

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMAN OF THE CITY OF GONZALES,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2023, 5:30 P.M.,
AT CITY HALL, 120 S. IRMA BLVD, GONZALES, LA 70737.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barney Arceneaux, Mayor
Councilman John A. Berthelot
Councilman Tim Riley

Councilman Harold Stewart
Councilman Tyler Turner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

ALSO PRESENT:

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

Brandon Boylan, Finance Director
Terri Delatorre, Administrative Secretary

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 Monday, September 25, 2023.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

Motion by Councilman Tim Riley, seconded by Councilman Harold Stewart, to approve the Special Event Permit Request of Angela LaFleur of Tanger Outlets to have food trucks for their Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration and to support holiday shopping from 10:00 am – 9:00 pm on the following dates: Saturday, November 11th, Friday, November 24th, Saturday, November 25th, Sunday, November 26th, Saturday, December 2nd, Sunday, December 3rd, Saturday, December 9th, Sunday, December 10th, Saturday, December 16th, Sunday, December 17th, Thursday, December 21st, Friday, December 22nd, Saturday, December 23rd, and Sunday, December 24th, 2023.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

Motion by Councilman Tim Riley, seconded by Councilman Harold Stewart, to approve the Special Event Permit Request of Reverend Ernest Jenkins, Jr. of Cove Outreach Ministries to use Jambalaya Park and the Amphitheater on Saturday, November 4, 2023, from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm to have “Cove Community Outreach” consisting of speakers, community encouragement, handouts and refreshments.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

Motion by Councilman Tyler Turner, seconded by Councilman John A. Berthelot, to approve Halloween Trick or Treating in the City of Gonzales for Tuesday, October 31, 2023, from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

Motion by Councilman John A. Berthelot, seconded by Councilman Tyler Turner, to appoint Chuck Lavigne to the Recreation Commission, term to begin October 9, 2023.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

Mayor Arceneaux invited Citizens of Gonzales to come forward who wished to speak regarding Item No. 11 on the Agenda – Approve the Zoning Commission’s recommendation to approve the Special Use Permit for The Haven at Crossroads, LLC, located at 401 E. Sanders Street, to operate a sober living home in R-8 single family residential zoning.

Representatives from The Haven at Crossroads, LLC came forward and stated that their facility will provide more than just addiction treatment. They will provide housing, a primary care physician, wellness exams and there would be a house manager living on site.

Rachael Lambert, 602 E. Weber St., Gonzales, turned in a comment card, not wanting to speak, but wished to express her approval of the Special Use Permit.

Angela LaFleur, 2100 S. Tanger Blvd., Gonzales, turned in a comment card, not wanting to speak, but wished to express her approval of the Special Use Permit.

Theresa Painter, 502 E. Josephine Street, Gonzales, turned in a comment card, not wanting to speak, but wished to express her opposition to the Special Use Permit.

Judy LeBourgeois, 603 E. Weber St., Gonzales, turned in a comment card, not wanting to speak, but wished to express her opposition to the Special Use Permit.

Brian Marchand, 214 N. Alexander St., Gonzales, turned in a comment card, not wanting to speak, but wished to express his opposition to the Special Use Permit.

Sam Pasqua, 2010 E. Belle Helene St., Gonzales, turned in a comment card, not wanting to speak, but wished to express his opposition to the Special Use Permit.

Donnel Bazile, 318 N. Bullion Ave., Gonzales, turned in a comment card, not wanting to speak, but wished to express his opposition to the Special Use Permit.

Cynthia Gray James, 1803 E. Rosedown St., Gonzales, came forward to speak in opposition to the Special Use Permit. She stated she feels it should be in a commercial area, not residential. She is also concerned about how close it would be to a school.

Brentley Marchand, 214 N. Alexander Ave., Gonzales, representing Marchand’s Inc., came forward to speak in opposition to the Special Use Permit. He stated they are all for The Haven, but not the proposed site.

Kyle Zimmerman, 410 N. Bryan Ave., Gonzales, came forward to speak in opposition to the Special Use Permit. He feels it doesn’t belong in a residential neighborhood and worries that it may decrease the property values. He stated that the rights of the property owners should supersede the small minority that want The Haven at this location.

Karen Zimmerman, 410 N. Bryan Ave., Gonzales, came forward to speak in opposition to the Special Use Permit. She stated that she runs a sober living home in a commercial zone and The Haven’s proposal to have one resident manager and one paid outside manager is not good management. She is also concerned it will make the property values decrease.

John McClure, 410 E. Weber, Gonzales, came forward to speak in opposition to the Special Use Permit. He stated his property backs up to the proposed site for The Haven. He stated he has no issues with the goal of The Haven, but there are better areas to put it in, rather than a residential area.

Lonnie Landry, 408 E. Sanders, Gonzales, came forward to speak in opposition to the Special Use Permit. He stated his property is directly across from the proposed site for The Haven. He requested that the Council vote no.

Suzanne Williams, 408 E. Sanders St., Gonzales, came forward to speak in opposition to the Special use Permit. She stated that her property is directly across from the proposed site for The Haven and feels it will be a place with a revolving door for short-term residents. Ms. Williams also submitted into record a petition signed by herself and other community members.

Motion by Councilman Tim Riley, seconded by Councilman Harold Stewart, to deny the Special Use Permit Application for The Haven at Crossroads, LLC, located at 401 E. Sanders Street, to operate a sober living home in R-8 single family residential zoning.and to reject the Zoning Commission’s recommendation to approve the Special Use Permit.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

Final Vote on Ordinance No. 4224:

ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

September 25, 2023

ORDINANCE # 4224

CITY OF GONZALES 2023-2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT 01 –
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CAPITAL OUTLAY
BUDGET

These changes to the budget are necessary due to uncertainties existing at the time the original budget was created prior to a detailed electrical engineering assessment.

That the Fiscal Year 2023- 2024 Budget is hereby amended as follows:

| CITY OF GONZALES | | | | | | | |
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| 2023-2024 Budget Amendment 01 | | | | | | | |
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| Fund | Departm | Account Name | G/L Account | 2023-2024 Original Budg | Amendment Amount | 2023-2024 AMENDED BUDGET | Explanation |
| Expenses: | | | | | | | |
| Capital Outlay | Utilities | Water Department | 04-5-27-20-033 | 1,578,500.00 | 600,000.00 | 2,178,500.00 | Water Well electrical upgrades |
| | | Net Expense Additions | | | 600,000.00 | | |

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

ORDINANCE ADOPTED: October 9, 2023

Motion by Councilman Tim Riley, seconded by Councilman John A. Berthelot, to introduce Ordinance No. 4225: an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinance, (ADD) Chapter 30 – Donation Boxes.

Public Hearing and final vote on this foregoing amendment to be taken at the next City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, October 23, 2023, at 5:30 pm.

Motion by Councilman John A. Berthelot, seconded by Councilman Tim Riley, to adopt Resolution No. 2955: A Resolution to Offer an Endorsement of the Participation of Ash Brothers, LLC in the Louisiana Restoration Tax Abatement Program.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

Motion by Councilman John A. Berthelot, seconded by Councilman Tim Riley, to approve the PACE Center Multi-Day Discounts.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

Motion by Councilman John A. Berthelot, seconded by Councilman Tyler Turner, to adopt Resolution No. 2956: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Louisiana Dept. of Transportation

and Development and the City of Gonzales related to the Operating Subsidy for Intercity Rail Service between Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

Motion by Councilman Tyler Turner, seconded by Councilman Harold Stewart, to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement Between the Louisiana Dept. of Transportation and Development and City of Gonzales related to the Operating Subsidies for Intercity Rail Service between Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

Motion by Councilman John A. Berthelot, seconded by Councilman Tyler Turner, to approve authorization to advertise for bids for the Water Well Electrical Upgrade Project.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

Motion by Councilman Tyler Turner, seconded by Councilman Harold Stewart, to approve the substantial completion for St. Francis Parkway Extension Project with R.J. Daigle & Sons Contractors.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

Motion by Councilman John A. Berthelot, seconded by Councilman Tyler Turner, to approve the substantial completion for Tee Joe Press Box/Concession Stand Project with Jones Construction Solutions.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

Motion by Councilman Tim Riley, seconded by Councilman Harold Stewart, to approve the substantial completion for the Fire Dept. EMS Addition with Jones Construction Solutions.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

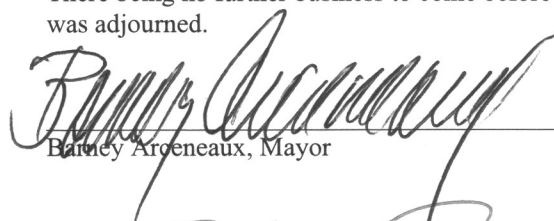
Motion by Councilman John A. Berthelot, seconded by Councilman Tyler Turner, to approve Change Order No. 1 to decrease the contract with R.J. Daigle & Sons Contractors, in the amount of \$17,995.85, for the 2022 Road Rehab Project.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

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


Barney Arceaneaux, Mayor

ATTEST:


Scot Byrd, City Clerk/CAO