

City of Garfield Council Meeting May 12, 2026

Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order: 6:03PM

Roll Call- Roll called by Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen

Council Member Smead- Attending via phone

Council Member Rambo-Attending via phone

Council Member Teeselink- Present

Council Member Kitterman- Absent

Guests and Visitors Address the Council

LaNette Amador, Keith Kingston, Janet O'Neal, and Gina Kingston all addressed the council regarding the proposed Fun Park Grant.

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Council Member Smead moved to approve April 14, 2026, minutes as presented.

Second, by Council Member Teeselink.

All in favor, motion carried.

Committee Reports

Planning Commission-April 30, 2026, meeting minutes were provided to the council.

Water Department-April 2026 unaccounted water loss 16.27 %. April 2026 Systems Totals, Sales and Receivables and Usage and Loss reports were presented to the council.

Standpipe Project Update- Parts were received last week. Mayor Blackburn has reached out to the representative from Badger to confirm an install date for the level indicator and for training for use.

PSI Contract Update Water Main Improvements 25-038- Meeting with contractor is scheduled for May 28, 2026, with a list of documents and drawings being provided.

Code Enforcement-Mayor Blackburn reported issuing a building permit to Keith Harrell on Ford Rd., fence permit to Patricia Taylor on Meadow Dr., accessory building permit to Teresa Lopez on Perry Rd., building permit to Cook on Oak St., remodel and plumbing permit to James Jolly on Mountain Dr., building permit to Avila on Ashmore Dr., and a plumbing permit to Thomas on Taylor Barnett Rd.

Unsanitary conditions citation issued on Tall Oaks Ln., animals at large/blocking traffic citation issued on Tall Oaks Ln., and a backflow preventer citation issued.

Council Member Teeselink moved to approve committee reports as presented.

Second, by Council Member Rambo.

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

All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Blackburn expressed his appreciation to Council Member Teeselink for presiding over the April 14, 2026, council meeting.

Unfinished Business

Resolution Allowing Conflict Disclosure Agreement (cancel) Resolution 229

After discussion, Council Member Smead moved to cancel Resolution 229.

Second, by Councilmember Rambo.

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

All in favor, motion carried.

RFQ Legal Counsel – City of Garfield Wastewater Project

RFQ was published April 10, 2026, deadline for submissions is June 2, 2026. Applications received will be reviewed at the June 2026 council meeting.

Vaccine Clinic May 21, 2026- Free dog and cat vaccine clinic to be held at the large pavilion in Hamilton Park from May 21, 2026, 10:00AM-2:30PM.

Schooley Road ADEM Grant PCN- Mayor Blackburn reported the last document is to be approved and is waiting on the contractor to schedule the placement of the rocks in the creek bed.

Safe Streets 4 All Grant Application- Mayor Blackburn requested to apply for a grant from Safe Streets for All by the Department of Transportation. The grant is an 80%/20% match, with the city responsible for 20%.

A Memorandum of Understanding was presented to the council that will allow the city to apply for the grant and must be submitted by May 24, 2026.

Council Member Rambo moved to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding as presented.

Second, by Council Member Smead.

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

All in favor, motion carried.

New Business

Fun Park Grant Application

Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen read proposed resolution to apply for FUN PARK grand funds through the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism to develop a public park at Highway 62 & Intersection of Ashmore Drive.

After discussion, Council Member Smead moved to hold a public forum June 2, 2026, to receive input from the public in considering three available grants for the development of outdoor recreation facilities.

Second, by Council Member Teeselink.

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

All in favor, motion carried.

Proposed Ordinance 227, Lighted Signage Along HWY 62

Planning Commissioner Chairperson Patricia Lee addressed the council giving input from the planning commission regarding the proposed ordinance that would amend current sign ordinance 177.

Council Member Smead moved to approve reading proposed ordinance 227 by title only.

Second, by Council Member Rambo.

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

Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen read proposed ordinance 227 by title.

Council Member Rambo moved to suspend the rule requiring proposed ordinance 227 to be read on three separate occasions.

Second, by Council Member Teeselink.

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

Council Member Teeselink moved to approve proposed ordinance 227.

Second, by Council Member Rambo.

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

Council Member Teeselink moved to invoke the emergency clause for proposed ordinance 227.

Second, by Council Member Rambo.

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

Ordinance 227 goes into effect May 12, 2026.

Road Work Proposal- Council members were provided with an estimate of \$183,400.00 from Stewart's Asphalt and Paving.

Mayor Blackburn advised that he has been in contact with the contractor and has requested a more detailed proposal and suggested that the council consider allowing the contractor to perform work on one road and then evaluate their performance prior to approving the complete bid.

After discussion, Council Member Rambo moved to employ Stewart's Asphalt and Paving to chip and seal Mahurin Lane.

Second, by Council Member Smead.

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

FEMA Project Closeout- Mayor Blackburn reported that the FEMA project that began in 2017 to address the flood damage on North Wimpy Jones Rd. has been closed out.

April 2026 Financials-April 2026 financial statements were provided to council members.

Mayor Blackburn reported that the flail mower was received and the cooling system that is to be added to the tractor was received as well. Crown Equipment will be installing the parts within in the next two weeks.

Council Member Smead moved to approve April 2026 financial statements as presented.
Second, by Council Member Teeselink.

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

Mayor Blackburn called the meeting into executive session at 7:25PM
Meeting was called back into regular session at 7:31PM.

Council Member Teeselink moved to provide mileage reimbursement pay to Eddie Hickman.
Second, by Council Member Rambo.

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

Janet O'Neill addressed the council asking if Pinebrook Dr. West will be included in the road work proposal. Mayor Blackburn confirmed that it is on the list.

LaNette Amador gave a suggestion for the Safe Streets for All Grant proposing reconsideration of the way the cars and buses are lined up for students drop off and pick up.

Adjournment

Council Member Rambo moved to adjourn.

Second, by Council Member Teeselink

All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35PM

Passed and approved this 9th day of June 2026.

Gary Blackburn

Christal Allen

Approved, Mayor Gary Blackburn

Attested, Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen

Gary Blackburn

Christal Allen

