

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEN OF THE CITY OF GONZALES, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2014, 5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Barney D. Arceneaux  
Councilman Terance Irvin  
Councilman Gary Lacombe

Councilman Kenneth Matassa  
Councilman Timothy Vessel Sr.  
Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT:

Lisa Babin, Administrative Clerk  
Clay Stafford, City Clerk

Ryland Percy, City Attorney  
Sherman Jackson, Chief of Police

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Terance Irvin to approve the minutes from the meeting held on August 25, 2014. UNANIMOUS

Motion by Councilman Terance Irvin, seconded by Councilman Gary Lacombe to send to the Ordinance Review Committee for review the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission to make the following amendment to Chapter 17-5(g) of the Code of Ordinances:

**Amend Chapter 17-5(g) Access Connections.** : add number (9) to read:

- (9) Driveways: Parking spaces shall not be laid out in such a way that vehicles must back out directly into traffic on collector, arterial or major streets.

UNANIMOUS

Motion by Councilman Kenneth Matassa, seconded by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux to suspend the rules to discuss an item not on the agenda concerning attorney fees for representation of Councilmen Terance Irvin, Gary Lacombe, and Timothy Vessel Sr. in the case of Alvin Turner Jr. vs City of Gonzales et al.

UNANIMOUS

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Kenneth Matassa to table discussion authorizing the payment of an invoice from Robert A. Barnett for legal services in regards to his representation of Councilman Terance Irvin, Gary Lacombe, and Timothy Vessel Sr. in the case of Alvin Turner Jr. vs City of Gonzales et al, until a further review of the invoice can be conducted.

YEAS: Councilman Terance Irvin, Councilman Kenneth Matassa, Councilman Timothy Vessel Sr.,  
Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

NAYS: Councilman Gary Lacombe

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Gary Lacombe, seconded by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux to approve a request of Volunteer Ascension for a Special Event Permit to host a Christmas Movie Night at Jambalaya Park on December 13, 2014 from 6:00 – 10:00 PM for fundraising purposes.

UNANIMOUS

Motion by Councilman Kenneth Matassa, seconded by Councilman Terance Irvin to approve Resolution # 2833: A Resolution of the City of Gonzales expressing support of Constitutional Amendment No. 3 (Act 871 of the 2014 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature) and Constitutional Amendment No. 10 (Act 436 of the Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature), both amendment are designed to assist municipalities in the fight against blighted property.

UNANIMOUS

Motion by Councilman Kenneth Matassa, seconded by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux to appoint attorney Dwight D. Poirrier to represent the Civil Service Board in the matter of Davin Miller vs. the City of Gonzales Police Department and Gonzales Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board (Bearing Docket 110,666 "c" with the 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Court.

UNANIMOUS

Final Vote on Ordinance # 3044:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE GENERAL FUND  
BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2014,  
AND ENDING MAY 31, 2015.

BE IT ORDAINED BY Mayor and Councilman of the City of Gonzales, Louisiana: that the General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year beginning June 1, 2014 and ending May 31, 2015 be hereby adopted as follows:

**CITY OF GONZALES  
GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY  
FISCAL YEAR 2014-15**

	<b>FINAL BUDGET</b>
<b>REVENUES:</b>	
TAXES	12,145,000.00
FRANCHISE FEES	1,001,000.00
LICENSES AND PERMITS	1,203,000.00
FEES, FINES & FORFIETURES	239,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS	121,100.00
FIRE DEPT. REVENUE	705,000.00
BUILDING RENTALS	83,400.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	14,900.00
GRANT REVENUE	106,000.00
INTEREST	50,000.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>15,668,400.00</b>

<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>	
FIRE DEPARTMENT	3,002,204.00
ADMINISTRATION	902,912.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT	5,333,042.00
CODE ENFORCEMENT	555,485.00
SANITATION	908,850.00
STREETS & DRAINAGE	1,279,050.00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	897,050.00
CIVIC CENTER	58,600.00
CITY ROOM	20,000.00
RECREATION	1,131,300.00
TOURISM & CULTURAL DEV.	41,500.00

<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>14,129,993.00</b>
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<b>TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS</b>	<b>1,538,407.00</b>
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YEAS: Councilman Terance Irvin, Councilman Gary Lacombe, Councilman Timothy Vessel Sr.

NAYS: Councilman Kenneth Matassa, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

ABSENT: NONE

Final Vote on Ordinance # 3045:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE AMENDED CAPITAL OUTLAY  
BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2014,  
AND ENDING MAY 31, 2015.

**CITY OF GONZALES  
CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET  
FY 2014-2015**

<b>2014-2015 Proposed Budget</b>
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<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>393,401.00</b>
<b>TRANSFER FROM GEN FUND - FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>4,000,000.00</b>
<b>REVENUES:</b>	
Sales Tax Appropriations	2,115,000.00
Interest Earned	0.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>2,115,000.00</b>
<b>FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>6,508,401.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>	
<b><u>STREETS &amp; DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS</u></b>	
INTERSTATE LIGHTING	20,000.00
STREET DEPT / DRAINAGE EQUIPMENT	189,000.00
SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION	50,000.00
EROSION PREVENTION PROJECT	0.00
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT	125,000.00
BULKHEAD IMPROVEMENT	0.00
CAP ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT	2,000,000.00
<i>Total Streets &amp; Drainage Improvements</i>	<u>2,384,000.00</u>
<b><u>FACILITIES &amp; RECREATION ENHANCEMENTS</u></b>	
RECREATION ACQUISITIONS	772,000.00
ADMINISTRATION CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00
PROPERTY ACQUISITION	50,000.00
CODE ENFORCEMENT CAPITAL OUTLAY	13,000.00
JAMBALAYA PARK	0.00
MASTER GROWTH PLAN	170,000.00
CITY ROOM	25,000.00
CIVIC CENTER	40,000.00
T. JOE MUSEUM	5,000.00
FIRE DEPT CAPITAL OUTLAY	323,000.00
POLICE DEPT CAPITAL OUTLAY	327,000.00
<i>Total Facilities &amp; Recreation Enhancements</i>	<u>1,725,000.00</u>
<b><u>UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS</u></b>	
WASTEWATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	600,000.00
WATER SYSTEM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	598,000.00
GAS SYSTEM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	100,000.00
<i>Total Utility Improvements</i>	<u>1,298,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>5,407,000.00</b>
<b>ENDING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>1,101,401.00</b>

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

NAYS: Councilman Kenneth Matassa, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Gary Lacombe, seconded by Councilman Timothy Vessel Sr. to declare as surplus the following:

1-1998 Ransomes 728D Lawn Mower/ Non Running/Recreation Dept. UNANIMOUS

Motion by Councilman Gary Lacombe, seconded by Councilman Timothy Vessel Sr. to approve Change Order No. 2 for the Emerson Parkway Roadway Improvements Project, a deduction in the amount of \$42,958.41, resulting in a new contract amount of \$ 817,507.04. UNANIMOUS

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