

Meeting Minutes
Jan 3, 2022
Garwin City Council

Mayor Untiedt called the meeting to order at 6:16pm at took roll call: Deam, Meling, Brave Heart, McCubbin, and Zoffka. Zoffka, Brave Heart, and McCubbin via zoom call.

Oath of Office was given.

Mayor Untiedt made committee assignments:

Meling – Finance & Ambulance
McCubbin – Parks & Library
Deam – Fire & Sewer – Mayor Pro-tem
Zoffka – Ordinances & Water
Brave Heart – Streets & Safety

Deam moved to approve the consent agenda, clerks report, minutes from 12/6/21, clerks report, bills January 3, 2022, Meling seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Kathleen Ollendieck from Tama County Economic Development came and spoke to the council as a resource for the community. She discussed bringing families to the community, Iowa Economic Development Association, Catalyst Program of downtown, and grants.

Brave Heart, McCubbin, and Zoffka all chose to attend Municipal Leadership Academy.

Meling motioned and McCubbin seconded the approval of Class C liquor License LC0038902 for William M. Saunders Post #71 – American Legion. Motion passed 5-0

Zoffka motioned and Meling seconded to approve setting of public hearing for Max Tax Levy for 2/7/22. Motion passed 5-0.

Deam motioned and McCubbin seconded to approve option 2 which the city will absorb all the fees for credit/debit and e-check payments from utility customers. Motion passed 5-0.

Zoffka requested for the amendment of penalty fees for utility customers be added to the agenda for 2/7/22.

In old business, council discussed the clerk staying at the Fire Dept. purchasing a locking desk, locking file cabinets, and open shelving unit.

Nuisances were discussed. Clerk sent out certified letters to properties. Residents have until Jan 31, 2022 to abate their properties.

Tabled business from 1/3/22 mowing of sewer lagoons. Holven will contract with City to mow a minimum of once a month starting late spring 2022.

No report from Mayor, ambulance, and zoning committees.

Holven gave the fire report stating they are working on winter maintenance. Holven to call millwright to obtain an estimate of start date for spring.

Mayor requested the clerks and maintenance hours of service, vacation hours, and banking hours be included on the agenda for 1/3/2022, this portion was tabled until 2/7/22.

Daniel gave his report. Requesting council budget \$25,000 for sewer televising, inspect mains and manholes. Daniel also gave his last year of contracting with the City will be June of 2025. A grade level 1 in water, water distribution, wastewater and wastewater treatment will be needed for any new contract.

Meling requested to add auditing of city books to 2/7/22 meeting.

Deam stated the 911 board is working on a new system.

McCubbin stated the librarian is to retire in June of this year city will need to advertise for a replacement.

Alliant billing to be added to 2/7/22 meeting for city's share of cost for office in fire dept.

Deam motioned and Brave Heart seconded the purchase of new laptop up to \$2000 for clerk's office; as the mayor, council, and those in attendance witnessed the current laptop crash at the beginning of the council meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Next month's regular meeting is scheduled for 2/7/22 at 6pm. Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Meling and second by Deam. Motion passed 5-0.

Make Garwin "What it used to be" is a goal for this mayor and councils term.