

**CITY OF GONZALES
SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2019 MINUTES**

The City Council convened the Special Called City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m., September 5, 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, Dan Blakemore and Bobby O'Neal.

Others Present: City Manager- Tim Patek, City Secretary- Kristina Vega

Staff Present: Laura Zella, Angie Kessler, Tim Crow, Barbara Friedrich

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, Gonzales Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center, would like to request an increase in Hotel/Motel Tax funding to the Chamber to assist with the operational costs.

David Dement spoke in regards to the safety issue and the need of a sidewalk to be placed on Church Street from St. Andrew to the Wal-Mart or H-E-B and encouraged the Council to allocate money to do the improvement.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor, Connie Kacir Opened the Public Hearing regarding the tax rate.

The City Council of the City of Gonzales has approved a preliminary tax rate of \$0.3380, which exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and that, if adopted, would increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 19.99%.

No comments were made.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing regarding the tax rate.

Mayor, Connie Kacir opened the Public Hearing regarding citizen input regarding the use of City Funds for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020. This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$238,616 or 20.66% and of that amount \$10,032 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

No comments were made.

The City Council will vote on the proposed tax rate at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St Joseph, on September 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing regarding the 2019-2020 Fiscal year budget.

RESOLUTION

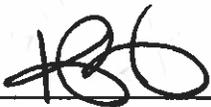
1.1 Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss, Consider, and Possible Action on **Resolution #2019-73** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Frost Insurance Agency to provide Health Insurance Broker Services and other matters in connection therewith. Council in June we requested that staff put out for RFQ for Insurance Broker services for the City of Gonzales. Those have been evaluated; we had five proposals received, Frost Insurance Agency, HUB International, Lockton Dunning Benefits Consulting, FBMC Benefits Management, and Arthur J. Gallagher & Company. Staff has reviewed and scored those proposals and make the recommendation that the City again elect the services of Frost Insurance. We have Justin with us and Council with your permission, I would like Justin to give an overview of the proposal. Justin Clark, Frost Insurance Agency, explained the benefits and resources that the City can take advantage of. He further stated that the 100% contribution for premiums that the City provides for the employees is above the standard for municipalities. Most Cities are at 50-80%. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman O'Neal made a motion to approve **Resolution #2019-73** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Frost Insurance Agency to provide Health Insurance Broker Services and other matters in connection therewith. Councilman Blakemore seconded the motion. The Mayor called for discussion. There being none, the Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Schroeder, O'Neal, Blakemore and the Mayor all voted "aye".

WORKSHOP

The City Council and staff deliberated regarding the proposed budget for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2019 ending September 30, 2020

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman O'Neal made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Blakemore seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:

