

**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2019 MINUTES**

The City Council convened the Council meeting at 6:00 p.m., August 8, 2019, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Connie L. Kacir, Councilmen Gary Schroeder, Tommy Schurig and Dan Blakemore

The following members were absent: Bobby O'Neal.

Others Present: City Manager- Tim Patek, City Secretary- Kristina Vega, City Attorney- T. Daniel Santee

Staff Present: Laura Zella, William Ince, Anne Dollery, Barbara Friedrich, Genora Young, Keith Schmidt, Tim Crow

Mayor Connie Kacir called the meeting to order, gave the invocation, and cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

Daisy Scheske Freeman, Chamber Director, thanked the City Council for allowing the Chamber and the Economic Development Director to work together in order to facilitate the Social Media class.

Randal Thomas spoke regarding IVAC Industrial Systems which is a piece of equipment that he encouraged the City Council and staff to look into for the wastewater department.

OTHER BUSINESS

1.1 Public Hearing, Discussion & Possible Action on **Resolution #2019-67** Authorizing the City Manager to Submit, and Accept if Awarded, an Application and Associated Documents to the Government Land Office for \$852,300 in CDBG-R grant funds for Infrastructure Improvements Related to Damage Caused by Hurricane Harvey and Approving the Citizen Participation Plan, Including Grievance Procedures.

Janay Tieken, Owner and Principle of Jet Development, we have been in business for about 9 years, and I have been writing and administering grants for about 20 years. I currently have a contract with the City of Gonzales for Grant Writing and Administration. The first item I was tasked with was making an application for CDBG Disaster Recovery Funding that the City of Gonzales is eligible for in the amount of \$852,300 for damage that was incurred to the wastewater line infrastructure during Hurricane Harvey. This meeting besides asking for City Council's blessing to submit the application is also the

Public Hearing for any public comment on the application. It has been posted for 30 days, so this is the last step before the submission of the application, so if approved by City Council we will make a few edits based on citizen comments, based on some additional information we have received and the application will be submitted August 31st.

City Manager, Tim Patek stated that the estimate for this project is \$922k and the grant is \$852k, so there is a difference there if we are awarded that.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing.

No comments were made.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve **Resolution #2019-67** Authorizing the City Manager to Submit, and Accept if Awarded, an Application and Associated Documents to the General Land Office for \$852,300 in CDBG-R grant funds for Infrastructure Improvements Related to Damage Caused by Hurricane Harvey and Approving the Citizen Participation Plan, Including Grievance Procedures. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Schurig, Schroeder, Blakemore and the Mayor all voted "aye".

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 Councilmember.

The Mayor read the consent items as follows:

2.1 Minutes - Approval of the minutes for the Regular Meeting of July 11, 2019 and the Special Called Meeting of July 25, 2019

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda item. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the consent items. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Schurig, Schroeder, Blakemore and the Mayor all voted "aye".

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTIONS

3.1, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2019-68** Authorizing a Preliminary Maximum Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2019-20 and Scheduling Public Hearings. We do have the body summary and

comparison of this year's tax levy with last year's tax levy. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Blakemore made a motion to approve **Resolution #2019-68** Authorizing a Preliminary Maximum Ad Valorem Tax Rate of \$0.3380 for Fiscal Year 2019-20. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. City Secretary, Kristina Vega asked before we move forward could we please state the dates of those public hearings for the record. The Mayor stated we have taken action on the item, but now I am going to ask for action to set the schedules for the Public Hearings for August 27, 2019 and September 5, 2019. The Mayor asked for a motion to set those dates. Councilman Schurig made a motion to set the Public Hearing dates for August 27, 2019 and September 5, 2019. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor called for discussion. There being none, the Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Schurig, Schroeder, Blakemore and the Mayor all voted "aye".

3.2, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2019-69** Authorizing Amendments to the City of Gonzales Personnel Policy Manual. Council in your brief we have discussion and supporting documentation for amendments to our Personnel Policy. Fire Chief, Keith Schmidt stated as we talked about in here, we recently changed the introductory period from the year that we used to have, to six months and for our Fire Fighters, we currently have where they work 48 hours and they are off for 96. In a six month period it is pretty hard for us to see how well they would possibly work out. We see them about 10 days a month; in 90 days we see them for maybe a total of 60 days in that first six months. We are struggling really to see these people enough for six months, so we would like to extend it back out to a year; it seemed to work pretty well for us in the past. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve **Resolution #2019-69** Authorizing Amendments to the City of Gonzales Personnel Policy Manual. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor called for discussion. There being none, the Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Schurig, Schroeder, Blakemore and the Mayor all voted "aye".

ORDINANCES

4.1, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2019-16** Authorizing Budget Amendments for the 2018-19 Fiscal Year. We have the supporting documentation on those budget amendments and the background for those amendments. There are a total of six; the ordinance will amend our budget. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Blakemore made a motion to approve **Ordinance #2019-16** Authorizing Budget Amendments for the 2018-19 Fiscal Year. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor called for discussion. There being none, the Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Schurig, Schroeder, Blakemore and the Mayor all voted "aye".

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

5.1, Mayor Kacir stated the Financial Report for the Month of July 2019, Quarterly Investment Report ending 6/30/2019 and Quarterly Debt Report are available for review.

5.2, City Manager, Tim Patek gave the City Council an update regarding procedures and processes for the sale of the Billboard at Victoria College and vacant real property located beside Victoria College, Come & Take It Agreement and District wide community cleanup efforts.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:30 p.m. the City Council moved into Closed Session.

6.1 (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. In Re Estate of J. B. Wells litigation

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 7:05 p.m. the Council returned to Open Session

7.1, Discuss and Consider any action resulting from Closed Session as Necessary.

No action was taken regarding closed session.

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schurig made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Blakemore seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:

