

**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2018 MINUTES**

The City Council convened the Council meeting at 6:01 p.m., December 13, 2018, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Connie L. Kacir, Councilmen Gary Schroeder, Tommy Schurig, Dan Blakemore and Bobby O'Neal.

Others Present: City Manager- Tim Patek, City Secretary- Kristina Vega, City Attorney- T. Daniel Santee

Staff Present: Laura Zella, Marland Mercer, William Ince, Anne Dollery, Barbara Friedrich, Clint Hille, Tim Crow, Genora Young, Keith Schauer

Mayor Connie Kacir called the meeting to order, gave the invocation, and cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

David Tucz, President of Edwards Association stated that they will once again host the annual Martin Luther King March and Celebration January 18th. The march is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. beginning at Texas Heroes Square and ending at the Edwards Community Center, and invited all to attend.

Michael Vyvjala, requested something be done about the old Cartwheel Lodge building that has been vacant for 10 years. The building is in complete disarray and is covered in overgrown shrubs. Recently a victim of burglary and is requesting that the City tighten up on the requirements for vacant buildings.

Ken Colwell, spoke in favor of the car show coming to town. He works for the EMS and they have an opportunity to raise some money for their non-profit for rescue if the car show makes it. We were able to send some of the volunteers to some classes that were needed with the money that they made the last time that the car show was here and hope that they have the same opportunity again.

Clint Hille, representing the CVB Board, they met on Monday, where 7 of the 8 members were present and unanimously voted to approve the \$17k request from Hat Rod Productions. At a glance this request may seem a bit high, but in retrospect it is actually below similar requests which had been approved for events that would bring in similar attendance or possibly even less. When the Hot funds request was approved the board did set the expectation that the funding in future years would be reduced accordingly to ensure all events in our community that are seeking HOT funds are

treated the same. The reason given for relocating is primarily is to accommodate room for growth. The recommendation was based on the following factors; this is not a new event without a track record, this is a successful event with seven year history which has taken place 30 minutes up the road. It has grown to be the second largest car show in the state.

Janét Jones, Texas Disposal, for the past three years has worked on the car show with Joel Gammage which has been a great success. It has more than doubled since she first worked with it. Wanted to let you know that Texas Disposal is behind him and behind the City of Gonzales and look forward to a degree of sponsorship as well to help it be a successful show this year.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The Consent Agenda is considered self-explanatory and will be enacted by the Council with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless they are removed from the Consent Agenda upon the request of the Mayor or Councilmember.

The Mayor asked that items #2.7 and 2.8 be removed from the consent agenda and read the remaining consent items as follows:

1.1 **Minutes** - Approval of the minutes for the Regular Meeting of November 8, 2018

1.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action Approving **Resolution #2018-121** Declaring Certain Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of Said Property in the manner most advantageous to the City of Gonzales

1.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2018-122** Authorizing the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation to approve a Loan/Grant Application from Edwards Furniture for a New Roof in an amount not to exceed \$16,000

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the consent items. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Schurig, Schroeder, O'Neal, Blakemore and the Mayor all voted "aye".

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTIONS

2.1, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss, Consider & Possible Action Approving **Resolution #2018-123** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Joel Aaron Gammage, Hat Rod Productions, LLC for the Street Closures, Consumption of Alcohol on Public Property and the Recommendation for Funding from the Gonzales Convention and Visitor Bureau in the amount of \$17,000 and the in-kind contributions

from the City of Gonzales for the Hot Rods and Hatters on January 31, 2019 through February 3, 2019. Mr. Joel Gammage stated that there has been an overwhelming amount of support and excitement for the potential for this event. He explained the details and history of the event from the years past. Mr. Gammage presented the City Council with a packet and described the increase in revenues from year to year in Hotel Occupancy Tax and Sales Tax Revenues. He further described the logistics of the closures for the downtown area and the breakdown of the in-kind services. Mayor Kacir stated that you do have a packet that was at your seats with revisions there is a revised Car Show agreement, spreadsheet and comparisons in regards to in-kind services as it would relate to the Come & Take It event to this event. Councilman Blakemore stated that it is extremely difficult to put together the logistics of everything with a large event and you have talked about the success of your event at Lockhart and I don't deny that. You didn't outgrow your show this year, but here you are a month before the show asking for this money and I am having trouble being convinced that in the amount of time you have that you can take 1,200 participants and anywhere from 8,500 to 30,000 people and they are going to move 30 miles down the road and this is going to be a huge success. Mr. Gammage stated again that some of the feedback that I have received from some of our participants of the event are very much in favor of being a little closer to their homes. While you might cause an extra 30 miles for some you are actually shortening 30 miles or more for others, so participants are going to frequent I-10, Hwy 183 and other various roadways coming into this event, so the traffic to go a few miles down the road is not so significant that it would eliminate someone's ability to travel. The amount of additional promotion and media that starts through the end of December, traditionally every year, we start our final media push as well as the Month of January, January of every year is when a majority of our Hot Rod participants register. Mayor Kacir stated we are all cognizant that the HOT funds are restricted funds that can only be utilized for the promotion of the hotel industry. Although the Council administers over those funds, we cannot use those funds to fix our streets or copy paper for city hall if we wanted to. It has to go to promotion, so that \$17k that the CVB has approved, that is to further promote the hotel industry and that was their recommendation. On the in-kind services, you had originally proposed \$27,635 in in-kind. Mr. Gammage stated that was actually more specifically, that was not our document that was the City of Lockhart's document that was the projected number in in-kind services that would be provided for our 2019 event. Mayor Kacir stated this was our staff that put values to the in-kind. I would not embrace any dollar amount in-kind that was not already a budgeted item by the City. We have postponed employee raises and infrastructure projects, so it is just a matter of finance as far as our budget is concerned. We discussed that and it appears that you pulled out about \$10k of in-kind services. Our staff did a revision of what that in-kind would look like and I am still showing unbudgeted \$13,916 so what I would try to reconcile first is of the unbudgeted

items, how can we get into better terms there. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman O'Neal made a motion to approve **Resolution #2018-123** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Joel Aaron Gammage, Hat Rod Productions, LLC for the Street Closures, Consumption of Alcohol on Public Property and the Recommendation for Funding from the Gonzales Convention and Visitor Bureau in the amount of \$17,000 and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate the in-kind contributions from the City of Gonzales for the Hot Rods and Hatters on January 31, 2019 through February 3, 2019. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman O'Neal, Blakemore, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

2.2, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss, Consider & Possible Action Approving **Resolution #2018-124** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Jay Hilscher DBA Lone Star Relays, LLC. for the Street Closures, Consumption of Alcohol on Public Property and the Recommendation for Funding from the Gonzales Convention and Visitor Bureau in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the Texas Independence Relay on March 29-30, 2019. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve **Resolution #2018-124** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Jay Hilscher DBA Lone Star Relays, LLC. for the Street Closures, Consumption of Alcohol on Public Property and the Recommendation for Funding from the Gonzales Convention and Visitor Bureau in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the Texas Independence Relay on March 29-30, 2019. Councilman O'Neal seconded the motion. The Mayor called for discussion. There being none, the Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman O'Neal, Blakemore, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

2.3, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss, Consider & Possible Action Approving **Resolution #2018-125** Authorizing the City Staff to Seek Competitive Bids/Proposals in the manner most advantageous to the City for Water Meters and Software. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve **Resolution #2018-125** Authorizing the City Staff to Seek Competitive Bids/Proposals in the manner most advantageous to the City for Water Meters and Software. Councilman Blakemore seconded the motion. The Mayor called for discussion. There being none, the Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman O'Neal, Blakemore, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

3.1, Financial Report for the Month of November 2018 is available to review.

3.2, City Manager, Tim Patek updated the City Council on the Victoria College roof repair, the storage tanks at the Water Plant and the community meeting on Code

Enforcement.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:32 p.m. the City Council moved into Closed Session.

4.1 (1) Pursuant to Sections 551.071 (consultation with legal counsel), 551.072 (deliberations about real property), and 551.074 (personnel matters) of the Texas Government Code, the City of Gonzales will meet in closed session to discuss the following matters:

- a. In Re Estate of J. B. Wells litigation
- b. City owned property
- c. City owned Billboard
- d. Evaluation and setting the salary for the Municipal Court Judge

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

5.1, Discuss and Consider any action resulting from Closed Session as Necessary.

The Mayor asked if there was any motion resulting from Closed Session. Councilman O'Neal made a motion to authorize the City Manager to proceed with the competitive process for sale of city owned property and city owned billboard. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor called for discussion. There being none, the Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman O'Neal, Blakemore, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

Mayor Kacir stated that we have the evaluation of our Municipal Court Judge and that has been requested that we hold that in open session per the statute, we will accommodate that. At this time we will open the discussion for setting the salary of Municipal Court Judge currently appointed is Deidra Voigt for a two year term. Deidra I would ask you if you have anything that you would like to address to the Council.

Judge Deidra Voigt addressed the City Council explaining that she was appointed in 2011 to fill an unexpired term of the previous presiding Judge. She further gave details of her educational requirements, experience, qualifications, job duties and average number of hours spent performing Municipal Court job functions. I would ask that the setting of the salary be the same.

Councilman Blakemore expressed his gratitude for Judge Voigt going on record and answering the questions and now if people ask questions then it will be easier to explain what you do, it gives insight in your dedication.

Councilman O'Neal stated he knows that we served on the Council for many years and you always impressed me there and as a Judge as well.

The Mayor asked for a motion on setting the salary of the Municipal Court Judge. Councilman O'Neal made a motion to keep the salary as is at \$1,950.00 per month.

Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman O'Neal, Blakemore, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

OTHER BUSINESS-WORKSHOP

7.1, City Council will discuss and give staff direction regarding Special Event License Policy and a Street Use License Policy and associated fees.

The Mayor stated this item will be moved to the next agenda.

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman O'Neal made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Schurig seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:

