**Garfield City Council Meeting March 12, 2024**

**Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**

**Call to Order** –6:01 P.M

**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  
City Attorney- attending via Facebook

**Guests and Visitors address the council**Susan Hartman- ER AssistCorey Cannon- Lost Bridge Water & Sewer

**Proposed Resolution 200-Arkansas Rural Community Grant Program**Council Member Kitterman moved to move agenda item 11 to present.  
Seconded by Council Member Smead  
All in favor, motion carried.   
  
Susan Hartman addressed the council regarding applying for a grant from the Arkansas Rural Community Grant program to help fund the installation of a Natural Playground at the Walton Nature Preserve on Ford Rd.   
Mayor Blackburn read proposed Resolution 200 to participate in the Community Grant Program.   
Council Member Smead moved to accept the proposed Resolution 200 to participate in the Rural Community Grant Program.   
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.

**Minutes City Council Meeting February 13, 2024**Council Member Kitterman moved to approve February 13, 2024, minutes as presented.  
Seconded by Council Member Teeselink  
All in favor, motion carried.

**Committee Reports**

**Planning Commission-** February meeting minutes were provided to the council. Mayor Blackburn addressed the council stating a Conditional Use Permit application was received and passed with conditions. A public hearing for two Conditional Use applications will be held March 21, 2024, at 5:30 PM at City Hall prior to the Planning Commission meeting.   
  
**Water Department-** February unaccounted for water loss was increased from the previous month.   
Water Distribution Operator Duncan Artt addressed the council stating a leak was repaired on Main Street. The tank schematic expansion project is currently in phase 1.   
  
Corey Cannon with Lost Bridge Water & Sewer made a presentation expressing the desire of Lost Bridge Water to merge with the Garfield Water System. He answered questions from council members who stated they would like to have additional time to look at the data prior to deciding whether to move forward with the proposal.  
  
**Code Enforcement-** Mayor Blackburn confirmed the receipt of two conditional use permit applications, fence permits, commercial building permit, excavation permit, and accessory building permits.   
  
Council Member Teeselink moved to accept committee reports as presented.   
Seconded by Council Member Smead.  
All in favor, motion carried.

**Unfinished Business**

**Walton Family Foundation, 2024 Tree Grant-$17,560 grant was received.**Council Member Smead moved to accept Grant 00110186.  
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.

**Approval Tree Grant Checking Account**  
After discussion, Council Member Kitterman moved to open a checking account with Grand Savings Bank for Walton Family Foundation Tree Grant funds.  
Seconded 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.

**New Business**

**Proposed Ordinance 212 – New Schedule of Fees, Connection to Water System**Mayor Blackburn introduced proposed ordinance.  
Council Member Kitterman moved to read proposed ordinance 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 by title only.  
  
After discussion, Council Member Teeselink moved to suspend rule to read ordinance on three separate occasions.   
Seconded 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 Kitterman moved to approve proposed ordinance 212.  
Seconded 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.   
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 Revisions – Consumers Water Users’ Agreement**After discussion, Council Member Kitterman moved to adopt the revised Consumers Water Users’ agreement as present.   
Seconded by Council Member Smead.  
All in favor, motion carried.  
 **Proposed New – Commercial Consumer Water Users’ Agreement**After discussion, Council Member Kitterman moved to accept the new Commercial Consumer Water Users' Agreement as presented.  
Seconded by Council Member Rambo.   
All in favor, motion carried.  
  
**Proposed Ordinance 213 Revising Planning Commission**Mayor Blackburn introduced proposed ordinance.  
Council Member Kitterman moved to read proposed ordinance by title only.  
Seconded 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 by title only.  
  
After discussion, Council Member Kitterman moved to suspend rule to read ordinance on three separate occasions.   
Seconded 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 Smead moved to approve proposed ordinance 213.  
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.  
  
Council Member Kitterman moved to invoke the emergency clause.   
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.  
  
**Proposed Ordinance 214 Revising Business License Ordinance**Mayor Blackburn introduced proposed ordinance.  
  
Council Member Kitterman moved to read proposed ordinance 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 by title only.  
  
Council Member Kitterman moved to suspend rule to read ordinance on three separate occasions.   
Seconded 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 Rambo moved to approve proposed ordinance 214.  
Seconded 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.   
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.  
  
**2023 Financial Statement**Mayor Blackburn presented the 2023 Financial Statement to the Council.  
Council Member Smead moved to approve the 2023 Financial Statement for General, Street, and Water funds as presented.   
Seconded 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.

**Mayor’s State of the City Address**Mayor Blackburn presented the annual State of the City Address.

**Vacancy – Part-time Street Employee**Council Member Kitterman moved to hire Ashley Young to fill the part-time street employee vacancy effective immediately.   
Seconded by Council Member Smead.  
All in favor, motion carried.  
 **February 2024 Financial Reports**Mayor Blackburn proposed to purchase a side-by-side UTV. Bids were received from Heartland Honda and Haul Supply.  
After discussion, Council Member Kitterman moved to purchase a side-by-side from Haul Supply for $13,948.13.  
Seconded by Council Member Rambo.  
All in favor, motion carried.  
  
Council Member Kitterman moved to approve the February 2024 financial reports as presented.   
Seconded by Council Member Rambo.  
All in favor, motion carried.  
  
Update on the Hwy 127 railroad crossing was presented.  
 **Adjourn**Council Member Kitterman moved to adjourn.  
Seconded by Council Member Teeselink.  
All in favor, motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

**Passed and approved this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2024.**

**Gary Blackburn Christal Allen**

**Approved, Mayor Gary Blackburn Attested, Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**