

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES –FEBRUARY 9, 2023**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on **February 9, 2023**, 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-City Manager, Kristina Vega-City Secretary, Jennifer Kolbe-Economic Development Director, Laura Zella-Finance Director, Erica Leopold- Administrative Assistant, Marland Mercer-Wastewater Department Director, Amanda Garza-JB Wells Park Arena Manager & Gayle Autry-Interim Police Chief.

Reverend Gary Clack provided the invocation.

**CITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Announcements of upcoming City Events- None
- Announcements and recognitions by the City Manager-City Manager Crow commended the Street Department on a job well done on Stieren Road
- Announcements and recognitions by the Mayor- Mayor Sucher acknowledged volunteer Members of the community for jobs well done for the Martin Luther King Jr. March
- Recognitions of actions by community volunteers-None

**HEARING OF RESIDENTS**

Thomas Enriquez spoke in opposition of the increased rates and fees for the citizens of Gonzales.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM**

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 Item 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 January 19, 2023 Regular Meeting**

- 1.2 Acknowledging Receipt of the 2022 Annual Racial Profiling Report
- 1.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-17** Declaring Certain City Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of Said Property in the manner most advantageous to the City of Gonzales
- 1.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-18** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Jay Hilscher DBA Lone Star Relays, LLC. for the Street Closures, Consumption of Alcohol on Public Property and the Recommendation for Funding from the Gonzales Convention and Visitor Bureau in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the Texas Independence Relay on March 24-25, 2023
- 1.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-19** Ratifying the Change Order Form for the 2021 Utility Improvements adding St. James Wastewater Line Replacement Contract in the amount of \$164,870.76
- 1.6 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-20** Authorizing the Use of Independence Square Including the Parking Lot for the Gonzales Master Gardener's Annual Spring Plant Sale on April 15, 2023
- 1.7 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-21** Amending the previously approved use of Both Downtown Squares including the Parking Lots, and Designated Street Closures for Saturday, April 1, 2023 and Sunday, April 2, 2023 for the Inter-Tribal POW-WOW and Dance Competition
- 1.8 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-22** Authorizing the Use of Independence Square for 2023 Texas Independence Day Toast to Texas on March 2, 2023.
- 1.9 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-23** Authorizing the Use of Independence Square including the Parking Lot, and Designated Street Closures for 2023 Texas Independence Candle Vigil to commemorate the Runaway Scrape
- 1.10 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-24** Approving a Professional Services Agreement to Provide Website Services by and between the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and Insyteful, LLC.
- 1.11 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-25** Approving an Amendment to agreement by and between the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and Renschel Customs, LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Company, Regarding Improvements to property generally located at 925 Oilpatch Lane, City of Gonzales, Texas
- 1.12 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-26** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Amended Agreement for Election Services with the Elections Administrator of Gonzales County for the May 6, 2023 General Election

- 1.13 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2023-3** Amending the City of Gonzales' Election Ordinances and Notice to reflect a change in polling locations for Election Day from four precincts to a consolidated precinct located at the Randle Rather Bldg., (427 St. George, STE 100)

**ACTION: Items 1.1 through 1.13**

**APPROVED**

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve the consent agenda Item 1.1 through 1.13. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**RESOLUTIONS**

- 2.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-27** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for Grant Administration Services for the Texas CDBG-MIT Regional Mitigation Program's Method of Distribution Development (CDBG-MIT-MOD) Grant

**ACTION: Item 2.1**

**APPROVED**

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve **Resolution #2023-27** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for Grant Administration Services with Jet Development, LLC. for the Texas CDBG-MIT Regional Mitigation Program's Method of Distribution Development (CDBG-MIT-MOD) Grant. Council Member Kridler 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 **Resolution #2023-28** Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Enter into an Agreement for Engineering Services for the Texas CDBG-MIT Regional Mitigation Program's Method of Distribution Development (CDBG-MIT-MOD) Grant

**ACTION: Item 2.2**

**APPROVED**

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve **Resolution #2023-28** Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Enter into an Agreement for Engineering Services with Doucet & Associates, Inc. for the Texas CDBG-MIT Regional Mitigation Program's Method of Distribution Development (CDBG-MIT-MOD) Grant. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 2.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-29** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for Grant Administration Services for the Texas General Land Office ("GLO") Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT), Resilient Communities Program

**ACTION: Item 2.3**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2023-29** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for Grant Administration Services with Jet Development, LLC. for the Texas General Land Office (“GLO”) Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT), Resilient Communities Program. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 2.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-30** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a Bid Proposal for Gonzales to Host the Texas Junior High Rodeo Association State Finals for a Period of Five Years; Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate the Contract Terms if Awarded the Bid

**ACTION: Item 2.4**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Resolution #2023-30** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a Bid Proposal for Gonzales to Host the Texas Junior High Rodeo Association State Finals for a Period of Five Years; Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate the Contract Terms if Awarded the Bid. Council Member O’Neal seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 2.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-31** Approving the Lease Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. for the lease of several budgeted vehicles and authorizing the City Manager to execute said agreements

**ACTION: Item 2.5**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2023-31** Approving the Lease Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. for the lease of several budgeted vehicles and authorizing the City Manager to execute said agreements. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 2.6 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-32** Approving Changes to the Building Official and Code Compliance Officer Job Descriptions and Current Position Classifications for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

**ACTION: Item 2.6**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Resolution #2023-32** Approving Changes to the Building Official and Code Compliance Officer Job Descriptions and Current Position Classifications for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Council Member O’Neal seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

## **ORDINANCE**

- 3.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2023-4** Amending Article 8.300 Noise of the City of Gonzales Code of Ordinances

### **ACTION: Item 3.1**

### **APPROVED**

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Ordinance #2023-4** Amending Article 8.300 Noise 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.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- 4.1 Discussion, consideration and Council direction regarding the creation of a Beautification & Design Board

Staff and City Council engaged in discussions regarding the creation and possibly functions of a Beautification & Design Board. The Council was in agreement to create the board and requested staff to bring the creation back to the City Council at the March 9, 2023 meeting.

## **STAFF/BOARD REPORTS**

- 5.1 Finance Director Zella provided the Financial Reports for funds as of January 31, 2023, Cash & Investment by Fund as of December 31, 2022 and Quarterly Investment Report Ending December 31, 2022

No questions were asked regarding the report.

- 5.2 City Manager, Tim Crow provided a brief update the City Council on the following:

- Timeline on Capital Improvement Projects and Departmental Projects
  - Recently Completed Projects-Sarah Dewitt water line
  - Projects Currently in Process-Texas Heroes Square and St. James Improvements, St. James Wastewater line improvements, Museum Crawlspace should be completed by March 3, 2023.
  - Upcoming Projects

## **CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Requests by Mayor and Council Members for Item 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 Miller, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary



Mayor, S.H. Sucher