

Garfield City Council Meeting December 10, 2024

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order: 6:00PM

Roll Call- Roll called by Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen

Council Member Smead-Present

Council Member Rambo-Present

Council Member Teeselink-Present

Council Member Kitterman-Present

Guests and Visitors

Minutes City Council Meeting November 12, 2024

Council Member Smead moved to approve the November 12, 2024 Council meeting minutes and December 3, 2024 Public Forum minutes as presented.

Seconded by Council Member Teeselink.

All in favor, motion carried.

Committee Reports

Planning Commission-November 21, 2024, Planning Commission meeting minutes were provided to the council.

Water Department- November unaccounted for water loss 15.89%. Two leaks were repaired in November.

Repairs to interior of tank-Water distribution operator Duncan Artt addressed the council, stating that he and Mayor Blackburn met with the engineer this week. The projected start date is March or April 2025. A pressure release valve is to be installed on Mountain Drive.

Code Enforcement- Mayor Blackburn reported sending letters to property owners on Main Street. The occupant has been working to clean up the properties. A letter was sent to the owner of an unsafe structure on Hwy 62.

Fence permit in Ashmore Creek, building and accessory building permits on Perry Rd., building permit on Blueberry Ln., were issued.

A letter was received from ARDOT regarding the bridge on Limekiln and North Wimpy Jones Rd stating that the structure is eligible for replacement and has been placed on the list for future replacement. The erosion project on Schooley Lane is in progress.

Council member Teeselink moved to approve committee reports as presented

Seconded by council member Rambo.

All in favor, motion carried.

Council Member Teeselink moved to suspend the rule to deviate from the agenda and move to New Business Agenda Item #6.

Seconded by Council Member Smead.

All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution 205 Volunteer Citizen 2024

Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen read the proposed resolution.

Council Member Kitterman moved to approve proposed resolution 205 as presented.

Seconded by Council Member Teeselink.

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

All in favor, motion carried

Mayor Blackburn presented Isaac Vedilago with a \$50.00 gift card and the 2024 Volunteer Citizen of the Year Award.

Unfinished Business

Garfield Elementary School

Taylor Sizemore with RST addressed the council advising he has changed direction on research after the December 3, 2024, public forum where the community voiced a desire for the property to be used as a school.

Mayor Blackburn reported that he met with Rogers Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Perry regarding the city's decision to reject the warranty deed as it was presented.

After discussion, Council Member Kitterman moved to table any further activity on the city acquiring the Garfield Elementary School property until a charter school has been given the opportunity to acquire it.

Seconded by Council Member Rambo.

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

All in favor, motion carried

Mayor Blackburn reported that he spoke with Jason Fitzgerald with CARDS, advising him that they are behind on the third quarter franchise fee payment and the city has not received the 2025 contract.

Proposed Resolution 206-2025 Budgets

Proposed Resolution 206 was read by Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen.

After discussion, Council member Smead moved to adopt Proposed Resolution 206 as presented.

Seconded 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.

Proposed Ordinance 215-2025 Water Rates

Mayor Blackburn introduced the proposed ordinance.

Council Member Smead moved to read proposed Ordinance 215 by title only.

Seconded by Council Member Rambo.

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

Member Rambo-Yes.

All in favor, motion carried.

Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen read proposed Ordinance 215 by title only.

Council Member Teeselink moved to suspend the rule to read proposed Ordinance 215 on three separate occasions.

Seconded by Council Member Kitterman.

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

All in favor, motion carried.

Council Member Smead moved to approve proposed Ordinance 215 as presented.

Seconded by Council Member Teeselink.

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

All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Blackburn announced ordinance passed.

Council Member Teeselink moved to invoke the emergency clause.

Seconded by Council Member Rambo.

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

All in favor, motion carried.

Proposed Resolution 207- Notice of Award Leher Painting Enterprises

Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen read proposed Resolution 207 awarding Leher Painting Enterprises the bid in the amount of \$295,777.00

After discussion, Council Member Kitterman moved to adopt proposed Resolution 207 as presented.

Seconded by Council Member Smead.

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

All in favor, motion carried.

New Business

November 2024 Financials

After discussion, Council Member Kitterman moved to accept November 2024 financials as presented.

Seconded by Council Member Rambo.

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

All in favor, motion carried.

Mobile Home Placement Joe Goodall

Council Member Kitterman moved to approve the mobile home application presented by Joe Goodall 15116 Alvin Seamster Rd.

Seconded by Council Member Smead.

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

Kitterman-Yes.

Council Member Teeselink expressed the need to purchase a new TV for the council chamber as the current one is not large enough to be seen by meeting attendees.

Council Member Kitterman moved to find and purchase a new television for the council chamber.

Seconded by Council Member Smead.

All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn

Council Member Smead moved to adjourn.

Seconded by Council Member Kitterman.

All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54PM.

Passed and approved this 14th day of January 2024.

Gary Blackburn

Approved, Mayor Gary Blackburn

Gary Blackburn

Christal Allen

Attested, Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen

Christal Allen

