

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMAN OF THE CITY OF
GONZALES, STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN ON MONDAY, JANUARY 09, 2023, 5:30 P.M.
AT CITY HALL, 120 S. IRMA BLVD, GONZALES, LA 70737.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barney Arceneaux, Mayor
Councilman Kirk Boudreaux
Councilman John A. Berthelot

Councilman Tim Riley
Councilman Harold Stewart

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Tyler Turner

ALSO PRESENT:

Scot Byrd, City Clerk
Matt Percy, City Attorney

Terri Delatorre, Administrative Secretary

Mayor Barney Arceneaux invited citizens of Gonzales to come forward in open discussion.

Ms. Tamika Williams came forward, on behalf of her mother Brenda Spencer, who is the owner of the dangerous and dilapidated house located at 432 W. Terrace Street, to advise the Council of the status of her mother's house. Ms. Williams stated that she has entered into a contract with TBC Contractors and that they have already begun to do repairs on the house and that the repairs should be completed by the end of January.

It was determined by Code Enforcement Officer, Justin Dupuy, who was in attendance at the Council Meeting, that TBC Contractors was not licensed with the City of Gonzales, nor had they obtained a permit to do any repairs at 432 W. Terrace Street. Furthermore, a stipulation that was agreed upon during the December 12, 2022 Council Meeting, to give Ms. Williams more time to choose a contractor and get the repairs underway, was that she present the Council with a signed contract at this meeting (1/9/23). Ms. Williams did not bring a copy of the signed contract with TBC Contractors.

Motion by Councilman Tim Riley, seconded by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, allowing four-five days for Ms. Williams' contractor, TBC Contractors, to get licensed with the City and to secure the proper permits to do the repair work at 432 W. Terrace Street, in addition to Ms. Williams bringing a copy of the signed contract to City Hall. In the event these conditions are not met by the next Council Meeting on January 23, 2023, Ms. Williams must appear before the Council at that time.

YEAS: Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart, Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Councilman Tyler Turner

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by John A. Berthelot, to approve the Minutes of a Public Hearing of the City Council taken December 12, 2022.

YEAS: Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart, Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Councilman Tyler Turner

Motion by Councilman John A. Berthelot, seconded by Councilman Harold Stewart, to approve the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council taken December 12, 2022.

YEAS: Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart, Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Councilman Tyler Turner

Final Vote on Ordinance No. 4199:

ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

November 28, 2022

ORDINANCE # 4199

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 22 ZONING. 22-4 – RULES AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS. (A) MEASUREMENT AND EXCEPTIONS. (4) SETBACKS. (D) ENCROACHMENTS. (4) OTHER ENCROACHMENTS. (I) THE FOLLOWING ENCROACHMENTS MAY EXTEND INTO ANY REQUIRED SIDE OR REAR SETBACKS (FRONT SETBACKS PROHIBITED) (ADD) (F) NON-COMBUSTABLE, NON PERMANENT STRUCTURES

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 22. ZONING

(ADD) SECTION 22-4(a)(4)(i). - The following encroachments may extend into any required rear or side setback (front setbacks prohibited):

F. Non combustible, non-permanent structures, such as metal sheds and RV covers.

YEAS: Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart, Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Councilman Tyler Turner

ORDINANCE ADOPTED: January 9, 2023

Final Vote on Ordinance No. 4200:

ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

December 12, 2022

ORDINANCE #4200

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 13 – GONZALES CIVIC CENTER. SECTION 13-37. – RATES, CHARGES AND FEES.

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

That the Code of Ordinance of the City of Gonzales be hereby amended, effective for those leases issued after adoption, to read:

Chapter 13 – GONZALES CIVIC CENTER

(Change:)

Section 13-37. Rates, charges and fees.

(To read:)

(8) A security deposit of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) is required at the time of booking and is refundable fourteen (14) days after the event provided the building is returned in the same condition as when received. If the lessee does not notify the lessor of a cancellation with a period of ninety (90) days of the scheduled event, said deposit will be forfeited unless cancellation is caused by an act of God or other natural disaster. Deposit will also be forfeited if there is an event which requires officers to intervene at the event to maintain the peace.

YEAS: Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart, Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Councilman Tyler Turner

ORDINANCE ADOPTED: January 9, 2023

Motion by Councilman John A. Berthelot, seconded by Councilman Tim Riley, to declare as Surplus a Ford F150 (previously a Wastewater Department vehicle), VIN #1FTEX1CF4FKD50221.

YEAS: Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart, Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Councilman Tyler Turner

Motion by Councilman Tim Riley, seconded by Councilman John A. Berthelot, to approve the Special Event Permit request of Lilly Harvey, Director of Millie Mattered Overdose & Addiction Recovery, for use of Jambalaya Park to have a “Drug Epidemic Awareness Walk” on Sunday, March 5, 2023, from 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm. This is a free event for the community, which will include carrying banners displaying the faces of the one’s we’ve lost to the drug epidemic, offer services for detox, treatment, and sober living, and give out harm reduction tools, such as Narcan.

YEAS: Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart, Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Councilman Tyler Turner

Motion by Councilman Tim Riley, seconded by Councilman Harold Stewart, to sponsor the River Region Arts Association’s “March of Arts” event to be held at 320 E. Ascension Street in March 2023 by contributing \$3,000.00.

YEAS: Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart, Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Councilman Tyler Turner

The Finance Director stated the City Council Members have copies of the revenue and expense compared to budget report in their packets. The City is within budget. We continue to maintain compliance with the corrective action plan to resolve fiscal year 2022 audit findings.

Motion by Councilman Tim Riley, seconded by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, to award the contract for Purpera/Oak Alley Drainage Improvements to Boone Services, in the amount of \$573,425.00.

YEAS: Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart, Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Councilman Tyler Turner

Motion by Councilman John A. Berthelot, seconded by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, to accept the report and recommendations from a "Water Rate Study" as required by the LA Dept. of Health, at the next City Council meeting on January 23, 2023.

YEAS: Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart, Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Councilman Tyler Turner

Motion by John A. Berthelot, seconded by Kirk Boudreaux, to approve a Co-operative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Gonzales and Conway Development, LLC and Conway Property Owners Association, Inc., providing for the operation of a supplemental drainage pumping station system.

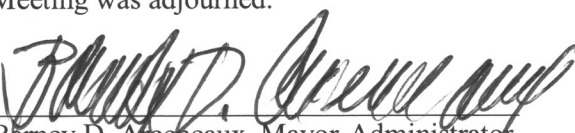
John A. Berthelot requested that the following be pointed out for the record – The Parish approved the original Drainage Impact Plan; The Parish approved the Pumping System Plan; and The Parish is responsible for major drainage.

YEAS: Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart, Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Councilman Tyler Turner

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


Barney D. Arceneaux, Mayor-Administrator

ATTEST:


Scot Byrd, City Clerk