

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GONZALES,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN ON MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025, 5:30 P.M.,
AT CITY HALL, 120 S. IRMA BLVD, GONZALES, LA 70737.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Timothy "Tim" Riley, Mayor
Councilwoman Cynthia Gray-James
Councilman Tyler Turner

Councilwoman Terri Lambert
Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr.
Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT:

Allen V. Davis, City Attorney
Chief Sherman Jackson, Gonzales PD

Terri Delatorre, Administrative Secretary

Motion by Councilman Tyler Turner, seconded by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, to amend the agenda to add a discussion regarding an interim City Clerk.

YEAS: Councilwoman Cynthia Gray-James, Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilwoman Terri Lambert,
Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr., Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

The above agenda item will be discussed at the end of the meeting.

Motion by Councilman Tyler Turner, seconded by Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr., to approve the minutes of a Special Meeting of the Mayor and City Council taken on Tuesday, August 5, 2025.

YEAS: Councilwoman Cynthia Gray-James, Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilwoman Terri Lambert,
Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr., Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Tyler Turner, seconded by Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr., to approve the minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council taken on Monday, August 11, 2025.

YEAS: Councilwoman Cynthia Gray-James, Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilwoman Terri Lambert,
Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr., Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Tyler Turner, seconded by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, to approve the Special Event Permit of Trence Fobb, of Hands and Hearts, LLC, to have "Haulin Pride Truck Expo – Driving Futures for our Children" on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, at Bass Pro – 2200 W. Cabela's Parkway.

YEAS: Councilwoman Cynthia Gray-James, Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilwoman Terri Lambert,
Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr., Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Tyler Turner, to approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Preston Landry as the Provisional Fire Chief.

YEAS: Councilwoman Cynthia Gray-James, Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilwoman Terri Lambert, Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr., Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Tyler Turner, seconded by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, to table approval to "Opt-In" to allow for expedited temporary housing assistance through GOHSEP in the event of a major disaster or an emergency, pending legal research/advise.

YEAS: Councilwoman Cynthia Gray-James, Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilwoman Terri Lambert, Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr., Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr., to approve the Supplemental Task Order from McKim & Creed, in the amount of \$21,135.00, to complete the Kennedy Heights Drainage Improvements Project.

YEAS: Councilwoman Cynthia Gray-James, Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilwoman Terri Lambert, Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr., Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Final Vote on Ordinance No. 4278:

ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

August 5, 2025

ORDINANCE # 4278

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 11. - GARBAGE, TRASH, WEEDS AND WASTES. ARTICLE III. - WEEDS AND GRASS. SECTION 11-58.1. - HAY BALING

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 11. GARBAGE, TRASH, WEEDS AND WASTES

Article III. - WEEDS AND GRASS

(REVISE) Section 11-58.1. - HAY BALING

The planting and harvesting of hay shall be limited to areas of a minimum of two (2) acres, which shall be contiguous. The planting, cultivating and harvesting of hay shall be no closer than fifty (50) feet from a residential, commercial or industrial building or structure, other than said structures which are owned or leased by the person or entity planting and harvesting the hay in said area, unless the person or entity planting and harvesting the hay has the written permission of the owners of said structure to do so. Documentation evidencing such permission shall be filed with the city clerk. The hay crop shall be cut at such time as it reaches thirty-six (36) inches in height and shall be cut a minimum of once per year.

(TO ADD)

The harvester must apply for a permit **before** the hay crop reaches thirty- six (36) inches in height. In the event that the property is not cut when hay reaches allowed height, the city will cut property and bill the owner. If the owner is found to have violated this section more than two (2) times within a six-month period, the city will additionally assess the owner a fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) upon the third offense and five hundred dollars (\$500.00) on every subsequent offense thereafter. The city is further authorized to charge the owner interest on all sums due from incurrence until payment at a rate that does not exceed the legal interest rate provided in R.S. 9:3500. If the statement is not paid within one month thereafter, the amount thereof shall be included in and form a part of the taxes due by the property and the owner, and when collected shall be credited to the general fund of the city.

YEAS: Councilwoman Cynthia Gray-James, Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilwoman Terri Lambert, Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr., Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ORDINANCE ADOPTED: August 25, 2025

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Tyler Turner, to introduce an Amendment to the proposed Annual General Fund Budget of the City of Gonzales Fiscal Year 2025-2026 by adding Pages 8-A, 8-B, 9-A, 10-A, 10-B, 10-C, 11-A, 12-A, 13-A, 14-A, 17-A, and 18-A (attached) in order to provide itemized budgeted salary amounts for each specific department position. All to be included in the proposed budget.

YEAS: Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilwoman Terri Lambert, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

NAYS: Councilwoman Cynthia Gray-James, Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr.

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Tyler Turner, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 General Fund Budget as amended.

YEAS: Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilwoman Terri Lambert, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilwoman Cynthia Gray-James

NAYS: Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr.

ABSENT: NONE

Final Vote on Ordinance No. 4279:

ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

August 5, 2025

ORDINANCE # 4279

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Councilman of the City of Gonzales, Louisiana:

That the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 General Fund Budget is hereby adopted as follows:

**CITY OF GONZALES
GENERAL FUND BUDGET
FY 2025-2026**

BUDGET SUMMARY

	2025-2026 Proposed Budget
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	14,098,311
REVENUES:	22,335,100
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	22,335,100
EXPENSES:	
Fire Department	4,598,850
Administration	1,362,150
Police Department	8,424,400
Planning & Development	668,000
Sanitation	1,452,000
Streets & Drainage	1,748,500
General Government	2,131,100
Civic Center	88,000
City Room	31,500
Recreation	1,105,350
Buildings and Grounds	852,350
Tourism & Cultural Development	64,045
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	22,526,245
REVENUES IN EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES	(191,145)
LESS TXFR OUT TO:	
CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,000,000
DEBT SERVICE	-
ENDING FUND BALANCE	12,907,166

YEAS: Councilwoman Cynthia Gray-James, Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilwoman Terri Lambert, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

NAYS: Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr.

ABSENT: NONE

ORDINANCE ADOPTED: August 25, 2025

Discussion was had regarding the importance of having a City Clerk.

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



Timothy "Tim" Riley, Mayor

ATTEST:


Brandon Boylan, City Clerk