

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

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on **February 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.

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.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Steve Sucher	Mayor	Present
Joseph Kridler	Council Member, District 1	Present
Sherry Koepp	Council Member, District 2, Mayor Pro Tem	Present
Lorenzo Hernandez	Council Member, District 3	Present
Ronda Miller	Council Member, District 4	Absent

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, Susan Sankey-Economic Development Director, Ralph Camarillo-Parks Director, and Ryan Wilkerson-Water 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 presented the council members with Tea Cakes for the upcoming Valentine’s Day and acknowledged and thanked Mrs. Sucher for making the tea cakes. Mayor Sucher announced attending the Region 11 Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group meeting in early January in Seguin, and acknowledged Gonzales local resident Matt Koone for being voted onto the board. Mayor Sucher acknowledged touring the Bluebonnet Trails Juvenile Mental Health Facility that is being built by the Seguin Juvenile System. Mayor Sucher announced attending a Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority meeting along with City Manager, Tim Crow and acknowledged that a portion of the Gonzales area of the Guadalupe River is a prime habitat for two specific rare mussels. Mayor Sucher announced attending the Gonzales ISD Strategic Vision Annual Followup and acknowledged Dr. A and the entire GISD team for their comprehensive planning. Mayor Sucher gave an overview of all upcoming events related to Texas Independence Day. Mayor Sucher commended Council Member Koepp and Dr. A for their speeches at the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Day Celebration.
- Recognition of actions by City employees-None
- Recognition of actions by community volunteers-None

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

Braxton Zella from the Texas Disposal Systems(TDS) spoke in reference to the upcoming contract renewal to take place in September of 2024, Braxton asked to be have TDS be consider in the competitive bidding process over the current contract that is held with Frontier Waste Solutions.

Mayor Sucher requested to take a minute to have a moment of silence to honor 5 fallen soldiers of recent events: Christopher Chambers- 37, Nathan Ingram- 27, Brianna Moffatt- 23, William Rivers- 46, and Kennedy Ladon Sander- 24.

STAFF/BOARD REPORT

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

PRESENTATION

- 1.1 Edwards Association President, Mr. David Tucz gave a presentation regarding the renaming of a city street in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- 1.2 Frontier Communications VP External Affairs David Russell provided a presentation regarding fiber optic lines on poles or underground to offer advanced technology broadband internet services to subscribing customer homes. Cort Petterson, Director of Operations and Ryan O’Neill, Direct of Operations assisted David with Council Members follow up questions.

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 January 8, 2024, Regular Meeting
- 2.2 Acknowledging Receipt of the 2023 Annual Racial Profiling Report
- 2.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-7** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a License Agreement with the Gonzales Little League
- 2.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-8** Authorizing the City Manager to increase the contract amount for consulting services to Hicks and Company to include the survey of fifteen (15) historic properties, in an amount not to exceed a total contract amount of \$35,000; Revising the Scope of Work and Extending the Grant Period through July 31, 2024

- 2.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-9** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Purchase Agreement for the Purchase of parts and site machine reconditioning of a Klampress Type 8 Size 3 Belt Press for the Wastewater Plant
- 2.6 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-10** Authorizing the Use of Independence Square including the Parking Lot, and Designated Street Closures for 2024 Jingle Mingle, Winterfest & Annual Lighted Christmas Parade December 6 & 7, 2024
- 2.7 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-11** Approving A Type B Economic Development Project and Performance Agreement by and between the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and Gonzales Noon Lions Club concerning upgrades to East Avenue Lions Park, generally located at 1402 St. Lawrence Street
- 2.8 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-12** Authorizing the Use of several City properties for Texas Independence Week activities

ACTION: Items 2.1 through 2.8

APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve the consent agenda Items 2.1 through 2.8. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

RESOLUTION

- 3.1 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-13** Rescheduling the May 9, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting to another date

ACTION: Item 3.1

APPROVED

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Resolution #2024-13** Rescheduling the May 9, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting to May 14, 2024. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

RESOLUTION

- 3.2 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-14** Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Five (5) Year Engineering System Study with Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA)

ACTION: Item 3.2

APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2024-14** Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Five (5) Year Engineering System Study with Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA). Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

RESOLUTION

- 3.3 Public Hearing to Discuss, Consider and Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-15** Authorizing the City Manager to Submit, and Accept if Awarded, an Application and Associated Documents (Updated Uniforms, Dress Code and Equipment Policy) to the Public Safety Office, through the Office of the Governor, for up to \$28,000 in Rifle

Resistant Body Armor grant funds, for the purchase of forty-two (42) Rifle Resistant Body Armor Plates for the Gonzales Police Department

ACTION: Item 3.3

APPROVED

Mayor Sucher opened the Public Hearing for the following item at 7:09 p.m:

Public Hearing to Discuss, Consider and Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-15** Authorizing the City Manager to Submit, and Accept if Awarded, an Application and Associated Documents (Updated Uniforms, Dress Code and Equipment Policy) to the Public Safety Office, through the Office of the Governor, for up to \$28,000 in Rifle Resistant Body Armor grant funds, for the purchase of forty-two (42) Rifle Resistant Body Armor Plates for the Gonzales Police Department

No public comments

Janey Tieken delivered the grant presentation.

Mayor Sucher closed the public hearings at 7:11 p.m.

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Resolution #2024-15** Authorizing the City Manager to Submit, and Accept if Awarded, an Application and Associated Documents (Updated Uniforms, Dress Code and Equipment Policy) to the Public Safety Office, through the Office of the Governor, for up to \$28,000 in Rifle Resistant Body Armor grant funds, for the purchase of forty-two (42) Rifle Resistant Body Armor Plates for the Gonzales Police Department. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Discussion, consideration and Council direction regarding appointing two Council Members to serve on the 2025 Bicentennial Committee

The City Council engaged in discussion regarding the 2025 Bicentennial Committee and agreed to appoint Steve Sucher and Ronda Miller to the committee.

ORDINANCE

5.1 Public Hearing, Discussion & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2024-4** Authorizing amendments to the City of Gonzales Code of Ordinances Chapter 14, Articles 14.201, 14.403 and 14.404 regarding multifamily housing in the Downtown Mixed Use District

ACTION: Item 5.1

APPROVED

Mayor Sucher opened the Public Hearing for the following item at 7:16pm

Public Hearing, Discussion & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2024-4** Authorizing amendments to the City of Gonzales Code of Ordinances Chapter 14, Articles 14.201, 14.403 and 14.404 regarding multifamily housing in the Downtown Mixed Use District

Bryce Cox delivered the staff report presentation.

No public comments.

Mayor Sucher closed the public hearings at 7:26 p.m.

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Ordinance #2024-4** Authorizing amendments to the City of Gonzales Code of Ordinances Chapter 14, Articles 14.201, 14.403 and 14.404 regarding multifamily housing in the Downtown Mixed Use District. Council Member Koeppe seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 5.2 Public Hearing, Discussion & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2024-5** Authorizing amendments to the City of Gonzales Code of Ordinances Chapter 14, Articles 14.406 regarding nonconforming uses and structures; and Sections 14.401, 14.201, 14.403, 14.404, 14.604, and Sections 6.701 through 6.710 regarding mobile food vending and mobile food vending courts

ACTION: Item 5.2

APPROVED

Mayor Sucher opened the Public Hearing for the following item at 7:27p.m.

Public Hearing, Discussion & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2024-5** Authorizing amendments to the City of Gonzales Code of Ordinances Chapter 14, Articles 14.406 regarding nonconforming uses and structures; and Sections 14.401, 14.201, 14.403, 14.404, 14.604, and Sections 6.701 through 6.710 regarding mobile food vending and mobile food vending courts

Bryce Cox delivered the staff report presentation.

No public comments.

Mayor Sucher closed the public hearings at 7:54 p.m.

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Ordinance #2024-5** Authorizing amendments to the City of Gonzales Code of Ordinances Chapter 14, Articles 14.406 regarding nonconforming uses and structures and to table any action regarding Sections 14.401, 14.201, 14.403, 14.404, 14.604, and Sections 6.701 through 6.710 regarding mobile food vending and mobile food vending courts until the March 14, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

- 6.1 Finance Director, Laura Zella provided feedback on any questions regarding:

- Financial Reports for funds as of January 31, 2024
- Cash & Investment by Fund as of January 31, 2024
- Quarterly Investment Report Ending December 31, 2023

No questions were asked regarding the report.

- 6.2 Gonzales Economic Development Director, Susan Sankey provided an update regarding marketing and branding for the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation

No questions were asked regarding the report.

CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION:

The Council convened into closed session at 8:03 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

7.1 (1) 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

(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) Unopened portion of King Street

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Council convened into open session at 8:13 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

Mayor Sucher asked for a motion. Council Member Koepp moved to the extend the purchasing agreement to February 22, 2024. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Koepp, Kridler, and Sucher. Against: Hernandez. The motion passed 3 to 1.

8.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2024-6** Closing and Abandoning to the abutting property owner, Portions of certain unimproved streets lying within the municipal boundaries and authorizing the City Manager to execute the real property contract

ACTION: Item 8.2

APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Ordinance #2024-6** Closing and Abandoning to the abutting property owner, portions of the unimproved King street lying within the municipal boundaries and authorizing the City Manager to execute the real property contract. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on a future City Council agenda. Council member Kridler asked that going put for bids for garbage disposal services be brought back at a later date.
- Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers- none
- City and community events attended and to be attended- none
- Continuing education events attended and to be attended- none

ADJOURN

On a motion by Council Member Kridler and second by Council Member Hernandez, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Approved this 14th day of March, 2024.



Mayor, S.H. Sucher



Kristina Vega, City Secretary