

City of Garfield Council Meeting October 14, 2025

Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order: 6:14PM

Roll Call- Roll called by Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen

Council Member Smead- Attending via phone

Council Member Rambo- Attending via phone

Council Member Teeselink- Present

Council Member Kitterman- Present

Guests and Visitors

Diana Rogers

Minutes City Council Meeting September 9, 2025

Council Member Teeselink moved to approve September 9, 2025, council meeting minutes as presented.

Second, by Council Member Kitterman.

All in favor, motion carried.

Committee Reports

Planning Commission-September 25, 2025, Planning Commission meeting minutes and September 18, 2025, Public Hearing minutes were provided to the council. The Conditional Use request by Triple J Enterprises was denied at the monthly meeting.

Water Department-September unaccounted for water loss 15.04%. Systems Total Report was provided to the council, noting the amount transferred to the Depreciation Fund CD.

The 2024 Agreed Upon Procedure was received by Berry and Associates and was discussed by Mayor Blackburn and the council.

Mayor Blackburn advised that he received a fire hydrant maintenance contract from Free Flow Inc today. He spoke with NEBCO fire chief who confirmed this would stabilize the city's ISO rating. Cost would be \$80.00 per hydrant.

After discussion, Council Member Kitterman moved to approve the contract.

Second, by Council Member Smead.

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

All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Blackburn presented an email he received from Scott Borman regarding future compliance matters.

The security training brief by Douglas Sutton will be placed on next month's council meeting agenda.

Code Enforcement- Mayor Blackburn reported issuing building permits for projects on Ford Rd and Ravenwood Ln and a plumbing permit on Taylor Barnett Rd.

Council Member Kitterman moved to accept committee reports as presented.

Second, by Council Member Teeselink.

All in favor, motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Proposed Water Regionalization- Diana Rogers with The Alternative Board addressed providing overview of services to be provided by the company if the city moves forward with the proposed regionalization.

Ordinance 218 Discussion- Mayor Blackburn stated that he has reached out to the Arkansas Municipal League relating to limiting the discharge of firearms after dark within city limits.

Council members agreed that the ordinance needs to be amended to potentially change the evening noise cut off time from 7:00PM to 10:00PM and to amend firearm discharge time.

Road Work Bid- Mayor Blackburn informed the council of safety issues that occurred with Wells Asphalt during work being performed on Dennis Mitchell Rd. and Main St. on October 3, 2025. As a result, he sent Wells a letter of termination. He met with the owner on October 6, 2025, compensation for mobilization, wages for the on-site crew, debris removal, and materials. The offer was declined, the company stating they would take the matter to court. The information has been sent to the city attorney.

Performance Services Installation Contract- the contract is still in process, awaiting grant approval from the Natural Resources Commission.

New Business

AI Training- Arkansas Municipal League will be providing free AI training to be available mid-October. All employees who utilize city computer equipment are required to attend training.

Review Financial Compliance Report December 31, 2004, and 2023-The report was received by the mayor, recorder-treasurer, and council members. The report was discussed, with no findings being reported.

Resolution #219 Tax Levy Millage Rate Year 2025, Collected 2026-Mayor Blackburn introduced proposed resolution #219.

After discussion, Council Member Kitterman moved to leave the millage rate at 2.0 mils and approve the resolution as presented.

Second, by Council Member Teeselink.

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

All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #220 QTR 3 FY25 Budget Reconciliation- Mayor Blackburn introduced proposed resolution #220.

After discussion, noting specifically the purchase of the 2025 Kubota Tractor to be included in the Street fund reconciliation, Council Member Kitterman moved to approve resolution as presented.

Second, by Council Member Teeselink.

Council Member Smead-Yes, Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink-Yes, Council

Member Kitterman-Yes.
All in favor, motion carried.

Review Financials for September 2025- after discussion, Council Member Teeselink moved to approve September 2025 financial statements as presented.

Second, by Council Member Kitterman.

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

All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Blackburn advised that he will present the proposed 2026 budget to the council at the next council meeting.

Tree Giveaway is to be held on Saturday October 18, 2025, at City Hall.

Adjournment

Council Member Kitterman moved to adjourn.

Second, by Council Member Teeselink.

All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02PM

Passed and approved this 13th day of November 2025.

Gary Blackburn

Approved, Mayor Gary Blackburn

Gary Blackburn

Christal Allen

Attested, Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen

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