

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES – JULY 13, 2023**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on **July 13, 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
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, Erica Leopold-Administrative Assistant, Ralph Camarillo-Parks Director, Tammy West-Police Lt., Gayle Autry-Police Chief, Susan Sankey-Economic Development Director, Wade Zella-Fire Chief, & Todd Remschel-Street Superintendent.

**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- None.
- Announcements and recognitions by the Mayor- Mayor Sucher acknowledged city employees and departments for their engagement and events within the community.
- Recognition of actions by City employees-None
- Recognition of actions by community volunteers- Mayor Sucher acknowledged community members that are involved in many positive community efforts.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- 1.1 Presentation from Gonzales Fire and Rescue Station No. 2 Programming and Conceptual Study presented by Brown Reynolds Watford Architects Inc.

Ray Holliday and Sarah Flechter of Brown Reynolds Watford Architects, Inc. provided a presentation of a conceptual Fire Station as a result of an analysis done on the existing Fire Station and the limitations that exist with the building.

**HEARING OF RESIDENTS**

Ralph Camarillo, Parks Director presented a recap of the Summer Youth Program which concluded on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Shea Seip, Gonzales United Soccer spoke regarding the soccer league and requested council's approval of the agreement.

Daisy Scheske Freeman, Come & Take It Committee spoke in favor of the additional road closures for the Come & Take It Celebration.

James Lawrence, Cathey Crawley, Doug Durham, Dave Durham and Caitlin Dempsey spoke in favor of the purchase of the Lynn Theater by Dave and Doug Durham and their group of investors.

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

The Council convened into closed session at 6:55 p.m.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

6.1 (3) Pursuant to Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Gonzales will consult in closed session (1) to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; or (2) to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Subdivision (1) to include the following matters:

A) 510 St. Paul Street

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

The Council convened into open session at 8:05 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.

Mayor Sucher stated that Council has directed staff to continue negotiations with the Durham Group for the purchase of the theater and look forward to a finalized agreement in the near future.

#### **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.

2.1 **Minutes** - Approval of the minutes for the June 8, 2023 Regular Meeting

2.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-76** Approving a Termination of Original Agreement by and between the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and Winbin Ventures, LLC



- 2.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-77** Approving additional street closures for the Come & Take It Celebration on October 6, 7, 8, 2023 to accommodate the expected increase in cars for the Gonzales Classic Cruisers event
- 2.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-78** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a License Agreement with the Gonzales United Soccer Club a division of Lockhart Youth Soccer Association
- 2.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-79** Declaring Certain City Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of Said Property in the manner most advantageous to the City of Gonzales

**ACTION: Items 2.1 through 2.5**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Kridler moved to approve the consent agenda Items 2.1 through 2.5. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**RESOLUTION**

**There was not an Agenda Item 3.1 on the agenda.**

- 3.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-80** Approving Policies and Procedures relating to the naming of parks and trails in the City of Gonzales

**ACTION: Item 3.2**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Resolution #2023-80** Approving Policies and Procedures relating to the naming of parks and trails in the City of Gonzales. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**ORDINANCES**

- 4.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2023-9** Approving Budget Amendments to the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2022, and Ending September 30, 2023; General Fund: \$1,104,915.10 in Expenses and \$1,069,929.10 in Revenue; Water Fund: \$1,158,067.34 in expenses; Electric Fund \$680,830.00

**ACTION: Item 4.1**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Ordinance #2023-9** Approving Budget Amendments to the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2022, and Ending September 30, 2023; General Fund: \$1,104,915.10 in Expenses and \$1,069,929.10 in Revenue; Water Fund: \$1,158,067.34 in expenses; Electric Fund \$680,830.00. Council Member Hernandez 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 June 30, 2023
  - Cash & Investment by Fund as of June 30, 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 8:15 p.m.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

6.1 (1) Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Gonzales will consult in closed session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

A) City Manager Evaluation

(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) Unopened portion of King Street
- B) Consider an offer to sell a portion of an unopened City Street
- C) Discussion regarding the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce Publicity and Tourism Agreement

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

The Council convened into open session at 8:58 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**

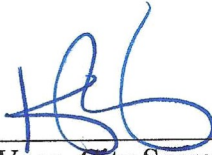
- Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on a future City Council agenda
- Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers
- City and community events attended and to be attended
- Continuing education events attended and to be attended

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 9:00 p.m.

Approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

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Kristina Vega, City Secretary

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'S.H. Sucher', written over a horizontal line.

Mayor, S.H. Sucher