

City of Garfield Council Meeting February 10, 2026

Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order: 6:02 PM

Roll Call- Roll called by Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen

Council Member Smead- Present

Council Member Rambo- Absent

Council Member Teeselink- Present

Council Member Kitterman- Absent

Minutes City Council Meeting January 13, 2026

Council Member Smead moved to approve January 13, 2026, council meeting minutes as presented.

Second, by Council Member Teeselink.

All in favor, motion carried.

Committee Reports

Planning Commission-January 22, 2026, meeting minutes and January 29, 2026, Public Hearing minutes were presented to the council.

Planning Commissioner Chairperson Patricia Lee addressed the council answering questions regarding the proposed subdivision ordinance and moratorium changes. She reported on attending a Small Cities Committee meeting in January. The commission is actively working on proposed changes to the subdivision ordinance and will be engaging with the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission for assistance in drafting the updated ordinance to present to the council.

Water Department-January 2026 unaccounted water loss 9.56%. January 2026 Systems Totals, Sales and Receivables and Usage and Loss reports were presented to the council.

Standpipe project-application for payment of \$84,417.00 was received from the engineer along with change order #2 in the amount of \$20,463.67, Mayor Blackburn requested an invoice prior to issuing payment for the change order.

The plan is to fill the tank to $\frac{3}{4}$ full next week, then the contractor will shoot the grade again, then in two more weeks the tank will be filled and the grade shot again. The tank will be emptied, sterilized, then a company from Hot Springs, Arkansas will calibrate the RPZ at the tank and the pressure reducing valve at the vault.

Code Enforcement-Mayor Blackburn reported issuing building permits for Brad Fortner on North Wimpy Jones Rd and Don Rollins on Hughes Rd as well as an excavation/bore permit. Accessory building permits were issued for Keith Harrell on Ford Rd and Brad Ethridge on Hwy 127.

Council Member Smead moved to accept committee reports as presented.

Second, by Council Member Teeselink.

All in favor, motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Proposed Water Regionalization Legal-ANRC Meeting in Little Rock

Mayor Blackburn reported that he received an updated letter from attorney Moyer with the Friday Law Firm following the last regionalization meeting.

The next proposed water regionalization meeting will be held at Lost Bridge Village on February 25, 2026.

The meeting with the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission regarding the \$7.5 million dollar funding will be held in Little Rock February 18, 2026. Mayor Blackburn, Douglas Sutton, the city attorney and PSI will be in attendance.

Proposed Ordinance, Moratorium Subdivision Construction

Item was addressed during Committee Reports

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Conditional Use-18584 Mahurin Ln.

Planning Commission Chairperson Patricia Lee answered questions from the council regarding the proposed conditional use request.

It was determined that a conditional use permit was not required for this matter and that the applicant will be refunded the \$150.00 permit fee that was previously collected.

Proposed Tiny Home-18584 Mahurin Ln.

After discussion, Council Member Teeselink moved to approve the tiny home application with the condition that the septic is located properly, and a porch is added to the building.

Second, by Council Member Smead.

All in favor, motion carried.

14102 Taylor Barnett Rd- Single Family Water Service Request

After discussion, Council Member Smead moved to approve the one single family residence water service request located on 5 acres at 14102 Taylor Barnett Rd with the understanding that the appropriate permits to run the water service across the road are obtained.

Second, by Council Member Teeselink.

All in favor, motion carried.

January 2026 Financials

January 2026 financial reports were provided to the council.

After discussion, Council Member Teeselink moved to approve January 2026 financial reports as presented.

Second, by Council Member Smead.

All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Blackburn announced that the primary election will be held March 3, 2026, with early voting to be held at NEBCO February 23rd -27th.

Adjournment

Council Member Smead moved to adjourn.

Second, by Council Member Teeselink

All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52PM.

Passed and approved this 10th day of March 2026.

Gary Blackburn

Christal Allen

Approved, Mayor Gary Blackburn

Attested, Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen

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