

## **Garfield City Council Meeting April 8, 2025**

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

**Call to Order:** 6:01PM

**Roll Call-** Roll called by Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen

Council Member Smead-Present

Council Member Rambo-Absent

Council Member Teeselink-Present

Council Member Kitterman-Present

### **Guests and Visitors**

Joy Sawyer with Garfield Scholars' Academy addressed the council, providing an update on the efforts to obtain the former Garfield Elementary School property. Fundraising has begun for a Capital Building Campaign and fundraising events are being scheduled.

Melanie Kennon with Garfield Scholars' Academy updated the council and those in attendance with highlights of the 2024-2025 school year. Enrollment is open for next year for kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **Minutes City Council Meeting March 11, 2025**

Council Member Smead moved to approve March 11, minutes as presented.

Second by Council Member Teeselink.

All in favor, motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

**Planning Commission-**March 13, 2025, special meeting minutes and 27, 2025, regular meeting minutes were presented.

Council Member Teeselink moved to approve March 13, 2025, special meeting minutes and 27, 2025, regular meeting minutes as presented.

Second by Council Member Kitterman.

All in favor, motion carried.

**Water Department-** March unaccounted for water loss 22.67%. March 2025 Systems Total Report was provided to the council.

Mayor Blackburn reported a leak on Oak St and a leak behind the Short Stop were repaired.

Benton Washington Regional Public Water Authority 2024 CCR was provided to the council.

Council Member Kitterman moved to approve the March Systems Total Report as presented.

Second by Council Member Smead.

All in favor, motion carried.

**Code Enforcement**-Mayor Blackburn reported that he attended training in Berryville hosted by the Arkansas Municipal League focusing on providing tools dealing with properties that need to be rehabilitated.

Council Member Teeselink moved to accept the code enforcement report as presented.

Seconded by Council Member Smead.

All in favor, motion carried.

### **Unfinished Business**

**Walton Family Tree Giveaway**- April 12, 2025, 8:00AM at Flying RF Feed & Farm Supply.

Participants will be asked to go inside the feed store to obtain a ticket for a tree.

**Annual City-Wide clean-up** April 26, 2025, 8:00AM at the city shop located at 18446 Marshall St. Council members agreed that tires will not be accepted.

**Planning commissioner Michaud Resignation**- Mr. Michaud's letter of resignation was provided to the council.

Council Member Kitterman moved to accept Trevor Michaud's resignation from the Garfield Planning Commission.

Second by Council Member Smead.

All in favor, motion carried.

### **New Business**

**Appointment-Duncan Artt to Planning Commission**- Duncan Artt answered questions from the mayor and council members.

Council Member Smead moved to appoint Duncan Artt to the Garfield Planning Commission.

Second by Council Member Teeselink.

All in favor, motion carried.

**Performance Services Presentation April 11, 2025**- Mayor Blackburn reported that Performance Services has completed an in-depth analysis of the water system. He will provide the results of the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting to the council at the May 2025 city council meeting.

**Benton County 1% sales Tax Reapportionment Discussion**-Mayor Blackburn provided information to the council regarding HB394 that failed passage in the Arkansas Senate.

**Mayor's State of the City Report 2024**- Mayor Blackburn gave the 2024 State of the City address.

**Balance 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY 2025 Budget**- Mayor Blackburn presented the proposed 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2025 budget changes.

After discussion, Council Member Smead moved to approve 1<sup>st</sup> quarter changes as presented.

Second by Council Member Teeselink.  
All in favor, motion carried.

### **March 2025 Financials**

Council Member Teeselink moved to accept the March 2025 financial reports as presented.  
Seconded by Council Member Kitterman.  
All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Blackburn advised the council of a recent law passage by the State of Arkansas, removing the one-mile jurisdiction of the city planning commission over subdivisions.  
Council members agreed to continue with business as usual regarding subdivisions until the law takes effect in June 2025.

Mayor Blackburn notified the council of a recent law passage by the State of Arkansas regarding accessory dwelling units.

### **Adjourn**

Council Member Kitterman moved to adjourn.  
Seconded by Council Member Smead  
All in favor, motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.

Passed and approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

**Gary Blackburn**

**Approved, Mayor Gary Blackburn**

Gary Blackburn

**Christal Allen**

**Attested, Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen**

Christal Allen

