

## Garfield City Council Meeting, November 8, 2022

### Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

#### Called to order- 5:58PM

Roll Call- Roll called by Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen  
Council Member Poteat-present  
Council Member Rambo-present  
Council Member Teeselink-present  
Council Member Kitterman-present  
City Attorney- attending via Facebook

### Guests and Visitors

Jenny Setzer

### MINUTES

October 11, 2022, Council Meeting

Council Member Kitterman moved to approve October 2022 minutes as presented

Seconded by Council Member Teeselink

All in favor, motion carried

### Committee Reports

Planning Commission- - Planning Commission Chairman John Niernberger reported on October meeting where they discussed a new city park pavilion, picnic tables, exercise stations and splash pad.

Commissioners discussed safety concerns at the Railroad crossing on Hwy 127 and requested that the city contact the railroad to request to have gates installed. Commission requested that the city contact ARDOT to have School Zone signs placed on Hwy 127. Mayor Blackburn advised that the requests to the Railroad and ARDOT have been made, he is awaiting a response.

**Water Department-** October unaccounted for water loss 8.33%. Mayor Blackburn advised the council that the Agreed Upon Procedures report was received but he is working on resolving an issue with the report prior to providing to the Council and the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission.

**Code Enforcement-** Cavett Building permit received, as well as a couple of new fence permits.

Council Member Poteat moved to approve to accept Committee Reports as presented.

Seconded by Council Member Teeselink

All in favor, motion carried

### Unfinished Business

**Proposal To Replace Garfield School-** Jenny Setzer addressed the council advising that they are still pursuing a grant for the building upgrades, there is an alternate fund potential but no details yet. At this time, it appears unlikely that a new elementary school will be constructed within in the next couple of

years.

Mayor Blackburn and Mrs. Setzer are both on the steering committee, next meeting will be held November 14, 2022. A grant application has been submitted for a septic system at the proposed Garfield Elementary site, an answer will be received in December. The city of Garfield will own the proposed septic system.

Council agreed to Mayor Blackburn's support of Dr. Perry's vision of four priorities of the Rogers Public School System and gave Mayor Blackburn permission to communicate this on behalf of the city.

**Wilson Road & Ventris Loop** –Water System Operator Duncan Artt addressed the council stating the supplies for the project have been delivered and the 6-inch line has been tapped and valved. They are currently awaiting the survey of the easement and are hoping to break ground next week.

### **Engineering Services Proposals**

100,000-gallon standpipe – ESI bid has been locked in. Mayor Blackburn is to meet with Jeremy Rawn next week to begin to move forward. \$19,000.00 bid to demolish the existing water tank was received.

**Hydraulic Model of Water System (up-date 2003 version)** – Jeremy Rawn with ESI is to bring data. Mayor Blackburn stated he is hopeful this will be completed by the first of next year.

**Proposed Pavilion, Hamilton Park-** Mayor Blackburn presented a project packet from Darshan Hamilton to the council. Estimate \$117,360.00

Council Member Kitterman moved to allow Mayor Blackburn to continue negotiations with Chris Sanford regarding the project estimate for proposed funding for the 2023 Budget.

Seconded by Council Member Teeselink

All in favor, motion carried

**Proposed BWRPWA Rate Increase & Local Increase-** BWRPWA will be implementing a 10 cents per thousand rate increase beginning January 2023.

Mayor Blackburn presented the council the current water rates and potential rate increase considerations. The rate analysis conducted by Communities Unlimited recommends raising water rates 2% in 2023 to remain in compliance with ACT 605.

After discussion, Council Member Teeselink moved to implement a water rate increase of 10 cents per thousand gallons in addition to a 2% increase.

Seconded by Council member Kitterman

Council Member Poteat-Yes, Council Member Rambo- Yes, Council Member Teeselink-Yes

Council Member Kitterman- Yes

Motion Carried

### **New Business**

**Interview Candidates For Water Advisory Board-** No candidates present.

**Resolution- Adopt State Aid Street Program for 2023-** Proposed Resolution was read by Mayor Blackburn.

After discussion, it was agreed that Mayor Blackburn will obtain an estimate for tree removal and stump grinding on Paul Pratt Rd.

Council Member Teeselink moved to table the vote on the proposed Resolution until the December

Council Meeting.

Seconded by Council Member Rambo

Council Member Poteat-Yes, Council Member Rambo- Yes, Council Member Teeselink-Yes

Council Member Kitterman- Yes

Motion Carried

**Proposed Zoning Adjustments-** Mayor Blackburn reported that an Ordinance or Resolution is required to approve the recommended changes to the zoning map. This will be provided at the December Council Meeting.

Public Forum regarding Zoning adjustments will be held prior to the December Council Meeting.

**CITY FINANCIALS-**

After discussion, Council Member Kitterman moved to approve October Financials as presented.

Seconded by Council Member Teeselink

Council Member Poteat- Yes, Council Member Rambo- Yes, Council Member Teeselink- Yes,

Council Member Kitterman- Yes

Motion Carried

Water System Operator Duncan Artt addressed the council requesting a Line Locator.

After discussion, Council Member Kitterman moved to purchase the line locator

Seconded by Council Member Rambo

All in favor, motion carried

**Adjourn**

Council Member Kitterman moved to adjourn.

Seconded by Council Member Poteat

All in favor


Motion Carried

**Meeting adjourned at 7:09PM**

Passed and approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022

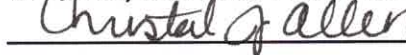
**Gary Blackburn**

Approved, Mayor Gary Blackburn

  
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**Christal J. Allen**

Attested, Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen

  
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