**Garfield City Council Meeting September 12, 2023**

**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
City Attorney- Present

**Guests and Visitors**
Bill McClain
Manoj Kukkala
Kein Cross
James Jolly
Billy Dunn
David Carpio
Melinda Harrison
Rocio Vega

**Minutes August 8, 2023**Council Member Kitterman moved to approve August 8, 2023, minutes as presented.
Seconded by Council Member Smead.
All in favor, motion carried.

**Committee Reports**

**Planning Commission -** Planning Commission Chairman John Niernberger addressed the council with August 24, 2023 meeting minutes presented.
Conditional Use Permit application was approved this evening following the public hearing that was held at 5:00PM.
**Water Department-** August 2023 unaccounted for water loss 13.38%. Water system operation Duncan Artt attended ARWA training in Hot Springs this week. Water rate discussions to begin next month. An eight-cent rate increase will be assessed by BWRPWA on January 1, 2024. The next water rate study is to be performed in 2024.
**Code Enforcement**- Mayor Blackburn advised there were 4 tall grass notices sent via certified mail and 2 building permits issued.
City Attorney Bearden advised the council that several code enforcement ordinances are aged and need to be reviewed and possibly amended.
Council Member Teeselink moved to approve committee reports as presented.
Seconded by Council Member Smead.
All in favor, motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**State Aid Street Construction**Paving of Mountain Drive, Alvin Seamster Rd and four entrances to Hwy 62 have been completed. After discussion, Council Member Kitterman moved to approve paving of Markey Ln. to the city limits.
Seconded by Council Member Rambo.
Council Member Smead-Yes, Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Kitterman-Yes, Council Member Teeselink-Yes
All in favor, motion carried.
After discussion, Council Member Smead moved to utilize the remaining $35,000 in state aid funds to pave Mahurin Ln.
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.
Council Member Teeselink reminded Mayor Blackburn of the need to address the pothole at the junction of Hwy 62 and Hwy 127.

**Proposed Ordinance – Dissolution – Meadow Springs Drive- 2nd reading**
Following discussion, Council Member Smead moved to read the proposed ordinance by title only.
Seconded by Council Member Kitterman.
All in favor, motion carried.
The proposed ordinance was read by title only by Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen.
 **Resolution 191-Hearing, David Carpio-Suspension of Business License**
Mayor Blackburn introduced the proposed resolution.
Melinda Harrison addressed the council as Mr. Carpio’s dealer advocate, stating he currently has an application pending with ATAP.
Council Member Rambo moved to table proposed resolution 191 until the October 2023 council meeting.
Seconded by Council Member Smead
Council Member Smead-Yes, Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink-Yes, Council Member Kitterman- Yes
All in favor, motion carried.

**Resolution 192, Hearing, Rocio & Isidro Vegas- Operation of Junk Yard without a Business License**Melinda Harrison addressed the council on Mr. Carpio’s behalf stating that 40% of the vehicles are scheduled to be removed and he has applied for a car dealer’s license with the State of Arkansas that is pending at this time but she feels it will be approved in approximately 30 days.
Planning Commission Chairman John Neirnberger addressed the council stating the process that was filed with ArDot regarding the accumulation of vehicles on the property.
Ms. Vega addressed the council stating the property is being rented to Mr. Carpio and he complied with the requirements made by ArDot by putting up a fence around the area in question.
Council Member Rambo moved to suspend action on proposed Resolution 192 for 60 days, until the November council meeting to allow Mr. Carpio time to obtain a car dealer’s license with the State of Arkansas.
Seconded by Council Member Smead.
Council Member Smead-Yes, Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink-Yes, Council Member Kitterman- Yes
All in favor, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Conditional Use Authorization, 18395 Marshall Street, Mobile Food Vendor Park**Property owner Manoj Kukkala addressed the council, stating he plans to have a food truck court on the property and answered questions from council members.After discussion, Council Member Smead moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit allowing a food truck court to be located at 18395 Marshall St.
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.

**Proposed Resolution, 2023 Tax Levy, Millage Rate for Taxes to be collected 2024**After discussion, Council Member Kitterman moved to keep current 2 mil collection rate for 2023 to be collected in 2024.
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.

**Proposal to purchase a Truck for Street Department**After discussion, Council Member Rambo moved to authorize Mayor Blackburn to purchase a new 2022 Ram 3500 truck for $68,140.00 and a dump bed for $12,917.95 with funds from the General Fund Checking Account.
Seconded by Council Member Smead
Council Member Smead-Yes, Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink-Yes, Council Member Kitterman- Yes
All in favor, motion carried.

**Consideration of Bids for Retaining Wall at Hamilton Park**Mayor Blackburn presented a bid from Boston Concrete for $20,784.00 with other bids to be obtained.

After discussion, Council Member Rambo moved to hire Boston Concrete to repair the slab in the new Hamilton Park Pavilion per the bid received of $29,750.00
Seconded by Council Member Teeselink.
Council Member Smead-Yes, Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink-Yes, Council Member Kitterman- Yes with the condition that Mayor Blackburn looks at work previously performed by the contractor.
All in favor, motion carried.

**CITY FINANCIALS**

**Approve August Financials**
After discussion, Council Member Smead moved to accept the August 2023 Financials as presented.
Seconded by Council Member Rambo.
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 7:32.

**Passed and approved this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2023.**

**Gary Blackburn Christal J. Allen**

**Approved, Mayor Gary Blackburn Attested, Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**