

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMAN OF THE CITY OF GONZALES,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 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 Harold Stewart
Councilman Tim Riley	Councilman Tyler Turner

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT:

Scot Byrd, City Clerk	Terri Delatorre, Administrative Secretary
Matt Percy, City Attorney	

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

Shunekia McAuley-Spears, President of the Ascension Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority came forward and apprised the Council of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority’s history and its purpose. One of its programs is the Delta GEMS and some of the youth initiative participants from the Delta GEMS Academy attended the Council Meeting for their “Delta Youth Day” and had an opportunity to see local government in action.

Motion by Councilman Tyler Turner, seconded by Councilman John A. Berthelot, to approve the Minutes of a Public Hearing of the City Council taken February 13, 2023.

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

NAYS: NONE	ABSENT: NONE
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Motion by Councilman Tyler Turner, seconded by Councilman John A. Berthelot, to approve the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council taken on February 13, 2023.

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

NAYS: NONE	ABSENT: NONE
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Final Vote on Ordinance No. 4203:

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCED**  
**February 13, 2023**  
**ORDINANCE # 4203**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCE  
CHAPTER 20. UTILITIES. ARTICLE III. – WATER. SECTION  
20-44 - DEPOSITS. CHANGE, TO READ, AND SECTION 20-45.  
– SERVICE RATES. (CHANGE SECTION), TO CHANGE (3),  
TO READ AND TO ADD (4):**

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:

(CHANGE SECTIONS)

**20-44 – Deposits.**

**(CHANGE)**

A deposit of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be made with each residential application.

**(TO READ)**

A deposit of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be made with each residential application.

**20-45. – Service rates.**

**(CHANGE) (3)**

**TO READ:**

(3) Water service rates will be adjusted annually to reflect inflation as established by the U.S. Department of Labor Consumer Price Index.

All utility bills shall be due on the seventeenth of each month. All accounts remaining unpaid after the seventeenth of each month shall incur a delinquent penalty of ten (10) percent of the net amount due. All accounts remaining unpaid after the twenty-seventh of each month shall incur an additional delinquent penalty of FIFTY dollars (\$50.00). The utility manager shall discontinue utility services to all accounts not paid by the twenty-seventh of each month. Utility services shall not be restored to disconnected utility accounts until all outstanding bills, fees and delinquent penalties have been paid.

\*Water customers outside of the city limits, shall be charged at a rate of one and one-half (1½) times the above in town rate schedule.

**(TO ADD)**

(4) Monthly service charges by the Louisiana Department Health for the SDWA (Safe Drinking Water Act) will be passed thru to customers at the same rate charged to the City. Currently, that is \$1 per customer per month, but is subject to change.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

**ORDINANCE ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 27, 2023**

Final Vote on Ordinance No. 4204:

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCED**

**February 13, 2023**

**ORDINANCE # 4204**

**AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 926 S. GEORGE AVENUE, LOT A, SECTION 30-9-3, WASHINGTON PLACE SUBDIVISION, WHOSE OWER WAS NAMED CALREATHA JACKSON, AS SURPLUS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF GONZALES TO PROCEED WITH THE PROCESS FOR THE ADVERTISING AND SALE OF SAID PROPERTY.**

WHEREAS, said property was adjudicated to the City for unpaid demolition costs for dilapidated property; and

WHEREAS, the requisite time has passed for the owners of the property to redeem their property, as per Louisiana Revised Statute 47:2203(B); and

WHEREAS, City of Gonzales seeks to initiate a sale of the adjudicated property by public sealed bid and/or any other method provided by Louisiana law.

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

That pursuant to all applicable provisions of law, the City of Gonzales is authorized to assess, deem, designate and determine that such immovable properties annexed hereto are surplus; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED: that the City of Gonzales is authorized to proceed with the advertising and selling of this surplus adjudicated property through sealed public bids to the highest bidder at public sale and/or via any other method provided by Louisiana law, on such dates and times as designated by the City Clerk and City Attorney.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

**ORDINANCE ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 27, 2023**

Final Vote on Ordinance No. 4205:

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCED**

**February 13, 2023**

**ORDINANCE # 4205**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 22. ZONING, SEC. 22-2 ZONING DISTRICTS. TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF GULF COAST PHARMACEUTICAL TO REZONE AN UNNAMED LOT, PARCEL # 3061601, ON THE NORTHERN PORTION OF EAST HWY 30 AT APPROXIMATELY THE 1300 BLCOK, BEING APPROXIMATELY 7.258 ACRES, FROM R-8 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (LIMITED COMMERCIAL) TO THE 880' DEPTH EXTENDING FROM EAST HWY 30.**

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

**Sec 22-2. Zoning districts.**

Rezone the unnamed Lot, Parcel #3061601, on the northern portion of East Hwy 30 at the approximate 1300 block, being approximately 7.258 acres, from R-8 (Single Family Residential) to C-1 (Limited Commercial) to the 880' depth extending from East Hwy 30.

See attached map.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

**ORDINANCE ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 27, 2023**

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Harold Stewart, to table the Special Event Permit Request of Jorge Oseguera, on behalf of El Paso Mexican Grill, to have "Cinco de Mayo Mexican Day" at El Paso Mexican Grill, 208 W. Hwy. 30, on Friday, May 5, 2023, from 11:00 am – 11:30 p.m. until the next regular City Council meeting scheduled for March 13, 2023.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman John A. Berthelot, seconded by Councilman Tyler Turner, to approve the Special Event Permit Request of Shayla Lanus, with Kool Kids Movement, Inc., to have a bike a thon – "Riding Kool Into Spring" – on Saturday, April 8, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman John A. Berthelot, seconded by Councilman Harold Stewart, to approve the low bid for a new ambulance, in the amount of \$301,602.00, to Southern Emergency & Rescue Vehicle Sales.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Harold Stewart, to adopt Resolution No. 2948: A Resolution to accept the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Audit Report and Authorize Necessary Actions to Maintain Permit Requirements in the Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) Permit.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

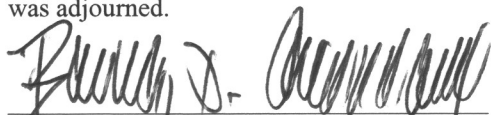
Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Harold Stewart, to approve Change Order 01 for the St. Francis Parkway Extension to decrease the R. J. Daigle & Sons Contractors, Inc. contract in the amount of \$37,302.95.

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

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 D. Arceneaux, Mayor-Administrator

ATTEST:

  
Scot Byrd, City Clerk