

10/02/23 Garwin City Council minutes

Called to order at 6pm.

Present: Deam, Zoffka, Brave Heart, Raymond, McCubbin, Simcox

Others present: L. Speck, C. Smith, R. Daniel, Waldvogels, R. Collins, W. and S. Raymond and one other.

Raymond motioned, Simcox seconded the approval of the Sept bills and minutes. Approved with all ayes.

Mayor Deam read an excerpt from Iowa Municipal Policy Leaders' Handbook on order in council meetings, he is in touch with Matt Garber about the storm sewer project, new clerk had her 90 day review, he is in touch with Marty Wymore from Region 6 on funding opportunities, approved blocking off part of street for Laenda Jackson's Fundraiser this Sat. There will be a special meeting this Oct 23 at 6pm.

L. Speck reported on the FY23 SFR (Street Finance Report) and it was motioned by Zoffka and seconded by Brave Heart to approve Resolution 2023-9, FY23 SFR. It was approved with all ayes.

Deam reported that the City received copies of letters from an attorney concerning the Right of Redemption for properties that have fallen behind in payment of taxes. The current owners have 90 days to pay and then the attorney can take action. The City does not need to do anything; these letters were just informing the City what is happening.

Under old business the Waldvogels came to talk about the cats surrounding their property. They agreed to work with the City on this issue. Clerk is to contact Backwater Wildlife to inquire about humanely trapping and relocating these cats to farmers who are willing to take them.

The Fire Dept report was given by Raymond. There were 2 fire calls last month, the trucks were detailed and look great, the trucks and ambulance were in the Homecoming parade.

R. Daniel reported that he received the new water permit. Last census for Garwin was just under 500 which puts the City in a different category for testing requirements. The sewer main on Anna is going to be fixed soon. He may be retiring in 2025.

McCubbin reported the donation of a couple new park benches and they need to be fastened down somehow. A window at the Shelterhouse needs put back on the track.

Zoffka mentioned getting a letter sent to 301 4<sup>th</sup> St. for all the unregistered and junk vehicles.

Brave Heart reported that we have progress on our streets after LL Pelling was in town working on patching and sealing several roads. There seem to be some road signs missing in town that need to be ordered and put up.

Vaverka will be attending virtual Clerk Training classes Oct 4-6 and City Hall will be closed for that. There is also a training in Ankeny on Oct 11. Speck has been hard at work setting up the new City Website. Once the .gov domain is approved it will be ready for the public and regularly updated by Vaverka.

A citizen mentioned the condition of the sidewalks around town. Some are in need of repair and some need the branches trimmed that are hanging over them. The sidewalks are in the "Right of Way" and considered the property owner's responsibility.

Brave Heart motioned, McCubbin seconded the meeting adjourn at 6:45pm. The next regular meeting will be 11/6/23.

By Michelle Vaverka, City Clerk