

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES – JUNE 8, 2023**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on **June 8, 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	Absent
Sherri Koepp	Council Member, District 2, Mayor Pro Tem	Present
Lorenzo Hernandez	Council Member, District 3	Present
Ronda Miller	Council Member, District 4	Present

**STAFF PARTICIPATING:**

Tim Crow-City Manager, Kristina Vega-City Secretary, Laura Zella-Finance Director, Tammy West-Police Lt., Gayle Autry-Police Chief, Nick DeLeon-Electric Director & Susan Sankey-Economic Development Director.

**CITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Announcements of upcoming City Events-Mayor Sucher reminded the community of the upcoming events for the community.
- Announcements and recognitions by the City Manager- City Manager introduced the Gonzales Economic Development Director Susan Sankey.
- Announcements and recognitions by the Mayor- Mayor Sucher acknowledged the good job that the Animal Control and Code Enforcement officers are doing.
- Recognition of actions by City employees-None
- Recognition of actions by community volunteers-None

**HEARING OF RESIDENTS**

Deanne Novosad Executive Director of Norma's House, the Childrens Advocacy Center here in Gonzales spoke regarding the services that Norma's House provides to children that are a victim of crime. She thanked the City Council for the funding assistance provided in the past and asked that they consider Norma's House in the upcoming budget process.

Mary Anne MacLean, Chris Weaver, Glynda Christian, Judith Tor and Juliana Hennig spoke on behalf of and expressed their concerns on behalf of the Friends of Gonzales Animal Shelter.

**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 May 11, 2023 Regular Meeting & May 25, 2023 Called Meeting
- 1.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-68** Declaring Certain City Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of Said Property in the manner most advantageous to the City of Gonzales
- 1.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-69** Authorizing the Expenditure in an Amount Not to Exceed \$72,500.00 for the Change Out of Electrical Poles
- 1.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-70** Authorizing the Expenditure in an Amount Not to Exceed \$160,134.00 for the Replacement of Underground Wiring and Pedestals at Independence Square
- 1.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-71** Authorizing an Expenditure in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,500.00 from the Restricted Use Municipal Court Security Fund for City Staff to attend Training related to Municipal Court Security

**ACTION: Items 1.1 through 1.5**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Koepp moved to approve the consent agenda Item 1.1 through 1.5. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

**RESOLUTIONS**

- 2.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-72** Appointing a Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Gonzales

**ACTION: Item 2.1**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Hernandez moved to approve **Resolution #2023-72** Appointing Sherri Koepp as Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Gonzales. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 2.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-73** Authorizing the Gonzales Noon Lions Club to construct a Sunshade at the Splashpad and repair/replace existing playscapes on City property located at the Lions Park between St. Lawrence Street & St Louis Street and approving the City's Financial Contribution to the project

**ACTION: Items 2.2**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Resolution #2023-73** Authorizing the Gonzales Noon Lions Club to construct a Sunshade at the Splashpad and repair/replace existing playscapes on City property located at the Lions Park between St. Lawrence Street & St Louis Street and approving the City's Financial Contribution to the project. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.



- 2.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-74** Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) for the Sale or Purchase of Renewable Energy Credits (RECs)

**ACTION: Item 2.3**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Resolution #2023-74** Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) for the Sale or Purchase of Renewable Energy Credits (RECs). Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 2.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-75** Approving Changes to the Job Descriptions for the following: JB Wells Park, Parks, Street and Solid Waste Departments Equipment Operator I Positions and Building Official Position

**ACTION: Item 2.4**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Resolution #2023-75** Approving Changes to the Job Descriptions for the following: JB Wells Park, Parks, Street and Solid Waste Departments Equipment Operator I Positions and Building Official Position. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

**ORDINANCES**

- 3.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2023-8** Appointing Crystal Cedillo, Gonzales County Tax Assessor-Collector, as the Individual to Calculate and Prepare the 2023 No-New Revenue and Voter-Approval Tax Rates for the City of Gonzales

**ACTION: Item 3.1**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Ordinance #2023-8** Accepting the Proposals and Awarding the Contract for the 2022 Street Improvement Projects to Central Texas Site Prep, LLC. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

**STAFF/BOARD REPORTS**

- 4.1 Finance Director provided feedback on any questions regarding:
- Financial Reports for funds as of May 31, 2023
  - Cash & Investment by Fund as of May 31, 2023
- 4.2 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 6:58 p.m.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

- 5.1 (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

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

The Council convened into open session at 7:27 p.m.

- 6.1 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 Koepp and second by Council Member Hernandez, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

  
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Kristina Vega, City Secretary

  
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Mayor, S.H. Sucher