

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEN OF THE CITY OF GONZALES, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2014, 5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Barney D. Arceneaux  
Councilman Gary Lacombe  
Councilman Kenneth Matassa

Councilman Timothy Vessel Sr.  
Councilman Kirk Boudreaux  
Councilman Terance Irvin

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 Terance Irvin, seconded by Councilman Timothy Vessel Sr. to remove the item from the table and open for discussion the issue of authorizing payment of legal fees submitted by Robert A. Barnett for representation of councilmen Irvin, Lacombe, and Vessel in the case of Turner vs. City of Gonzales et al Suit #110-770 "D"

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Motion by Gary Lacombe, seconded by Councilman Timothy Vessel Sr. to approve the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Gonzales city council members Timothy Vessel, Sr., Gary Lacombe, and Terance Irvin, have carefully and separately reviewed and now herewith approve the entire invoice for legal services submitted by Robert A. Barnett of the firm of Guste, Barnett, Schlesinger, Henderson & Alpaugh, L.L.P., on or about September 1, 2014 in the matter of Turner vs. City of Gonzales, et al., and

BE IT RESOLVED that because of the urgency of various legal issues the City of Gonzales city council specifically resolves and now instructs city mayor Barney Arceneaux and or his designee to immediately pay the full invoice without delay as submitted by Robert A. Barnett of the firm of Guste, Barnett, Schlesinger, Henderson & Alpaugh, L.L.P. of September 1, 2014, related to the matter of Turner vs. City of Gonzales, et al., and

BE IT RESOLVED that this city council further approves the expenditure of funds by Robert A. Barnett of the firm of Guste, Barnett, Schlesinger, Henderson & Alpaugh, L.L.P. to set, serve, hold and have transcribed all depositions to be taken in the matter of Turner vs. City of Gonzales, et al., and

BE IT RESOLVED that this city council further approves the reimbursement and/or payment of any court related costs or deposition costs incurred in the defense of the Turner litigation and as submitted by Robert A. Barnett of the firm of Guste, Barnett, Schlesinger, Henderson & Alpaugh, L.L.P. to the office of the Mayor of Gonzales in the matter of Turner vs. City of Gonzales, et al., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that city mayor Barney Arceneaux is further instructed and/or authorized by this city council to pay all attorney fees, deposition costs and all other related expenses without delay as submitted by Robert A. Barnett of the firm of Guste, Barnett, Schlesinger, Henderson & Alpaugh, L.L.P. in the matter of Turner vs. City of Gonzales, et al.

A Substitute Motion was made by Councilman Kenneth Matassa, seconded by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux to amend the Resolution to reflect that all future legal fee billings of Mr. Robert A. Barnett in the matter of Turner vs. City of Gonzales et al require city council approval prior to payment.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

The amended resolution was put to a vote and will now read:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Gonzales city council members Timothy Vessel, Sr., Gary Lacombe, and Terance Irvin, have carefully and separately reviewed and now herewith approve the entire invoice for legal services submitted by Robert A. Barnett of the firm of Guste, Barnett, Schlesinger, Henderson & Alpaugh, L.L.P., on or about September 1, 2014 in the matter of Turner vs. City of Gonzales, et al., and

BE IT RESOLVED that because of the urgency of various legal issues the City of Gonzales city council specifically resolves and now instructs city mayor Barney Arceneaux and or his designee to immediately pay the full invoice without delay as submitted by Robert A. Barnett of the firm of Guste, Barnett, Schlesinger, Henderson & Alpaugh, L.L.P. of September 1, 2014, related to the matter of Turner vs. City of Gonzales, et al., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that city mayor Barney Arceneaux is further instructed to submit to this city council for authorization and approval all future monthly invoices for attorney fees, deposition costs and all other related expenses as submitted by Robert A. Barnett of the firm of Guste, Barnett, Schlesinger, Henderson & Alpaugh, L.L.P. in the matter of Turner vs. City of Gonzales, et al.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

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Motion by Councilman Gary Lacombe, seconded by Councilman Timothy Vessel Sr. to enter into executive session to discuss litigation.

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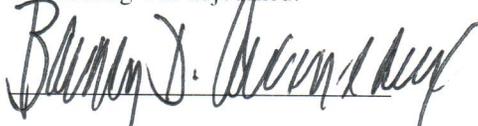
\*NOTE The Mayor and Council entered into Executive Session at 5:55 P.M.

Motion by Councilman Gary Lacombe, seconded by Councilmnn Terance Irvin to re-enter Regular Session.

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\*NOTE The Mayor and Council re-convened at 6:13 P.M.

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, Mayor-Administrator

ATTEST:

  
Clay A. Stafford, City Clerk