**Garfield City Council Meeting November 14, 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- Attending via phone  
Council Member Kitterman- Absent  
City Attorney- Present

**Guests and Visitors**Trevor Michaud  
Braden Michaud  
Tom Vlastuin  
Stanley Henry  
James Jolly  
  
**Opening of sealed bids for 1995 Chevrolet Truck and 2007 Ford Truck**Mayor Blackburn opened the bids  
1995 Chevrolet highest bid Brad Fortner-$2025.00  
2007 Ford only bid Michael Jones-$1552.00  
Council Member Smead moved to accept the highest bids on the 1995 Chevrolet and 2007 Ford Trucks.  
Seconded by Council Member Rambo.  
Council Member Smead-Yes, Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink-Yes  
Motion carried.  
  
**Minutes October 10, 2023**Council Member Smead moved to approve October 10, 2023, minutes as presented.  
Seconded by Council Member Rambo  
All in favor, motion carried.  
  
**Committee Reports**  
**Planning Commission**- Mayor Blackburn presented the October 26, 2023, meeting minutes and November 30, 2023, meeting agenda. Council members were provided with a letter of recommendation from Mayor Blackburn to appoint Trevor Michaud to the Planning Commission to fill the current vacancy left by Commission John Niernberger.  
Trevor Michaud addressed the council providing his background and interest in serving on the Planning Commission.   
Council member Rambo moved to appoint Trevor Michaud to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission.   
Seconded by Council Member Teeselink  
Council Member Smead-Yes, Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink-Yes  
Motion carried.

**Water Department-** Mayor Blackburn addressed the council- 37% water loss in October. A leak was found and repaired near the Dorothy Ross Building. Water usage has been down 10,000 gallons per day since the repair was completed.

**Code Enforcement-**a new driveway being installed in Ashmore Creek required crossing the water main, project was completed today.  
Council Member Smead moved to approve committee reports as presented.  
Seconded by Council Member Rambo  
Council Member Smead-Yes, Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink-Yes  
Motion carried.   
 **Unfinished Business**

**Set a date for Hearing, Modification to Zoning Ordinance # 153**After discussion, Council Member Smead moved to hold a public hearing for the modification of Zoning Ordinance 153 at 5:30PM December 12, 2023  
Seconded by Council Member Rambo  
Council Member Smead-Yes, Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink-Yes  
Motion carried.  
  
Mayor Blackburn addressed the council regarding water service installations on Ventris Rd. for Thomas Vlastuin and Stanley Henry where three water services with regular meters were installed. A downstream meter could have been installed instead of one of the regular meters with a savings of $925.00 to Mr. Vlastuin, but due to miscommunication by the city this was not done. Mayor Blackburn recommended to refund $925.00 to Mr. Vlastuin as the city will not suffer a financial loss in doing so.  
After discussion, Council Member Teeselink moved to reimburse Mr. Vlastuin $925.00.   
Seconded by Council Member Smead.   
Motion carried.  
 **Proposed Ordinance, 2024 Water Rates**After discussion, Council Member Smead moved to table the 2024 Water Rate proposed ordinance until the December 12, 2023, council meeting.   
Seconded by Council Member Rambo.   
Council Member Smead-Yes, Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink-Yes  
Motion carried.   
  
**New Business**  
  
**Authorize Use of City Credit Cards-**After discussion, Council Member Smead moved to approve obtaining credit cards for city purchases from Grand Savings bank for the General, Street, and Water Funds.  
Seconded by Council Member Rambo.   
Council Member Smead-Yes, Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink-Yes  
Motion carried.

**Authorize changes to Water Users Agreement-**Mayor Blackburn presented proposed revisions to the current water users’ agreement.   
After discussion, Council Member Smead moved to approve the revised Water Users’ Agreement as presented.   
Seconded by Council Member Rambo.   
Council Member Smead-Yes, Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink-Yes  
Motion carried.

**1st Review 2024 Budgets**Mayor Blackburn called the meeting into Executive Session at 6:46PM to discuss the proposed 2024 salary schedule.   
Meeting called back into order at 6:59PM.  
Council Member Smead moved to accept the proposed 2024 salary schedule as presented.  
Seconded by Council Member Rambo.   
Council Member Smead-Yes, Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink-Yes  
Motion carried.

2024 proposed budgets for ½% Sales Tax Fund, ARPA Fund, General Fund, Street Fund, and Water Funds were presented by Mayor Blackburn.   
Council Member Smead moved to table voting on all 2024 proposed budgets until the December 12, 2023, Council Meeting.   
Seconded by Council Member Rambo.   
Council Member Smead-Yes, Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink-Yes  
Motion carried.   
**City Financials**

**Approve October Financials**After discussion, Council Member Smead moved to approve the September 2023 Financials as presented.  
Seconded by Council Member Rambo  
All in favor, motion carried.

**Adjourn**Council Member Rambo moved to adjourn.   
Seconded by Council Member Smead.   
All in favor, motion carried.   
Meeting adjourned at 7:18PM  
 **Passed and approved this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2023.**

**Gary Blackburn Christal J. Allen**

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