

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES – JANUARY 8, 2024**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on **January 8, 2024**, 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:**

Kristina Vega-City Secretary, Laura Zella-Finance Director, Erica Leopold-Administrative Assistant, Gayle Autry-Police Chief, Jason Montoya-Police Lt., Tiffany Hutchinson-Padilla-Main Street Director, and Susan Sankey-Economic Development 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 Sucher acknowledged Marcus Pridgeon for his donation of aerial photos of the City of Gonzales pre-Sarah DeWitt Drive installation and handed the photos over to City Secretary. Mayor Sucher acknowledged the site work that has begun for the Gonzales County Veterans Memorial located on Moore Street. Mayor Sucher gave a reminder of the Dr. Martin Luther King March that is scheduled to take place Monday, January 15, 2024. Mayor Sucher acknowledged the Gonzales Memorial Museum's new Director Roilene Sullivan. Mayor Sucher acknowledged that the cat shelter is now operating under Kingdom Rescue, and they have a new phone number. Mayor Sucher announced that continued conversation has been ongoing for the planning of the 2025 Bicentennial and annual ceremonial March to the Alamo. Mayor Sucher acknowledged touring the Bluebonnet Trails Juvenile Mental Health Facility. Mayor Sucher announced a joint effort Job Fair that will be taking place in Cureo on Thursday, January 11, 2024.
- Recognition of actions by City employees-None
- Recognition of actions by community volunteers-None

**HEARING OF RESIDENTS**

None

**PRESENTATION**

- 1.1 Edwards Association President, Mr. David Tucey will give a presentation regarding the renaming of a city street in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The presentation was postponed until the February 8, 2024 Regular City Council meeting.

### 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 December 14, 2023, Regular Meeting and December 18, 2023, Called Meeting
- 2.2 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action on **Ordinance #2024-1** Ordering a General Municipal Election to be Held on May 4, 2024, for the Purpose of Electing an Individual to the Office of Council Member District 1 and Council Member District 2
- 2.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-1** Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement for Election Services with the Election Administrator of Gonzales County for the May 4, 2024, General Election
- 2.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-2** Approving Changes to the Main Street Manager Job Description and Current Position Classifications for Fiscal Year 2023-2024
- 2.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-3** Approving the Amendments to the bylaws of the Gonzales Main Street Inc.
- 2.6 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-4** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Service Agreement with Gonzales Main Street, Inc.
- 2.7 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-5** Authorizing Gonzales Main Street's use of the Independence Square including the parking lot, designated street closures, closure of the Brickyard Area at Independence Park and the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages for their Annual Star-Spangled Spectacular on July 4, 2024

### ACTION: Items 2.1 through 2.7

**APPROVED**

Council Member Koepp moved to approve the consent agenda Items 2.1 through 2.7. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

### RESOLUTION

- 3.1 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-6** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Purchase Agreement for ERP Pro 10: Financial Management Suite, Customer Relationship Management Suite, Community Development Suite, and Municipal Justice 10 Suite, All Powered by Incode, in the Amount of \$68,400.00



**ACTION: Item 3.1****APPROVED**

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2024-6** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Purchase Agreement for ERP Pro 10: Financial Management Suite, Customer Relationship Management Suite, Community Development Suite, and Municipal Justice 10 Suite, All Powered by Incode, in the Amount of \$68,400.00. 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, Consider and Possible Action regarding the disposition and potential sale of surplus real property

City Council and staff engaged in discussion regarding the properties and the legal processes for potential sale of the properties. Council Member Koepp moved to authorize the City Manager to complete a Request for Proposal for Real Estate Brokerage Services. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 4.2 Discussion and direction regarding the manner and process in which appointments to all City Council appointed boards, commissions and committees will be conducted

The Council engaged in discussions regarding the process for board appointments and were in consensus to leave the process the same.

**ORDINANCE**

- 5.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2024-2** Approving Budget Amendments to the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2023, and Ending September 30, 2024

**ACTION: Item 5.1****APPROVED**

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Ordinance #2024-2** Approving Budget Amendments to the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2023, and Ending September 30, 2024. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 5.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2024-3** Updating and Amending the City of Gonzales Code of Ordinances Article 3.600 Flood Damage Prevention

**ACTION: Item 5.2****APPROVED**

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Ordinance #2024-3** Updating and Amending the City of Gonzales Code of Ordinances Article 3.600 Flood Damage Prevention. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**STAFF/BOARD REPORTS**

- 6.1 Finance Director, Laura Zella will provide feedback on any questions regarding:
- Financial Reports for funds as of December 31, 2023

- Cash & Investment by Fund as of December 31, 2023

No questions were asked regarding the report.

- 6.2 City Manager, Tim Crow will update the City Council on the following:
- Timeline on Capital Improvement and Departmental Projects
    - Recently Completed Projects
    - Projects Currently in Process
    - Upcoming Projects

No report was given.

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

The Council convened into closed session at 6:50 p.m.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

- 7.1 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) Westwood Inn, LLC. Delinquent HOT funds

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

The Council convened into open session at 7:03 p.m.

- 8.1 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. Council member Miller asked that affordable housing, Historical Overlay Ordinance for residential and commercial and updates to codes be brought back at a later date.
- Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers
- City and community events attended and to be attended
- Continuing education events attended and to be attended

### **ADJOURN**

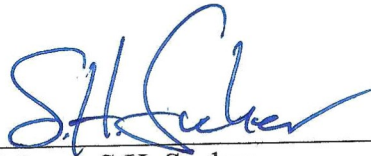
On a motion by Council Member Kridler and second by Council Member Miller, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

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Kristina Vega, City Secretary

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S.H. Sucher' with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Mayor, S.H. Sucher