

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – AUGUST 14, 2025**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on **August 14, 2025**, 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 Anzaldua called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and a quorum was certified.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Isaac Anzaldua	Mayor	Present
Joseph Kridler	Council Member, District 1	Absent
Mariah Jordan	Council Member, District 2	Present
Lorenzo Hernandez	Council Member, District 3	Present
Harold Strom	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, Victor Izaguirre-Police Lt., Susan Sankey-Economic Development Director, Madelynn Hendershot Economic Development Coordinator, Tiffany Hutchinson-Padilla-Main Street Director, and Todd Remschel-Street Director

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Organizational Public Comment: This agenda item is for the purpose of allowing organizational representatives to make comment.

Barbara Crozier spoke on behalf of the Crystal Theater regarding the Crystal Theater's history and programs.

Lorelle Wright spoke on behalf of the Pilot Club and the programs and projects that the Pilot Club offers and facilitates within the community.

Individual Public Comment: This agenda item is for the purpose of allowing individuals to make comment.

Ronda Miller spoke regarding the tax rate and the Tourism website.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

1.1 Finance Director, Laura Zella will provide feedback on any questions regarding:

- Financial Reports for funds as of July 31, 2025
- Cash & Investment by Fund as of July 31, 2025
- Quarterly Investment Report as of June 30, 2025

No questions were asked regarding the report.

1.2 City Manager, Tim Crow will update the City Council on the following:

- Timeline on Capital Improvement and Departmental Projects
 - St. Lawrence Street Improvements
 - Water/Waste Water project at Stieren Road
 - Bridge Replacement Project

No questions were asked regarding the report.

CITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Announcements of upcoming City Event-Saturday, September 13th Fiesta Gonzales will be at JB Wells, Saturday, September 20th the Makers Market will be at Texas Heroes Square, Saturday, September 27th Ms. Gonzales Pageant is at the Lynn Theater.
- Announcements and recognitions by the City Manager- Recognized Chief Autry, Sheriff Schmidt, DPS and the County of Gonzales and all of the staff involved in keeping our community safe during the Motorcycle Round-up, as well as the JB Wells, Parks, Streets, and Building Maintenance in getting the park in town prepared for the event. Also would like to recognize Marland Mercer and his crew for the infrastructure improvements made throughout this fiscal year, his team has removed and replaced several water and sewer mains throughout the city this year.
- Announcements and recognitions by the Mayor- Recognized all of the city of Gonzales and the work that everyone is doing on their properties and throughout the City.
- Recognition of actions by City employees-None.
- Recognition of actions by community volunteers-None.

1.3 Gonzales Economic Development Executive Director, Susan Sankey provided a summary to the City Council on the Signage Incentive Program and Stand Up Rural America Event scheduled for October 7th and 8th.

1.4 Gonzales County Emergency Management Coordinator, Jimmy Harless gave a brief overview for flooding protocols within the City of Gonzales.

PROCLAMATION

2.1 Mayor Anzaldúa presented a proclamation in honor of Senior Citizens Day – August 21, 2025.

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.

3.1 **Minutes** - Approval of the minutes for the July 10, 2025 Regular Meeting, July 22, 2025 Special Called Meeting & Workshop and July 23, 2025 Workshop

- 3.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2025-78** Declaring Certain City Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of Said Property in the manner most advantageous to the City of Gonzales
- 3.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2025-79** Authorizing the Use of Independence Square including the Parking Lot, and Designated Street Closures for 2025 Santa Arrival, Winterfest Celebration & Annual Lighted Christmas Parade December 5 & December 6, 2025
- 3.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2025-80** Authorizing the City of Gonzales to participate in the National Opioid Settlement Agreements against Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, Zydus; and authorizing the City Manager to Execute Settlement Participation Forms
- 3.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2025-81** Authorizing the City of Gonzales to participate in the National Opioid Settlement Agreements against Purdue/Sackler; and authorizing the City Manager to Execute Settlement Participation Forms
- 3.6 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2025-82** Suspending the August 19, 2025 Effective Date of Texas Gas Service Company's requested increase to permit the city time to study the request and to establish reasonable rates; approving cooperation with other cities in the Texas Gas Service Company's service area; hiring legal and consulting services to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; authorizing intervention in Texas Gas Service's Statement of Intent to change gas utility rates at the Railroad Commission; requiring reimbursement of cities' rate case expenses
- 3.7 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2025-83** Approving the revised Roger M. Dreyer Memorial Airport Hangar Lease Agreement
- 3.8 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2025-84** Authorizing the Expenditure in an Amount Not to Exceed \$137,433.90 for the purchase and installation of three (3) Liberty Reclosers
- 3.9 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2025-85** Authorizing the Expenditure in an Amount Not to Exceed \$68,500.00 for the tear down and inspection of 3 units at the Hydro
- 3.10 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2025-86** Approving the Tax Resale of the Property Located on St. Michael/McClure Street; being all of Lots "A", "B", "F", and portions of Lots "E", "G", and "H", Block 11, Third Subdivision of Lafayette Place Addition

ACTION: Items 3.1 through 3.10

APPROVED

Council Member Hernandez moved to approve the consent agenda Items 3.1 through 3.10. Council Member Strom seconded the motion. Mayor Anzaldúa called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

RESOLUTIONS

- 4.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2025-88** Authorizing the request from The Edwards Association to add the name Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to the existing street, named Robertson Street located between U.S. Hwy 90A and ending at St. Andrew Street

ACTION: Items 4.2

APPROVED

Council Member Jordan moved to approve **Resolution #2025-88** Authorizing the request from The Edwards Association to add the name Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to the existing street, named Robertson Street located between U.S. Hwy 90A and ending at St. Andrew Street. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion. Mayor Anzaldua called for a roll call vote For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 4.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2025-87** Taking a Record Vote on Setting the Preliminary Maximum Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and Scheduling a Public Hearing

ACTION: Items 4.1

APPROVED

Council Member Jordan moved to approve **Resolution #2025-87** Taking a Record Vote on Setting the Preliminary Maximum Ad Valorem Tax Rate at .350 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and Scheduling a Public Hearing on September 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Council Member Strom seconded the motion. Mayor Anzaldua called for a roll call vote For: Jordan, Strom & Anzaldua. Nay: Hernandez. The motion passed 3 to 1

CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION:

The Council convened into closed session at 7:32p.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) Pre-Suit Notice Letter Under the TRCA Regarding Gonzales City Ordinance on Amusement Redemption Machines and Game Rooms

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Council convened into open session at 7:57 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 resulting from closed session.

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 Jordan, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Approved this 11th day of September, 2025.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary



Mayor, Isaac Anzaldúa