

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEN OF THE CITY OF GONZALES, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN ON JANUARY 27, 2014, 5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Barney D. Arceneaux
Councilman Kirk Boudreaux
Councilman Terance Irvin

Councilman Gary Lacombe
Councilman Kenneth Matassa
Councilman Timothy Vessel Sr.

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT:

Lisa Babin, Administrative Clerk
Clay Stafford, City Clerk

Erin Lanoux, Acting City Attorney
Sherman Jackson, Police Chief

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Terance Irvin to approve the minutes from the last meeting, held on January 13, 2014. UNANIMOUS

Motion by Councilman Gary Lacombe, seconded by Councilman Terance Irvin to approve Phase I of the City of Gonzales Master Growth Plan Revision Project as proposed by CPEX "Center for Planning Excellence, Inc." to submit a scope of services, provided the fees for Phase I do not exceed \$5,500. UNANIMOUS

Motion by Councilman Kenneth Matassa, seconded by Councilman Gary Lacombe to approve the request of River Region Art Association for a Special Event Permit for the "Awesome Art on the Bayou Festival." This Co- sponsored event will be held at Jambalaya Park on October 11, & 12, 2014. UNANIMOUS

Motion by Councilman Gary Lacombe, seconded by Councilman Timothy Vessel Sr. to Introduce Ordinance # 3025:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCE
CHAPTER 2. ADMINISTRATION* ARTICLE V. PERSONNEL
RULES AND PROCEDURES DIVISION 5. ABSENCES FROM WORK
(CHANGE) Sec. 2-215. Leave of absence without pay. TO READ:

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 hereby amended to read:

CHAPTER 2.

ADMINISTRATION*

ARTICLE V. PERSONNEL RULES AND PROCEDURES

DIVISION 5. ABSENCES FROM WORK

(Change) Sec. 2-215 to read:

Sec. 2-215. Leave of absence without pay and extended medical leave.

Leaves of absence without pay may be authorized on an individual basis by the mayor. During any authorized leave without pay, earned leave shall not accrue. Prior to taking leave without pay, an employee will be required to use all available paid leave.

An employee taking a medical or family leave will require a medical certification on forms provided by the city if leave is sought to care for a child, spouse, or parent with a serious health condition or due to illness or injury of the employee.

The mayor/chief of police will require any employee returning from medical leave of absence to obtain and present a current medical certification that the employee is able to resume work. Such certification must be provided prior to return to work.

Final vote on the foregoing amendment to be taken at the next City Council Meeting scheduled for February 10, 2014.

Motion by Councilman Kenneth Matassa, seconded by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux to Introduce Ordinance # 3026:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCE
CHAPTER 2. ADMINISTRATION* ARTICLE V. PERSONNEL
RULES AND PROCEDURES DIVISION 5. ABSENCES FROM WORK
(CHANGE) Sec. 2-217. Disability., TO READ:

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 hereby amended to read:

CHAPTER 2.

ADMINISTRATION*

ARTICLE V. PERSONNEL RULES AND PROCEDURES

DIVISION 5. ABSENCES FROM WORK

(CHANGE) Sec. 2-217 to read:

Sec. 2-217. Disability.

(a) When the disability of an employee is of such nature that he is entitled to payment under workmen's compensation insurance which is in effect, the employee shall be entitled to be paid leave in the amount necessary to raise his or her total payment of compensation plus leave to the amount being paid at the time of disability.

(b) If workmen's compensation does not begin at the time of disability but at a later date, the employee shall be paid at the regular leave rate (but not to exceed his accrued leave) up to the time workmen's compensation becomes effective, after which time, any remaining leave credit shall be used as prescribed above.

(c) All incidences of work related accidents, illnesses or injury must be reported within 24 hours of occurrence to the employee's supervisor. No employee will be terminated or punished for reporting an accident, illness or injury. Responsibility for claiming compensation under the Workers' Compensation law rests with the employee. When an employee is injured in a work related accident, the mayor/chief of police may grant the injured employee Workers' Compensation Leave for any work time missed in the initial seven calendar-day period following the injury. After this initial seven day period, benefits will be paid in accordance with the city's workers' compensation insurance. An employee will not be eligible for Workers' Compensation Leave once the seven calendar-day period has expired.

Final vote on the foregoing amendment to be taken at the next City Council Meeting scheduled for February 10, 2014.

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Timothy Vessel Sr. to Introduce Ordinance # 3027:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCE
CHAPTER 8.5 DRAINAGE* ARTICLE III. INSTALLATIONS
AND APPURTENANCES DIVISION 2. CULVERTS
SEC. 8-5-44. CULVERT INSTALLATION. (CHANGE) (a), (b),
and (c) to read:, (DELETE) (d).

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 hereby amended as follows:

Chapter 8.5. DRAINAGE*

ARTICLE III. INSTALLATIONS AND APPURTENANCES

DIVISION 2. CULVERTS*

(CHANGE) Sec. 8.5-44 to read:

Sec. 8.5-44. Culvert Installation.

(a) The city drainage department shall determine the installation grade, culvert size and the number of catch basins required for all residential installations and those commercial requests not located on state highways.

(b) Catch basins are required to be installed every forty (40) feet at the expense of the property owner. The fees for catch basin construction must be deposited with the city permits department prior to the construction of the catch basins. In the event the property owner desires to build the catch basin himself or contract the work to a private contractor, the work must pass inspection by the city drainage department. The distance requirement may be altered by the mayor or his designated representative.

(c) The city drainage department shall install all residential culverts for individual homeowners. The homeowner is responsible for the expense of the culvert, catch basin installation, backfill, and finish grade.

(DELETE) (d).

Final vote on the foregoing amendment to be taken at the next City Council Meeting scheduled for February 10, 2014.

Motion by Councilman Terance Irvin, seconded by Councilman Gary Lacombe to Introduce Ordinance # 3028:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCE
CHAPTER 22 ZONING. SEC. 22-25. ENLARGEMENT OF CITY
LIMITS TO READ:

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

That the Code of Ordinance, Chapter 22. Zoning. Section 22.25. Enlargement of city limits are hereby Amended as follows:

CHAPTER 22. ZONING.

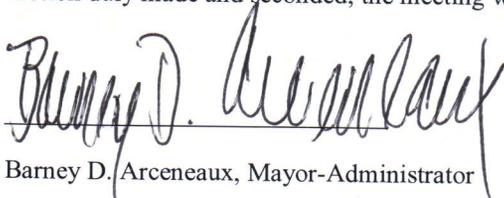
(CHANGE) Sec. 22-25. Enlargement of city limits to read:

Sec. 22-25. Enlargement of city limits.

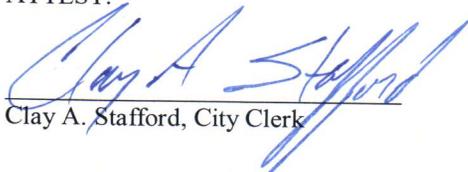
All territory which may hereafter be added to the city shall be automatically classed as lying and being in the R-15 residential district until such classification shall have been changed by an amendment as provided by law.

Final vote on the foregoing amendment to be taken at the next City Council Meeting scheduled for February 10, 2014.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Gonzales and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.


Barney D. Arceneaux, Mayor-Administrator

ATTEST:


Clay A. Stafford, City Clerk