

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – OCTOBER 12, 2023**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on **October 12, 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.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Koepp called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and a quorum was certified.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Steve Sucher	Mayor	Absent
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, Gayle Autry-Police Chief, Tammy West-Police Lt., Tiffany Hutchinson-Padilla-Main Street Director, Amanda Garza-JB Wells Park Arena Operations Manager, & Ryan Wilkerson-Water/Wastewater Director.

CITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Announcements of upcoming City Events-None
- Announcements and recognitions by the City Manager- None
- Announcements and recognitions by the Mayor- Mayor Pro Tem Koepp honored the memory of Gary Schurig and held a moment of silence. Mayor Pro Tem Koepp acknowledged city employees and departments and all that participated in the Come & Take It Event. Mayor Pro Tem Koepp acknowledged the Roberts family and Artist Craig Campobella for the sculpture that was unveiled at the Robert Lee Brothers, Jr. Memorial Library.
- Recognition of actions by City employees-None
- Recognition of actions by community volunteers-None

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

- 1.1 Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2023-October 2023

Mayor Pro Tem Koepp presented a proclamation to the Reagan Thibodeaux from the Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter, dedicating the month of October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

- 1.2 Presentation and Discussion regarding the Beautification Advisory Board Report, presented by Main Street Director, Tiffany Hutchinson-Padilla

Tiffany Hutchinson-Padilla -Main Street Director, introduced Beautification board member Jessica McKinney. Jessica and Tiffany gave a presentation regarding the progress of the Beautification Advisory Board.

- 1.3 Presentation and Discussion regarding water towers, pressure tanks, water wells and underground water presented by Barry Miller

Barry Miller gave a presentation regarding water towers, pressure tanks, water wells and underground water.

- 1.4 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action Regarding the Disposition and Potential Sale of Surplus Real Property

City Council and staff engaged in discussion regarding the disposition and potential sale of surplus real property and requested additional information be gathered and brought back at a later date.

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 September 14, 2023 Regular Meeting
- 2.2 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-96** Approving a Type B Economic Development Project and Performance Agreement by and Between the GEDC and ButlerWood, Inc.-Second Reading
- 2.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-112** Approving the City of Gonzales 2024 Holiday Schedule
- 2.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-113** Authorizing the Use of Independence Square Including the Parking Lot for the Gonzales Master Gardener's Annual Spring Plant Sale on April 13, 2024
- 2.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-114** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a License Agreement with the Texas Junior High Rodeo Association (TJHRA)
- 2.6 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-115** Authorizing JB Wells staff to organize and hold a Spooky Trail Event on Santa Anna Mound on October 28, 2023
- 2.7 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-116** Approving the 2023 Final Tax Roll for the City of Gonzales

- 2.8 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-117** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Addendum Six to the Agreement with Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative for the Electric Utility Operations, Day-to-Day Maintenance Services

ACTION: Items 2.1 through 2.8

APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve the consent agenda Items 2.1 through 2.8 removing Item 2.5 for separate discussion. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Koepp called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 2.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-114** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a License Agreement with the Texas Junior High Rodeo Association (TJHRA)

ACTION: Item 2.5

POSTPONED

Council Member Miller moved to postpone **Resolution #2023-114** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a License Agreement with the Texas Junior High Rodeo Association (TJHRA). Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Koepp called for a roll call vote. For: Miller and Hernandez. Against Koepp and Kridler. The motion tied 2 to 2. Item 2.5 postponed to the November City Council Meeting.

RESOLUTION

- 3.1 Public Hearing, Discussion & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-118** Authorizing the City Manager to Submit, and Accept if Awarded, an Application and Associated Documents to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for \$2,999,400 in CDBG-MIT grant funds for Infrastructure Improvements to Mitigate the Impact of Future Flooding Events

Mayor Pro Tem Koepp opened the public hearing at 6:56 pm. Grant Administrator, Janay Tieken, presented grant details. No further public comment was made. Mayor Pro Tem Koepp closed public hearing at 6:58pm.

ACTION: Item 3.1

APPROVED

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Resolution #2023-118** Authorizing the City Manager to Submit, and Accept if Awarded, an Application and Associated Documents to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for \$2,999,400 in CDBG-MIT grant funds for Infrastructure Improvements to Mitigate the Impact of Future Flooding Events. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Koepp called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 3.2 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-119** Authorizing the Nomination of Candidates for Positions to be Filled on the Gonzales Central Appraisal District Board of Directors

ACTION: Item 3.2

APPROVED

Council Member Hernandez moved to approve **Resolution #2023-119** Authorizing the Nomination of Candidates for Positions to be Filled on the Gonzales Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem

Koepp called for a roll call vote. For: Kridler, Koepp and Hernandez. Against: Miller. The motion passed 3 to 1.

- 3.3 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-120** Rescheduling the January 11, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting to January 18, 2024

ACTION: Item 3.3

POSTPONED

Mayor Pro Tem Koepp announced that **Resolution #2023-120** Rescheduling the January 11, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting to January 18, 2024, will be a no action Item and postponed to the November City Council Meeting

- 3.4 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-121** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Publicity and Tourism Agreement with the Chamber of Commerce for the hosting and operations of the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce

ACTION: Item 3.4

APPROVED

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Resolution #2023-121** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Publicity and Tourism Agreement with the Chamber of Commerce for the hosting and operations of the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Koepp called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 3.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-122** Authorizing the Appointments to the Airport Advisory Board, Gonzales Convention & Visitors Bureau, Museum Advisory Board, and Zoning Board of Adjustment & Sign Control Board

ACTION: Item 3.5

APPROVED

Council Member Hernandez moved to approve **Resolution #2023-122** Authorizing the Appointments to the Airport Advisory Board, Gonzales Convention & Visitors Bureau, Museum Advisory Board, and Zoning Board of Adjustment & Sign Control Board. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Koepp called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 3.6 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-123** Authorizing the City Manager To Execute an Interlocal Cooperation Contract and Lease Agreement between Victoria College and the City of Gonzales

Mayor Pro Tem Koepp announced that this item will be postponed to a later City Council Meeting.

ACTION: Item 3.6

POSTPONED

Council Member Kridler moved to postpone **Resolution #2023-123** Authorizing the City Manager To Execute an Interlocal Cooperation Contract and Lease Agreement between Victoria College and the City of Gonzales. Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Koepp called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 3.7 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-124** Approving Changes to the Current Position Classifications for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

ACTION: Item 3.7

APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2023-124** Approving Changes to the Current Position Classifications for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Koepp called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 3.8 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-125** Authorizing Amendments to the City of Gonzales Personnel Policy

ACTION: Item 3.8

APPROVED

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Resolution #2023-125** Authorizing Amendments to the City of Gonzales Personnel Policy. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Koepp called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0

- 3.9 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-126** Declaring Certain Electric Equipment as Surplus and Authorizing a Sale to Techline Construction, LLC Pursuant to the Existing Agreement in Place between the entities

ACTION: Item 3.9

APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2023-126** Declaring Certain Electric Equipment as Surplus and Authorizing a Sale to Techline Construction, LLC Pursuant to the Existing Agreement in Place between the entities. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Koepp called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 3.10 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2023-127** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract with JET Development LLC in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 for grant administration services for the TXGLO MIT MOD allocation through the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission for funding to be administered through the General Land Office (GLO)

ACTION: Item 3.10

APPROVED

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Resolution #2023-127** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract with JET Development LLC in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 for grant administration services for the TXGLO MIT MOD allocation through the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission for funding to be administered through the General Land Office (GLO). Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Koepp 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 September 30, 2023
 - Cash & Investment by Fund as of September 30, 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

CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Requests by Mayor Pro Tem and Councilmembers for items on a future City Council agenda
- Announcements by Mayor Pro Tem 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 Hernandez, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Approved this 9th day of November 2023.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary



Mayor, S.H. Sucher