MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMAN OF THE CITY OF GONZALES, STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN ON MONDAY OCTOBER 26, 2020, 5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL 120 S. IRMA BLVD, GONZALES, LA 70737.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Barney Arceneaux Councilman Tyler Turner Councilman Neal Bourque

Councilman David Guitreau Councilman Kirk Boudreaux Councilman Harold Stewart

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT:

Scot Byrd, City Clerk Lisa Babin, Admin Secretary Brandon Boylan, Finance Director

Matt Percy, City Attorney Sherman Jackson, Chief of Police

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Tyler Turner to approve the Minutes from a regular meeting of the City Council taken October 12, 2020.

YEAS: Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilman Neal Bourque, Councilman David Guitreau, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman David Guitreau, seconded by Councilman Harold Stewart to approve the Special Event Permit request of Misty Turner with the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office to hold a "Boo & The Badge" "Trunk or Treat" Drive Thru at the Ascension Parish Courthouse parking lot on828 S. Irma Blvd on Saturday October 31, 2020 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m..

YEAS: Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilman Neal Bourque, Councilman David Guitreau, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Tyler Turner, seconded by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux to approve the recommendation of the Mayor to appoint Barry Whittington Jr. to the Fire and Police Civil Service Board.

YEAS: Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilman Neal Bourque, Councilman David Guitreau, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

The City Clerk stated the City Council Members have been provided with a copy of the revenue and expense compared to budget report in the City Council Member's packets. The city is within budget. No discussion was required or requested by the City Council Members.

Final vote on Ordinance No. 4124:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 13. PARKS AND RECREATION, (ADD) SEC. 13-55. PARK OPERATING POLICY.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Councilman of the City of Gonzales, Louisiana:

That the Code of Ordinance of the City of Gonzales be amended as follows:

Chapter 13. PARKS AND RECREATION

(ADD)

Sec 13-55. Park Operating Policy.

- (A) Park hours. City parks shall be open daily to the public between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. No minors without parent, legal guardian or adult supervision in an approved recreational capacity is permitted in the park one half hour after sunset. No person shall occupy or be present in any park during the hours it is not open to the public, provided that city personnel, police officers on official duty, or other city officers, or employees on park duty, or other persons with special permits from the Parks and Recreation Department who are conducting city business are not so restricted. The penalty for violating this ordinance shall be as described in Louisiana Revised Statute 14:63.3.
- (B) Closed areas. Any section or part of any park may be declared closed to the public by the Police Chief, Mayor, Administrator, Public Works Director or Recreation Director (hereinafter referred to as Administrative Staff) at any time, and for any interval of time, either temporarily, or at regular and stated intervals (dally or otherwise), and either entirely, or merely to certain uses, as the Administrative Staff shall find reasonably necessary.
- (C) Authority for use of facilities. Any organized club, school, association, or recognized group desiring the use of specific areas of any park, such as picnic areas, or athletic fields, shall file a Special Event Permit, as provided for in City Code Sec 18-24 with the City Clerk, and shall not use said park or area until said permit is granted. The use of the park shall be in the capable limits of the park.
 - (1) Exclusive use of park. No permit shall be issued for the exclusive use of any park and no permittee shall exclude the public from the park, charge any admittance fee, sell tickets or otherwise require anyone to pay any fee for entering any park without prior authorization of the City Council.
 - (2) Granting of permits. The authority for granting permits shall be with the City Council.
 - (3) Cleanup by permittee. All permits shall require the permittee to clean up the park area after the activity has terminated and all applications for permits must give the name, address, and phone number of the permittee responsible for the necessary policing thereof. The permittee shall be required to pay a security deposit for cleaning up the area.
 - (4) Honoring special permits. All persons shall honor any special permits issued by the City Council for certain areas, days, and times to clubs, organizations, teams, or any other groups, including but not limited to picnic grounds and ball diamonds, provided such permit is presented on official Parks and Recreation forms.

YEAS: Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilman Neal Bourque, Councilman David Guitreau, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart

NAYS: NONE ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Tyler Turner to table the introduction of an amendment to the Code of Ordinance Chapter 2 to (Delete) Drainage Commission.

YEAS: Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilman Neal Bourque, Councilman David Guitreau, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart

NAYS: NONE ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Tyler Turner, seconded by Councilman David Guitreau to introduce Ordinance No. 4125: An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinance Chapter 11. Garbage, Trash, Weeds and Waste to (ADD) Article V. Dead or diseased tree removal.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 11. GARBAGE, TRASH, WEEDS AND WASTES (ADD) ARTICLE V. – DEAD OR DISEASED TREE REMOVAL.

Final vote on the foregoing amendment to be taken at the next City Council Meeting scheduled for November 9, 2020.

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Harold Stewart to declare as surplus the following:

1 -2001 Spartan/Ferrara Pumper VIN #4S7CT23941C037380

YEAS: Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilman Neal Bourque, Councilman David Guitreau, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

There being no further business to come before the City Council and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Meeting was adjourned

Barney Arceneaux, Mayor

ATTEST:

Scot Byrd, City Clerk