

Garfield City Council Meeting January 10, 2023

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order 6:00PM

Roll Call- Roll called by Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen

Council Member Rambo-present

Council Member Teeselink-present

Council Member Kitterman-present

City Attorney- present

Guests and Visitors

John Niernberger

Victor Hallberg

MINUTES

December 13, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes

Council Member Rambo moved to approve as presented.

Seconded by Council Member Teeselink

All in favor, motion carried

December 13, 2022, Public Forum Minutes

Council Member Kitterman moved to approve as presented.

Seconded by Council Member Rambo

All in favor, motion carried

Committee Reports

Planning Commission- Planning Commission Chairman John Niernberger reported on the December 29, 2022 meeting where the Commission addressed 1 lot split, discussed the December public forum regarding the zoning changes, Hamilton Park project, Garfield School, and the Railroad crossing. Planning Commission will provide verbiage for a letter to ARDOT requesting additional safety measures be put into place at the railroad crossing as they feel the stop signs that were installed are not sufficient.

Water Department- December unaccounted for water loss- 9.86%

Water System Operator Duncan Artt addressed the council providing an update on unaccounted for water loss and the Wilson Rd. Project. The lines have been pressure tested and covered. Chlorine testing is underway, awaiting results at this time.

Next project- Water tank replacement

Code Enforcement-No report

Council Member Teeselink moved to approve to accept Committee Reports as presented.

Seconded by Council Member Kitterman

All in favor, motion carried

Unfinished Business

Proposal To Replace Garfield School- Selection Committee is scheduled to meet 1/12/23, meeting called by Superintendent Perry.

Wilson Road & Ventris Loop – Update provided during Water Department reports.

Hamilton Park Pavilion- A written progress report was presented by project manager Darshan Hamilton.

Proposed Resolution 186 Appointing City Attorney for Calendar Year 2023

Current City Attorney Mike Bearden addressed the council expressing his desire to continue as the City Attorney.

Proposed Resolution was read by Mayor Blackburn.

Council Member Kitterman moved to appoint Mike Bearden as City Attorney for 2023.

Seconded by Council Member Teeselink

Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink- Yes, Council Member Kitterman-Yes

Motion carried

Update State Street Aid Program 2023- Letter was provided to council members from State Aid approving \$300,000 to overlay .55mi of Mountain Drive and Paul Pratt Rd and resurfacing .87 mi of Mountain Drive and Hughes Rd. Opening bids on 1/11/23.

\$250,000 additional aid to be used for other street overlays.

\$550,000 total in State Aid for 2023

New Business

Declare and Approve A Vacancy On City Council Ward 2 Position 1

Mayor Blackburn read letter to be posted declaring vacancy as of 1/10/23.

Council Member Kitterman moved to declare Ward 2 Position 1 vacant.

Seconded by Council Member Teeselink

Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink- Yes, Council Member Kitterman-Yes

Motion carried

Approval of Berry & Associates to perform 2022 Water Fund Agreed Upon Procedure

Council Member Kitterman moved to approve Berry & Associate to perform 2022 Water Fund Agreed Upon Procedure.

Seconded by Council Member Rambo

Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink- Yes, Council Member Kitterman-Yes

Motion carried

CARDS Request for 2023 Rate Increase-

Mayor Blackburn read a portion of CARDS contract regarding rate increases and advised that Jason Fitzgerald with CARDS was unable to attend council meeting to explain additional rate increase request due to health issues.

Council Member Rambo moved to table item until further information is obtain from CARDS regarding request for additional rate increase.

Seconded by Council Member Teeselink

Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink- Yes, Council Member Kitterman-Yes

Motion carried

Proposed Resolution 187- Council Meeting Rules 2023

Council Member Teeselink requested modification of proposed resolution.

Mayor Blackburn called meeting in to recess at 6:54PM to allow modification to be made.

Meeting called back into order at 6:58.

Council Member Teeselink moved to accept proposed resolution as presented.

Seconded by Council Member Kitterman

Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink- Yes, Council Member Kitterman-Yes

Motion carried

Proposed Resolution 188- Code of Conduct 2023

Council Member Kitterman moved to accept proposed resolution as presented.

Seconded by Council Member Teeselink

Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink- Yes, Council Member Kitterman-Yes

Motion carried

CITY FINANCIALS

Approve December Financials (EOY 2022)

After discussion, Council Member Kitterman moved to approve December 2022 End of Year financial reports as presented.

Seconded by Council Member Rambo

Council Member Rambo- Yes, Council Member Teeselink- Yes, Council Member Kitterman, Yes

Motion carried

Proposed Resolution 189- Approving Balanced Budget (2022 EOY Adjusted)

Council Member Kitterman moved to approve End of Year adjusted budget as presented.

Seconded by Council Member Teeselink

Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink- Yes, Council Member Kitterman-Yes

Motion Carried

Mayor Blackburn provided information regarding the Butterfield Stage Experience bike trail that is planning to go through Garfield.

Adjourn

Council Member Kitterman moved to adjourn

Seconded by Council Member Rambo

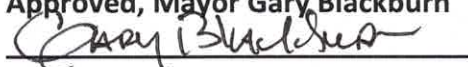
All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:08PM

Passed and approved this 14th day of February 2023

Gary Blackburn

Approved, Mayor Gary Blackburn



Christal J. Allen

Attested, Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen

