

Regular City Council Meeting; February 9th, 2021- The Garfield City Council met in the Alderman Terry Warren room, for the Regular City Council Meeting. Mayor Blackburn prior to opening the meeting; started with a Prayer and then the Pledge of Allegiance.

Called to Order- Mayor Blackburn called the meeting to order at 5:58 PM.

Roll Call- Recorder-Treasurer Teresa Vining called roll; Council Members Barry Kitterman, Jim Teeselink, Robert Vining and Scott Wassman all present. Mayor Barry Blackburn, Recorder-Treasurer Teresa Vining present and City attorney Mike Bearden attending virtually.

Guest Speakers

None

Mayors State of the City- Mayor Blackburn will prepare his written statement and disseminate to the Council.

Agenda Item 1 January, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Blackburn presented with the January Regular City Council meeting minutes. Council member Wassman moved, seconded by Council Member Vining, to approve the Regular January 2021 Council Meeting minutes. The roll being called, vote was as follows; Council Member Kitterman yay, Council Member Teeselink yay, Council Member Vining yay, Council Member Wassman yay, all in favor motion passed.

Agenda Item 2 Committee Reports

Planning Commission- Chairman Dan Greisen, the new Planning Commission Chairman introduced himself, giving a synopsis of his background and reported on their January 2021 Planning meeting. He stated Mr. John Niernberger was also newly appointed as a new Planning Commissioner at the January Planning meeting. Mr. Greisen said he is opened for suggestions and directions for the Planning Commission and he will be working closely with Mayor Blackburn to bring a new approach to the Planning Commission meetings. The next meeting will be the last Thursday of February.

Water Department- Mayor Blackburn reported on the Water system totals reports presented in the Council packets, the water loss for the month was at 37%. Mayor Blackburn explained the increase of water loss for the month and the process of elimination by jumper meters throughout the city.

Code Enforcement- Mayor Blackburn presented with his Code Enforcement report for the month of January. Describing the different enforcements, he performed throughout the month.

Vote of acceptance for the Committee Reports: Council Member Barry Kitterman moved, seconded by Council member Teeselink to accept the committee reports as presented. The roll being called, vote was as follows; Council Member Kitterman yay, Council Member Teeselink yay, Council Member Vining yay, Council Member Wassman yay, all in favor motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

Agenda Item 3- Inspections, LLC Guest Speaker Lonnie Beeman, to present a comparison package option in place of using the Benton County Risk Assessment Group- Mr. Beeman introduced himself and invited the Council to explain what all the city's needs are, and what his company could do to help. Mayor Blackburn being the temporary code enforcement officer described the city's needs for code and safety inspections. Mr. Beeman explained how he could respond to the city's needs. Mayor Blackburn, opened it for discussion with the Council. Mayor Blackburn asked Water Clerk Stacy Thompson to Email Mr. Beeman copies of all relevant Ordinances pertaining to this item of business. Mayor Blackburn will prepare a detailed needs report and present to the Council by the March Council meeting. Mr. Beeman asked Mayor Blackburn if while compiling information for his report, if Mayor Blackburn could also come up with an estimate of how much time on a weekly and/or monthly basis their company would be needed, to work for the City of Garfield, Mayor Blackburn said that he would add that to the report as well. Council Member Teeselink asked if the Code Enforcement position changed; placing it in with the Risk assessment Officer as one position, his concern was the financial aspect of combining this with an outside entity. Mayor Blackburn stated the city needs someone who can do both inspections, that would be the ultimate goal, since the Mayor has to have the resources to have both done. The Council will have to make that call on what the city can afford and what Mr. Beeman's company can do, concerning the financial aspect, then see which direction the city wants to move with the Risk assessment inspections and Code Enforcement needs for the city.

Agenda Item 4 Proposed Tiny Home Ordinance- Mayor Blackburn introduced the Proposed Ordinance; then opened it for discussion. Council Member Kitterman moved, seconded by Council Member Teeselink, to read the Proposed Ordinance by title only. The roll being called, vote was as follows; Council Member Kitterman yay, Council Member Teeselink yay, Council Member Vining yay, Council Member Wassman yay, all in favor motion passed. Recorder-Treasurer read the Proposed Ordinance by title only.

Mayor Blackburn called a 5-minute recess at 6:51 PM. The meeting reconvened at 6:56 PM.

Reconvened with Agenda Item 4 Proposed Tiny Home Ordinance- This reading will become the first reading, 2/9/2021. Council Member Kitterman moved, seconded by Council Member Vining to have a Public Forum covering the Proposed Tiny Homes Ordinance, 30 minutes prior to the March 9th, 2021 Regular Council Meeting. The roll being called, vote was as follows; Council Member Kitterman yay, Council Member Teeselink yay, Council Member Vining yay, Council Member Wassman yay, all in favor motion passed.

Agenda Item 5 Proposed Short Term Rentals Ordinance- Mayor Blackburn introduced the Proposed Ordinance; then opened it for discussion. Council Member Teeselink moved, seconded by Council Member Kitterman, to read the Proposed Ordinance by title only. The roll being called, vote was as follows; Council Member Kitterman yay, Council Member Teeselink yay, Council Member Vining yay, Council Member Wassman yay, all in favor motion passed. Recorder-Treasurer read the Proposed Ordinance by title only. Mayor Blackburn opened the Proposed Ordinance for discussion. After discussion, the decision was made to remove the number of people allowed, and rewrite it to state occupancy 'to be determined' after the Business has turned in all of their State, Air BNB, and Fire Permits to the City of Garfield, and the City application process is complete, to ensure safety capacity laws are followed. Tonight's reading will become the first reading; 2/9/2021.

New Business:

Agenda Item 6- Proposed Ordinance 192 to revoke City Ordinance 168- Mayor Blackburn introduced the Proposed Ordinance; then opened it for discussion. Council Member Kitterman moved, seconded by Council Member Vining, to read the Proposed Ordinance by title only, the roll being called, vote was as follows; Council Member Kitterman yay, Council Member Teeselink yay, Council Member Vining yay, Council Member Wassman yay, all in favor motion passed. Recorder-Treasurer Teresa Vining, read the Proposed Ordinance by title only. Mayor Blackburn opened the Proposed Ordinance for discussion. Council Member Teeselink moved, seconded by Council Member Kitterman to suspend the rules for reading the Proposed Ordinance on three different occasions. The roll being called, vote was as follows; Council Member Kitterman yay, Council Member Teeselink yay, Council Member Vining yay, Council Member Wassman yay, all in favor motion passed. Council Member Teeselink moved, seconded by Council Member Vining to approve Proposed Ordinance 192 revoking Ordinance 168. The roll being called, vote was as follows; Council Member Kitterman yay, Council Member Teeselink yay, Council Member Vining yay, Council Member Wassman yay, all in favor Proposed Ordinance 192 approved, motion passed. Council Member Kitterman moved, seconded by Council Member Teeselink to invoke the Emergency Clause making Ordinance 192 effective immediately. The roll being called, vote was as follows; Council Member Kitterman yay, Council Member Teeselink yay, Council Member Vining yay, Council Member Wassman yay, all in favor motion passed.

Agenda Item 7- PMI 2 Proposal Packets containing review plans for replacing the Garfield Waterline - Mayor Blackburn presented with the PMI packets, and then opened them for discussion. Mayor Blackburn will proceed with the proposal's and process under review, moving this item of business out until the next phase of the plan is ready to be presented to the Council.

Agenda Item 8- City Website Proposal – Mayor Blackburn opened the proposal packet for discussion. Council Member Kitterman moved, seconded by Council Member Teeselink to accept the website proposal as presented and start building a New City Website. The roll being called, vote was as follows; Council Member Kitterman yay, Council Member Teeselink yay, Council Member Vining yay, Council Member Wassman yay, all in favor motion passed.

Agenda Item 9- Tree Grant- Mayor Blackburn opened the Grant up for discussion. Recorder-Treasurer Vining explained the Grant, presenting with the plan for review. The City Council in agreement to move forward with the tree grant. If the grant is approved, we will move forward with a Resolution and keep the Council up to date with the progress.

Agenda Item 10- Schedule the Spring Clean-Up- Mayor Blackburn opened the item for discussion. After, comments the clean-up was scheduled for April 17th, 2021, starting at 8:00 AM-12:00 PM; only two loads will be allowed per Water Account Customer, the customer will have to bring an ID that matches the water bill address and bring their Water Bill from the prior month, being March 2021's. Council Member Wassman moved, seconded by Council Member Teeselink to schedule and plan the Spring Clean-up as discussed. The roll being called, vote was as follows; Council Member Kitterman yay, Council Member Teeselink yay, Council Member Vining yay, Council Member Wassman yay, all in favor motion passed.

Agenda Item 11- Review of the January 2021 Financials General, Street & Water- Along with Estimates to pave Hughes Road- Mayor Blackburn opened the financials for discussion. The Council decided to continue moving forward with Road Work as planned and budgeted. Then, concerning the bids for Hughes Road, Hughes Road would be top priority for road work in the City. Next, to finish up paving everything planned, would be part of Seamster up to part of Markey, then, part of Dennis Mitchell and Old Liberty to the intersection. Council Member moved Kitterman, seconded by Council Member Teeselink to accept the financial reports as presented for all funds. The roll being called, vote was as follows; Council Member Kitterman yay, Council Member Teeselink yay, Council Member Vining yay, Council Member Wassman yay, all in favor motion passed.

Adjournment- Council Member Kitterman moved, seconded by Council Member Teeselink to adjourn at 7:55 PM. The roll being called, vote was as follows; Council Member Kitterman yay, Council Member Teeselink yay, Council Member Vining yay, Council Member Wassman yay, all in favor motion passed.

Passed and approved this 9th day of March 2021

Gary Blackburn; 2/ 15 /2021
Approved, Mayor Gary Blackburn
Gary Blackburn

Teresa D. Vining; 2/ 15 /2021
Attested, Recorder-Treasurer Teresa Vining
Teresa D. Vining