

Garfield City Council Meeting February 11, 2025

Prayer and 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

Minutes City Council Meeting January 14, 2025

Council Member Teeselink moved to approve the January 14, 2025, Council meeting minutes as presented.

Seconded by Council Member Smead.

All in favor, motion carried.

Committee Reports

Planning Commission- January 15, 2025, and January 30, 2025, minutes were presented to the council.

Council Member Kitterman moved to approve all January Planning Commission minutes as presented.

Seconded by Council Member Teeselink.

All in favor, motion carried.

Water Department- January unaccounted for water loss 22.9%. Leak on Marshall/Mill St was repaired last week. Mayor Blackburn reported completing 40 hours of training and is qualified to test for Distribution Operator 1 License in March 2025.

The vault on Blueberry Ln is operational, altitude valve was replaced last week.

Donnie Chambers with Performance Services presented to the council giving information regarding their services offered. They will be meeting with Duncan Artt, Water System Distribution Operator on February 20, 2025, to look at the entire water system.

Mayor Blackburn presented the BWRPWA 2025 rate analysis to the council.

Code Enforcement- Mayor Blackburn reported issuing some fence permits and he spoke with the owner of Garfield 62 LLC regarding the sign that has not been removed.

Council member Kitterman moved to approve Water Department and Code Enforcement committee reports as presented.

Seconded by council member Smead.

All in favor, motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Update Garfield School Property

Mayor Blackburn read texts to those in attendance from the co-founders of Garfield Scholars' Academy who are attempting to obtain the property. Rogers Public Schools has declined a \$100,000.00 offer from a local donor to purchase the property.

Update-Resolution 211, Authorizing Removal of an Abandoned Sign 16727 US HWY 62

Item addressed in Code Enforcement report.

New Business

RVS Software Contract Expansion

After discussion, Council Member Kitterman moved to approve the \$1000.00 proposal to expand the contract with RVS to include an additional module allowing the program to be utilized on multiple computers.

Seconded by Council Member Rambo.

All in favor, motion carried.

Renewal of Property Insurance

The council was provided quotes from Mutual of Arkansas and the Arkansas Municipal League Property Insurance.

After discussion, Council Member Kitterman moved to continue the city's current insurance coverage with Mutual of Arkansas.

Motion died for lack of second.

Council Member Smead moved to table the item to make a final decision until the March council meeting.

Seconded by Council Member Teeselink.

All in favor, motion carried.

Mobile Home Placement 14968 Mill St.

Chris Leibig addressed the council regarding the mobile home placement application.

After discussion, Council Member Kitterman moved to approve the mobile home placement application 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.

Appointing Mr. Eric Goldthorpe for the Planning Commission vacancy

Council Member Smead moved to appoint Eric Goldthorpe to the Garfield Planning Commission.

Seconded by Council Member Rambo.

All in favor, motion carried.

Williams Annexation Proposed Ordinance 216

Mayor Blackburn introduced the proposed ordinance.

Council Member Smead moved that the proposed ordinance to be read by title only.

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.

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

Council Member Smead moved to suspend the rules requiring the ordinance to be read on three separate occasions.

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 Rambo moved to approve proposed Ordinance 216.

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.

January 2025 Financials

After discussion, Council Member Smead moved to approve the January 2025 financials 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.

Adjourn

Council Member Kitterman moved to adjourn.

Seconded by Council Member Teeselink.

All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20PM.

Passed and approved this 11th day of March 2025.

Gary Blackburn

Approved, Mayor Gary Blackburn

Gary Blackburn

Christal Allen

Attested, Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen

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