

MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMAN OF THE CITY OF GONZALES, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN ON MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023, 5:30 P.M., AT CITY HALL, 120 S. IRMA BLVD, GONZALES, LA 70737.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barney Arceneaux, Mayor  
Councilman Harold Stewart  
Councilman Tyler Turner

Councilman Tim Riley  
Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman John A. Berthelot

ALSO PRESENT:

Scot Byrd, City Clerk  
Matt Percy, City Attorney  
Chief Sherman Jackson, Gonzales PD

Brandon Boylan, Finance Director  
Terri Delatorre, Administrative Secretary

Mayor Barney Arceneaux called the Public Hearing to order to discuss the following changes to the City of Gonzales Code of Ordinances:

Mayor Arceneaux invited anyone who wished to speak to come forward.

Ordinance No. 4206: An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinance, Chapter 5. Buildings and Building Regulations. Article III – Building Code. Section 5-31: Building(s) Unoccupied for Sixty Days or More (TO ADD) B. Securing Buildings Unoccupied for Sixty Days or More.

No one came forward to speak in favor of or against this Ordinance.

Ordinance No. 4207: An Ordinance to Amend the City of Gonzales Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8. Article IX (TO ADD) Section 8-257 – Sale of Kratom.

Mr. Ryan Burroughs, Executive Director of the American Kratom Assoc., 13575 Heathcote Blvd., Ste. 320, Gainesville, VA, came forward to speak in opposition of Ordinance No. 4207. He requested a summit with the City Council to develop a Kratom Consumer Protection Act for the City of Gonzales and if not, he asked that the Councilman delay a vote on the ban and wait for the decision that's made on the State Level.

Mr. Paul Schexnaydre, 1051 Traci Avenue, Denham Springs, LA, came forward to speak in opposition to Ordinance No. 4207. Mr. Schexnaydre did two tours in Afghanistan and suffers from PTSD. After returning home from Afghanistan, he struggled with addiction and was in and out of rehabs. Then he found Kratom. He has been on Kratom for three years now and has turned his life around, so much so that he is currently a Supervisor at Turner Industries.

Mr. Derrick Coco, 11055 Boudreaux Road, Gonzales, LA came forward to speak in opposition to Ordinance No. 4207.

No one else came forward to speak for or against this Ordinance.

Ordinance No. 4208: An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinance, Chapter 19. Traffic and Motor Vehicles. (TO ADD) Section 19-13. Allow Golf Cart Operation in Traditional Neighborhood Developments and Planned Unit Developments.

No one came forward to speak in favor of or against this Ordinance.

At 5:43 p.m. Mayor Barney Arceneaux closed the Public Hearing.

  
Barney Arceneaux, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
Scot Byrd, City Clerk