

City of Garfield Council Meeting November 13, 2025

Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order: 6:00PM

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

Guests and Visitors

Douglas Sutton

Minutes City Council Meeting October 14, 2025

Council Member Smead moved to approve October 14, 2025, council meeting minutes as presented.

Second, by Council Member Rambo.

All in favor, motion carried.

Committee Reports

Planning Commission-October 9, 2025, and October 30, 2025, minutes were presented to the council.

Council Member Kitterman moved to approve October 9, 2025, and October 30, 2025, Planning Commission meeting minutes as presented.

Second, by Council Member Smead.

All in favor, motion carried.

Water Department-October unaccounted water loss 31.59%. Systems Totals Report was presented to the council. Leak was repaired on South Wimpy Jones Rd and repair work was done at the school.

Code Enforcement-Mayor Blackburn reported issuing one building permit in Ashmore Creek Subdivision.

Council Member Smead moved to accept the water and code enforcement reports as presented.

Second, by Council Member Kitterman

All in favor, motion carried.

Security Training Brief, Commissioner Douglas Sutton

Mr. Sutton addressed the council, providing information on the cyber security training event he attended at Benton Washington Regional Public Water Authority.

Unfinished Business

Proposed Water Regionalization-after discussion, Council Member Kitterman moved to move forward with the water regionalization process.

Second, 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.

Ordinance 218 Discussion, Proposed Modifications- item tabled until December council meeting.

Road Work Bid- Mayor Blackburn advised he received a settlement offer letter from Wells Asphalt's attorney in the amount of \$30,000.00. He stated he responded to the letter with the original settlement offer but has not received a response.
City employee Daniel Johnson is attempting to obtain bids to complete the road work.

Performance Services Installation Contract- Mayor Blackburn advised the city has not yet received the response from Arkansas Natural Resources Commission regarding the grant application.

NEW BUSINESS

APERS Retirement Proposal- The council was presented with information regarding the APERS program.

After discussion, Council Member Smead moved to proceed with participating in the APERS program at the appropriate time.

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.

Meeting was called into executive session at 7:06PM to discuss the proposed 2026 salary schedule.

Meeting was called back into order at 7:16PM.

Council Member Smead moved to approve the 2026 Salary Schedule as presented.

Second, 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.

Proposed 2026 Budgets-the proposed 2026 budget for the General, Street, Water and ½% Sales Tax funds were presented to the council to be voted on at the December council meeting.

Proposed Water Rates for 2026- the proposed 2026 water rates were presented to the council to be voted on at the December council meeting.

Proposed Ordinance 222, Water System Connection Fees-Mayor Blackburn introduced proposed ordinance 222.

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

Second, by Council Member Smead.

All in favor, motion carried.

Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen read proposed ordinance 222 by title only.

After discussion, Council Member Kitterman moved to suspend the rule to read the proposed ordinance on three separate occasions.

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.

Council Member Teeselink moved to approve proposed ordinance 222 as presented.

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.

Council Member Teeselink moved to invoke the emergency clause.

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.

Proposed Household Characteristics Survey- After discussion, the council requested that Mayor Blackburn obtain the exact cost of the survey and provide it at the December council meeting.

Council Member Teeselink moved to extend the meeting 15 minutes if needed.

Second, by Council Member Smead.

All in favor, motion carried.

Pending Vacancy, Street Department -After discussion, Council Member Smead moved to fill the Street Department employee vacancy.

Second, by Council Member Teeselink.

All in favor, motion carried.

Review Financials for October 2025-October financial reports were presented to the council. After discussion, Council Member Smead moved to accept the October financial report as presented.

Second, by Council Member Teeselink.

All in favor, motion carried.

Proposed Ordinance 223, Annexation, Hughes Road – Mayor Blackburn presented proposed ordinance 223.

Council Member Kitterman moved to read proposed ordinance 223 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 223 by title only.
No debate

Council Member Teeselink moved to suspend the rule to read the proposed ordinance on three separate occasions.

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.

Council Member Kitterman moved to approve proposed ordinance 223 as presented.

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.

Council Member Rambo moved to invoke the emergency clause.

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.

Mayor Blackburn reported a letter was sent on November 10, 2025, requesting a time extension on the Schooley Ln erosion project and Pinebrooke East culvert project.

Mayor Blackburn advised the council of ongoing issues with the door security/access system. A quote of \$2718.49 was received from Alert Alarm Systems to hardwire the system.

After discussion, Council Member Smead moved to approve the quote from Alert Alarm Systems to hardwire the system.

Second, by Council Member Rambo.

All in favor, motion carried.

Adjournment

Council Member Kitterman moved to adjourn.

Second, by Council Member Rambo.

All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Passed and approved this 9th day of December 2025.

Gary Blackburn

Christal Allen

Approved, Mayor Gary Blackburn

Attested, Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen

