

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEN OF THE CITY OF GONZALES, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN ON AUGUST 20, 2014, 5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Barney D. Arceneaux
Councilman Timothy Vessel Sr.
Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

Councilman Terance Irvin
Councilman Gary Lacombe
Councilman Kenneth Matassa

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: NONE

Lisa Babin, Administrative Clerk
Clay Stafford, City Clerk

Ryland Percy, City Attorney
Sherman Jackson, Chief of Police

Motion by Councilman Gary Lacombe, seconded by Councilman Timothy Vessel Sr. to approve a resolution authorizing the city to retain the services of Mr. Robert L. Barnett to represent Councilman Gary Lacombe, Councilman Timothy Vessel Sr. and Councilman Terance Irvin in the case of "*Alvin Turner, Jr. and Cherlynn P. Turner vs the City of Gonzales, it's Mayor and Councilmen*", as follows:

1. BE IT RESOLVED that, because of the urgency of various legal issues, certain members of the City of Gonzales City Council (namely Timothy Vessel, Sr., Gary J. Lacombe, and Terance L. Irvin) have sought out and retained the legal services of Robert A. Barnett of Guste, Barnett, Schlesinger, Henderson & Alpaugh, LLP on or about August 17, 2014, including but not limited to the matter of "*Turner vs. City of Gonzales et al*".
2. BE IT RESOLVED that Timothy Vessel, Sr., Gary J. Lacombe, and Terance L. Irvin as members of the City Council of Gonzales seek confirmation and ratification of the selection from the Office of the Louisiana State Attorney General.
3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Robert A. Barnett shall be paid in accordance with the guidelines as established by the Office of the Louisiana Attorney General and/or Louisiana Division of Administration.
4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Barnett's tenure is effective retroactively to August 17, 2014.
5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Mayor Barney Arceneaux shall be instructed and/or authorized to execute a contract for professional services with Robert A. Barnett of the firm of Guste, Barnett et al., LLP.
6. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Barnett shall also be specifically assigned the task to represent those individual members of the City Council, namely Terance L. Irvin, Gary J. Lacombe and Timothy M. Vessel, Sr. in their respective official and/or individual capacities as per law.
7. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND RECOGNIZED that Mr. Barnett has fully and completely disclosed that there exists pending litigation against the City of Gonzales in "*Miller vs. City of Gonzales*" pending in the 23rd Judicial District Court wherein Mr. Barnett's partner, C. Theodore Alpaugh III, represents Mr. Miller; and further that this Council waives any conflict of interest and hereby formally waives any conflict that now may exist.

YEAS: Councilman Timothy Vessel Sr., Councilman Terance Irvin, Councilman Gary Lacombe

NAYS: Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Kenneth Matassa

Councilman Kenneth Matassa and Councilman Kirk Boudreaux each stated they were voting no due to the potential conflict of interest arising out of Mr. Barnett's law firm's representation of the plaintiff against the City of Gonzales in the pending "*Miller vs. City of Gonzales*" lawsuit.

Motion by Councilman Kenneth Matassa, seconded by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux to approve a resolution authorizing the city to retain the services of Mr. Dwight D. Poirrier, to represent Mayor Barney Arceneaux, Councilman Kenneth Matassa, and Councilman Kirk Boudreaux in the case of "*Alvin Turner, Jr. and Cherlynn P. Turner vs the City of Gonzales, it's Mayor and Councilmen*" under the same terms and conditions as set out in the previous motion.

YEAS: Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Terance Irvin, Councilman Gary Lacombe,
Councilman Kenneth Matassa

NAYS: Councilman Timothy Vessel Sr.

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

Barney D. Arceneaux

Barney D. Arceneaux, Mayor-Administrator

ATTEST:

Clay A. Stafford

Clay A. Stafford, City Clerk