: Items 5.9**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Resolution #2022-126** Authorizing JB Wells staff to organize and hold a Spooky Trail Event on Santa Anna Mound on October 28-30, 2022. Council Member O'Neal seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**ORDINANCES**

- 6.1 Public Hearing, Discussion & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2022-18** Readopting the Curfew for Minors Ordinance Article 8.500 of the City of Gonzales Code of Ordinances

**ACTION: Items 6.1**

**APPROVED**

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve **Ordinance #2022-18** Readopting the Curfew for Minors Ordinance Article 8.500 of the City of Gonzales Code of Ordinances. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 6.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2022-19** Approving a Budget Amendment to the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2021 and Ending September 30, 2022; General Fund: Moving Funds from Non Departmental to Main Street for \$13,047 in Expenses

**ACTION: Items 6.2**

**APPROVED**

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve **Ordinance #2022-19** Approving a Budget Amendment to the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2021 and Ending September 30, 2022; General Fund: Moving Funds from Non Departmental to Main Street for \$13,047 in Expenses. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 6.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2022-20** Amending Article 9.300 Boards, Commissions and Committees; Section 9.303 Gonzales Convention and Visitor Bureau (c) Membership reducing the number of board members from 9 to 7 and (d) Term to remove the month of appointment.

**ACTION: Items 6.3**

**APPROVED**

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve **Ordinance #2022-20** Amending Article 9.300 Boards, Commissions and Committees; Section 9.303 Gonzales Convention and Visitor Bureau (c) Membership reducing the number of board members from 9 to 7 and (d) Term to remove the month of appointment. Council Member Miller seconded the

motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

### **STAFF/BOARD REPORTS**

7.1 Finance Director provided the Financial Report for the month of September 2022. No questions were asked regarding the report.

7.2 Interim City Manager, Tim Crow updated the City Council on the following:

- District 2 Clean-up
- National Night Out
- Timeline on Capital Improvement Projects
  - Recently Completed Projects
  - Projects Currently in Process
  - Upcoming Projects

### **CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Requests by Mayor and Council Members for items on a future City Council agenda
- Announcements by Mayor and Council Members
- 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 O'Neal and second by Council Member Kridler, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022.

  
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Kristina Vega, City Secretary

  
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Mayor, S.H. Sucher