

City of Garfield Council Meeting December 9, 2025

Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order: 6:01PM

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

Minutes City Council Meeting November 13, 2025

Council Member Kitterman moved to approve November 13, 2025, council meeting minutes as presented.

Second, by Council Member Smead.

All in favor, motion carried.

Committee Reports

Planning Commission-November 20, 2025, minutes were presented to the council.

Mayor Blackburn informed the council that there is a vacancy on the Planning Commission.

Water Department-November unaccounted water loss 9.10 %. Systems Totals Report was presented to the council.

NEBCO Fire Chief Rob Taylor addressed the council requesting assistance with upcoming water bill charges for December 2025 due to a water leak.

After discussion, Council Member Kitterman moved to accept \$1414.00 for usage from November 24, 2025, to December 9, 2025.

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 advised that dual check valves and shut off valves need to be installed on all three NEBCO meters. Chief Taylor confirmed they would have them installed.

Code Enforcement-Mayor Blackburn reported issuing- Building and Fence permit 18829 Sugar Creek Rd., Accessory Building permit 18868 Sugar Creek Rd., Plumbing permit-Beaver Hollow Rd., Building permit-14778 Mountain Dr., Fence Permit- 16727 Hwy 62, Fence permit-18650 Pinebrook Dr.

Mayor Blackburn stated that he wrote a letter to NWARPC and ARDOT asking to review the second phase of the Hwy 62 bypass, citing safety concerns and to consider moving the project up on the priority list.

Mayor Blackburn has received confirmation from ARDOT that school zone signage is to be installed on Hwy 127.

Council Member Teeselink moved to accept committee reports as presented.
Second, by Council Member Rambo.
All in favor, motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Performance Services Installation - Donnie Chambers addressed the council announcing that the city has received funding from Arkansas Natural Resources Commission in the amount of \$7.5 million in principal forgiveness. A first amendment to installation contract with Performance Services. Attached was an Improvement List

After discussion, Council Member Smead moved to approve the First Amendment to Installation contract with Performance Services.

Second, by Council Member Rambo.

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

All in favor, motion carried.

After discussion, Council Member Kitterman moved to give Mayor Blackburn conditional approval to sign a Notice to Proceed after the acceptance letter from ANRC is received.

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.

Proposed Water Regionalization- Mayor Blackburn encouraged council members to write down questions to be asked during the regionalization meetings. A packet received from the attorney L.D. Michael Moyer is currently under review.

Proposed Ordinance 224 Water Rates 2026

Mayor Blackburn introduced proposed ordinance 224.

Council Member Teeselink moved to read the proposed ordinance by title only.

Second, by Council Member Smead.

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 224 by title.

Council Member Kitterman moved to suspend the rule requiring the proposed ordinance to be read on three separate occasions.

Second, by Council Member Smead.

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

All in favor, motion carried.

After discussion, Council Member Kitterman moved to approve proposed ordinance 224 as presented.

Second, by Council Member Smead.

Council Member Teeselink-Yes, Council Member Kitterman-Yes, Council Member Smead-Yes, Council Member Rambo-Yes.
All in favor, motion carried.

Council Member Teeselink moved to invoke the emergency clause.
Second, 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.

Ordinance effective January 1, 2026.

Proposed Resolution 222- Solid Waste Disposal Rates 2026

Mayor Blackburn read proposed resolution 222.
No discussion.
Council Member Smead moved to approve resolution 222 as presented.
Second, by Council Member Rambo.
Council Member Smead-Yes, Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink-Yes, Council Member Kitterman-Yes.
All in favor, motion carried.

Cyber Security-Discuss AML Recommendations

Mayor Blackburn reported receiving Arkansas Legislative Audit Information Systems best practices. The city will obtain assistance from White Water Tek and two-ton for implementation procedures.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Ordinance 225- Controlling Disposal Dirt & Construction Debris

Mayor Blackburn introduced proposed ordinance 225.
Council Member Kitterman moved to read proposed ordinance 225 by title only.
Second 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.
Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen read proposed ordinance by title.
After discussion, Council Member Rambo moved to table proposed ordinance 225 to obtain input from the city attorney.
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.

Ordinance -Fortner Annexation

Approval to proceed has not yet been received from the county judge.

Luper-Mobile Home Permit

Council Member Kitterman moved to approve the mobile home placement permit as presented.
Second, by Council Member Teeselink.
All in favor, motion carried.

Authorization to Close ARPA Checking Account

Council Member Kitterman moved to close the ARPA checking account after reimbursing the ½% Sales Tax Fund for engineering fees for the tank project.
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.

Request For Funding- Children and Family Advocacy Center

A letter from the county judge requesting funding was provided to the council.
After discussion, Council Member Rambo moved to table the item until confirmation by the city attorney has been obtained to determine legality of financial support by the city.
Second, by Council Member Smead.
All in favor, motion carried.

Proposed Resolution 221- Adopting Budget 2026

Mayor Blackburn read proposed resolution 221.
After discussion, Council Member Kitterman moved to approve proposed resolution 221.
Second, by Council Member Rambo.
Council Member Smead-Yes, Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink-Yes,
Council Member Kitterman-Yes.
All in favor, motion carried.

Review November 2025 Financials

After discussion, Council Member Teeselink moved to approve November 2025 financial reports as presented.
Second, by Council Member Smead.
All in favor, motion carried.

Proposed Resolution 223- Arkansas Federal Surplus Property Program

Mayor Blackburn reported receiving a proposed resolution today from Jackie Crabtree with the Arkansas Municipal League regarding the Arkansas Federal Surplus Property Program. Mayor Blackburn introduced and read the proposed resolution, to be number 223.
After discussion, Council Member Rambo moved to approve the proposed resolution.
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.

Council Member Teeselink addressed the council, suggesting closing city hall December 26, 2025, and providing holiday pay for full-time employees.

After discussion, Council Member Rambo moved to close city hall December 26, 2025, and the date also be included as a paid holiday for full time employees.

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.

Adjournment

Council Member Kitterman moved to adjourn.

Second, by Council Member Smead.

All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Passed and approved this 13th day of January 2026.

Gary Blackburn

Christal Allen

Approved, Mayor Gary Blackburn

Attested, Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen

Gary Blackburn

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