

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – NOVEMBER 14, 2024**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on **November 14, 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	Absent
Mariah Jordan	Council Member, District 2	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, Erica Leopold-Administrative Assistant, Laura Zella-Finance Director, Gayle Autry-Police Chief, Tammy West-Police Lt., Tiffany Hutchinson-Padilla-Main Street Director, Susan Sankey-Economic Development Director, Madelynn Hendershot-Economic Development Coordinator, Misti King-Chamber Operations Coordinator, Molly Manning-Tourism Coordinator and Amanda Garza-JB Wells Park Arena Operations Manager

CITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Announcements of upcoming City Event-Mayor noted the upcoming Winterfest
- Announcements and recognitions by the City Manager-Recognized all hard work being done by the Lions Club and their enhancements to the Lions Park playground.
- Announcements and recognitions by the Mayor-Acknowledged attending the following events: the ribbon cutting for Superior Metal Recycling, and an open house on hazard mitigation. Mayor complimented several department’s staff on the many events that were hosted during he Halloween season, along with the Women Owned Businesses in the down town.
- Recognition of actions by City employees-None
- Recognition of actions by community volunteers-None

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

Glenda Gordon spoke regarding DeWitt Colony Association gift to the City.

Maggie Wills, Misti King, Kerry Hellums, Hannah Rinehart and Barbara Crozier each spoke in favor of Resolution #2024-119.

Thomas Enriquez, Ari Arias and Paul McGloin each spoke in regards to the recall petition.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

- 1.1 Finance Director, Laura Zella provided feedback on any questions regarding:
 - Financial Reports for funds as of October 31, 2024
 - Cash & Investment by Fund as of October 31, 2024
 - Quarterly Investment Report as of September 30, 2024

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

No questions were asked regarding the report

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 Regular Meeting, October 17, 2024

- 2.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-113** Approving the 2024 Final Tax Roll for the City of Gonzales

- 2.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-114** Authorizing the payment of Longevity pay for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

- 2.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-115** Authorizing the City Manager to execute an amended agreement between the City of Gonzales and Preservation Gonzales, Inc.

- 2.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-116** Authorizing the adoption of updates to the City of Gonzales Personnel Policy Manual that bans TikTok and associated applications from being downloaded or used by officers and employees on any government-issued devices, including cell phones, laptops, tablets, desktop computers, and other devices capable of Internet connectivity as well as prohibitions related to City business on personal devices with TikTok and affiliated applications

ACTION: Items 2.1 through 2.5

APPROVED

Council Member Hernandez 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 4 to 0.

RESOLUTION

- 3.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-117** Approving the Lease Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management, LLC. for the Lease of two budgeted vehicles and authorizing the City Manager to execute said agreements

ACTION: Item 3.1

APPROVED

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Resolution #2024-117** Approving the Lease Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management, LLC. for the Lease of two budgeted vehicles and authorizing the City Manager to execute said agreements. Council Member Jordan seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 3.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-118** Approving the 2025 Insurance Provider for Health, Dental, Vision and Life

ACTION: Item 3.2

APPROVED

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Resolution #2024-118** Approving the 2025 Insurance Provider for Health, Dental, Vision and Life. Council Member Jordan seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 3.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-119** Approving the recommendation from the Gonzales Convention and Visitor's Bureau to use local Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds in an amount not to exceed \$303,146.00 for digital mapping of the Gonzales Memorial Museum as Authorized by Chapter 351 of the Texas Tax Code and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with Austin Film Crew, LLC.

ACTION: Item 3.3

APPROVED

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Resolution #2024-119** Approving the recommendation from the Gonzales Convention and Visitor's Bureau to use local Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds in an amount not to exceed \$303,146.00 for digital mapping of the Gonzales Memorial Museum as Authorized by Chapter 351 of the Texas Tax Code and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with Austin Film Crew, LLC. Council Member Jordan seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 4.1 The City Council will engage in discussions regarding Article 12.900 Stopping, Standing and Parking of the City of Gonzales Code of Ordinances

City Council and staff engaged in discussions regarding Article 12.900 Stopping, Standing and Parking of the City of Gonzales Code of Ordinances.

- 4.2 Discussion and presentation of a Recall Petition Submitted by Registered Voters of the City of Gonzales According to Article VI of the City of Gonzales Charter

City Secretary, Kristina Vega, presented a Recall Petition Submitted by Registered Voters of the City of Gonzales According to Article VI of the City of Gonzales Charter. City Council engaged in discussion.

CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION:

The Council convened into closed session at 7:50 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) Discussion regarding the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce Publicity and Tourism Agreement

And

B) Agenda Item 4.2 Recall Petition Submitted by Registered Voters of the City of Gonzales According to Article VI of the City of Gonzales Charter

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Council convened into open session at 8:29 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- none
- 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 Hernandez and second by Council Member Miller, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Approved this 12th day of December 2024.



Mayor, S.H. Sucher



Kristina Vega, City Secretary