

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES - MAY 11, 2023**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on **May 11, 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 PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE**

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	Outgoing-Council Member, District 3	Present
Ronda Miller	Council Member, District 4	Present
Lorenzo Hernandez	Incoming-Council Member, District 3	Present

**STAFF PARTICIPATING:**

Tim Crow-City Manager, Kristina Vega-City Secretary, Laura Zella-Finance Director, Tammy West-Police Lt., Gayle Autry-Police Chief, Erica Leopold-Administrative Assistant, Todd Remschel-Street Director & Tiffany Hutchinson-Padilla-Main Street Director.

**CITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Announcements of upcoming City Events-Mayor Sucher reminded the community of the Summer Youth Program
- Announcements and recognitions by the City Manager- City Manager acknowledged city staff and communities hard work and job well done on storm clean up response.
- Announcements and recognitions by the Mayor- Mayor Sucher acknowledged volunteer members of the community for jobs well done.
- Recognition of actions by City employees-None
- Recognition of actions by community volunteers-None

**HEARING OF RESIDENTS**

None

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- 1.1 Mayor Sucher conducted the Ceremonial Swearing In of Police Officer: Alejandro Silvestre
- 1.2 Main Street Director-Tiffany Hutchinson-Padilla provided a summary report on the Main Street Now training she recently attended in Baston to included information regarding downtown housing opportunities

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- 2.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-58** Canvassing the Returns and Officially declaring the results of the May 6, 2023 City of Gonzales Regular Election

### **ACTION: Item 2.1**

#### **APPROVED**

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve **Resolution #2023-58** Canvassing the Returns and Officially declaring the results of the May 6, 2023 City of Gonzales Regular Election. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Mayor Sucher presented a Proclamation to Bobby O'Neal in recognition of the time on the City Council in service to the community.

- 2.2 Issuance of the Certificate of Election and Swearing in of City of Gonzales  
Council Member District 3: Lorenzo Hernandez  
Council Member District 4: Ronda Miller

Judge Deidra Voigt of Precinct 1 conducted the Swearing in of City Gonzales Council Member District 3: Lorenzo Hernandez and City of Gonzales Council Member District 4: Ronda Miller.

- 2.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-59** Acknowledging Receipt and Presentation of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022

Jeremy Barbatto of ABIP CPA Advisors presented details to the City Council regarding the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022.

### **ACTION: Item 2.3**

#### **APPROVED**

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Resolution #2023-59** Acknowledging Receipt and Presentation of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

## **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 April 13, 2023 Regular Meeting
- 3.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-53** Approving a Performance Agreement by and Between the GEDC and Irons Properties, LLC. -SECOND READING



- 3.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-60** Authorizing Gonzales Main Street's Use of Texas Heroes Square including the parking lot for the Memorial Service & Lowering of the Flag on May 29, 2023
- 3.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-61** Authorizing Gonzales Main Street's Use of Independence Square including the parking lot and designated street closures for the Juneteenth Celebration Event and Lighted Parade on June 17, 2023
- 3.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-62** Authorizing the Gonzales Junior High permission to close the 400 Block of Smith and Moore Street to allow safe passage for their students for the Gonzales Junior High Field Day on May 23, 2023
- 3.6 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-63** Ratifying the Work Scope Change Order #1 for the revision of plans and bid documents for the St. Lawrence Street Project in the amount of \$10,000.00
- 3.7 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-64** Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Pole Attachment Agreement with Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.

**ACTION: Items 3.1 through 3.7**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Koepp moved to approve the consent agenda Item 3.1 through 3.7. Council Member Kridler 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 #2023-65** Accepting the Proposals and Awarding the Contract for the 2022 Street Improvement Projects to Central Texas Site Prep, LLC.

**ACTION: Item 4.1**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Resolution #2023-65** Accepting the Proposals and Awarding the Contract for the 2022 Street Improvement Projects to Central Texas Site Prep, LLC. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 4.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-66** Approving the Event; Application for funding to the Come & Take It Committee in the amount of \$25,000.00 in funding and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement with Gonzales Chamber of Commerce for Funding the In-Kind contributions from the City of Gonzales for the Come and Take It Celebration on October 6, 7, 8, 2023

**ACTION: Items 4.2**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Resolution #2023-66** Approving the Event; Application for funding to the Come & Take It Committee in the amount of \$25,000.00 in funding and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement with Gonzales Chamber of Commerce for Funding the In-Kind contributions from the City of Gonzales for the Come and Take It Celebration on October 6, 7, 8, 2023. 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**

- 5.1 Finance Director provided feedback on any questions regarding:
- Financial Reports for funds as of April 30, 2023
  - Cash & Investment by Fund as of March 31, 2023
  - Quarterly Investment Report Ending March 31, 2023
- 5.2 City Manager, Tim Crow provided a brief update to the City Council on the following:
- Timeline on Capital Improvement and Departmental Projects
    - Recently Completed Projects
    - Projects Currently in Process
    - Upcoming Projects

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

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

### **CLOSED SESSION**

- 6.1 (1) 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) Unopened portion of King Street
  - B) Consider an offer to sell a portion of an unopened City Street
- (2) Pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Gonzales will consult in closed session to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person:
- A) GEDC 3 Acres

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

The Council convened into open session at 8:12 p.m.

- 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

NO ACTION was taken.

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

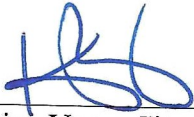
- Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on a future City Council agenda
- Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers
- City and community events attended and to be attended
- Continuing education events attended and to be attended

No requests or announcements were made.

**ADJOURN**

On a motion by Council Member Kridler and second by Council Member Koepp, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary



Mayor, S.H. Sucher