

## City of Garfield Council Meeting March 10, 2026

### **Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance**

**Call to Order:** 6:02PM

**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 February 10, 2026**

Council Member Smead moved to approve February 10, 2026, council meeting minutes as presented.

Second, by Council Member Teeselink.

All in favor, motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

**Planning Commission-**February 26, 2026, meeting minutes were presented. Commissioner Lee updated the council regarding progress with the Northwest Regional Planning Commission's assistance with updating the Subdivision ordinances.

**Water Department-**February 2026 unaccounted water loss 13.92 %. February 2026 Systems Totals, Sales and Receivables and Usage and Loss reports were presented to the council.

**Standpipe Project Update-** Mayor Blackburn advised the level indicator is expected to be delivered next week and that the tank will be filled prior to April's meeting.

**PSI Contract Update-**Mayor Blackburn and Water Distribution Operator Daniel Johnson met with PSI engineers today and pulled up system data and came up with a list of priority projects. Proposals will be in writing for council approval.

**Code Enforcement-** Mayor Blackburn reported issuing a fence permit on Deer Meadow Dr, Building and Plumbing permit on Mountain Dr., and building permits on Ford Rd., and Pinebrooke East.

Mayor Blackburn requested to have an additional agenda item added regarding the Schooley Ln. Project.

Council Member Kitterman moved to include an additional agenda item for the Schooley Ln. Project.

Second, by Council Member Rambo.

All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Blackburn advised that he received notice from Susan Hartman with ER Assist that the contractor has requested a \$4000.00 increase in the original bid of \$26,070.59 of which FEMA will pay \$19,552.95 with the city to be responsible for the balance. The increase will provide a better long-term solution to the flooding issue.

After discussion, Council Member Rambo moved to approve the \$4000.00 increase to the proposal.

Second, by Council Member Kitterman.

All in favor, motion carried.

Council Member Kitterman moved to accept the 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 to the council that based upon attending regionalization meetings and attending a meeting with ANRC in Little Rock, he recommends not proceeding with the proposed water regionalization until expansion and revitalization projects have been completed.

After discussion, Council Member Kitterman moved to table moving forward with the proposed regionalization.

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 stated that he will notify Benton County Water District #1 and Lost Bridge Water and Sewer, and Michael Moyers of Friday Eldredge & Clark of the council's decision.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Fire Hydrant Survey, Diamond Maps Subscription**

After discussion, Council Member Kitterman moved to approve the \$28.00 per month Diamond Maps Subscription.

Second, by Council Member Smead.

All in favor, motion carried.

#### **Proposed Purchase, 41" Flail Mower**

Two estimates were provided to the council.

After discussion, Council Member Teeselink moved to authorize Mayor Blackburn to purchase the mower after verifying information from each vendor, with a not to exceed of \$35,000.00

Second, by Council Member Rambo.

All in favor, motion carried.

#### **Financial Statement January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025**

2025 Financial Statements were presented to the council and will be posted.

#### **Free Vaccine Clinic March 19<sup>th</sup>, Park Pavillion**

Appointments available online, walk ins begin at 11:00.

#### **Acceptance of Wassman Family Lights for Park**

Mayor Blackburn presented solar lights that were donated to the city from the Wassman family.

Mayor Blackburn and the council expressed sincere appreciation for the generous donation.

He also advised that he is obtaining estimates to mount lights on a pole by the basketball court in Hamilton Park.

**February 2026 Financials**

February 2026 financial reports were provided to the council.

After discussion, Council Member Smead moved to approve February 2026 financial reports as presented.

Second, by Council Member Rambo.

All in favor, motion carried.

The City Spring Clean Up will be held April 11, 2026, from 8:00-12:00 at the city shop, with water/trash bill to be provided for proof of residency.

Spring Tree Giveaway- Date to be determined pending staffing change within the Walton Family Foundation organization.

**Adjournment**

Council Member Kitterman moved to adjourn.

Second, by Council Member Smead

All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57PM.

Passed and approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

**Gary Blackburn**

**Christal Allen**

**Approved, Mayor Gary Blackburn**

**Attested, Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen**

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