

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

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on **December 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](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, Alexis Cerda-Administrative Assistant to the Economic Development Director, Laura Zella-Finance Director, Erica Leopold-Administrative Assistant & Gayle Autry-Interim Police Chief.

**CITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Announcements of upcoming City Events- None
- 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 for Winterfest
- Recognitions of actions by community volunteers-None

**HEARING OF RESIDENTS**

Dr. Koerner requested and spoke in favor of an increase in funding to the Gonzales Dog Adoptions contract that was previously approved.

Thomas Enriquez commended the Parks Department on the appearance of the parks, and in favor of creating a Tejano Mural within the City to recognize the Texian Army and their history for the City of Gonzales

**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.

**1.1 Minutes - Approval of the minutes for the November 17, 2022 Regular Meeting**

- 1.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-139** Approving a Grazing Lease between the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and Bobby Tomas for property located at 2521 Harwood Road
- 1.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-140** Renewing the Gonzales Economic Development Corporations membership to the Texas ED Connection
- 1.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-141** Rejecting the Proposals received for the 2022 Street Improvement Projects

**ACTION: Items 1.1 through 1.4**

**APPROVED**

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve the consent agenda items 1.1 through 1.4. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION:**

The Council convened into closed session at 6:07 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

- 4.1 (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) Existing and future water rights and sources

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

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

No action was taken.

**ORDINANCES**

- 2.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2022-23** Approving a Budget Amendment to the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2022 and Ending September 30, 2023 for Gonzales Economic Development Fund for \$325,000.00 in Expenses

**ACTION: Items 2.1**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Ordinance #2022-23** Approving a Budget Amendment to the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2022 and Ending September 30, 2023 for Gonzales Economic Development Fund for \$325,000.00 in Expenses. Council Member O'Neal seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 2.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2022-24** Amending Section 13.207 Meters (d) Tampering With of the City of Gonzales Code of Ordinances

**ACTION: Items 2.2**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Ordinance #2022-24** Amending Section 13.207 Meters (d) Tampering With of the City of Gonzales Code of Ordinances. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**STAFF/BOARD REPORTS**

- 3.1 Finance Director provided the Financial Reports for funds as of November 30, 2022.

No questions were asked regarding the report.

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

- Timeline on Capital Improvement Projects and Departmental Projects
  - Recently Completed Projects
  - Projects Currently in Process
  - Upcoming Projects

**CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION:**

The Council convened into closed session at 7:02 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

- 4.1 (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.

- B) 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 8:15 p.m.

- 5.1 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 O'Neal moved to extend the offer to appoint Tim Crow as City Manager for the City of Gonzales. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Requests by Mayor and Council Members for items on a future City Council agenda

Mayor Sucher asked that there be a future agenda item to form a Beautification Board

- 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 Koepp, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.



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Mayor, S.H. Sucher



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Kristina Vega, City Secretary