

Meeting Minutes
Feb 7, 2022
Garwin City Council

Mayor Untiedt called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and took roll call: Deam, Meling, Brave Heart, McCubbin, and Zoffka. Zoffka and Brave Heart, via zoom call.

Meling moved to approve the consent agenda, clerks report, minutes from 1/3/22, clerks report, bills January 3, 2022, Deam seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Josie Stalin from MICA came to speak to the council regarding Low Income Home Water Assistance Program. Council choose to table decision making until 3/7/22 meeting.

Welton property liability is in the hands of the city attorney no update was available.

Meling motioned to approve Tama County Election to use the Community Building for voting Deam seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Dustin Rholl Mortgage Claim settlement was written off by the city as the attorney fees that would have been incurred were more than the lien against the property.

Meling motioned to approve Law Enforcement Contract between Tama County and Garwin, McCubbin seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Deam motioned and McCubbin seconded to use city funds to pledge to invest \$500.00 in the Tama County Economic Development Commission. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion by Deam and second by Meling to open the public hearing for Maximum Property Tax Dollars. Motion passed 5-0. Public hearing opened 6:49pm. A motion by Meling and seconded by Deam to approve resolution 2022-01 Max Tax Levy Total maximum levy for affected property tax levies \$123,920.00. Motion passed 5-0. A motion by Meling and second by Brave Heart to close the public hearing. Motion passes 5-0. Public hearing closed 6:56pm.

Nuisances were not completed by clerk. Nuisances will again be sent to 305, 307 Center St. and will include 509 Center St.

New written employee handbooks are necessary and to be more descriptive in text. Handbooks will also be tabled until after 3/31/22.

Meling requested a State Audit of city finances, also requesting the audit to be done by the State of Iowa Auditors.

McCubbin approved Cindy Upah to continue to do Music in the Park. The Library report was included in council packets.

Deam tabled the Alliant % with Fire Department and City Hall until 3/7/22 meeting.

Zoffka requested to amend Ordinance chapter #92 Water. Meling approved and Brave Heart seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The city's water report was included in council packets. Deam approved and Meling seconded to approve shutting off water service at 210 Center and 118 4th St. Motion passed 5-0.

Meling motioned and Deam seconded to approve payment #8 to Morris Inc. Motion passed 5-0

Holven, Fire Chief, gave an extensive update on the "Municipal Building" Build for the new council. The Municipal Building will house City Hall, Ambulance, and Fire Departments.

Randy Daniel gave his report on the city's water and sewer. The sewers pressure transducer failed repairs had to be made. Jetco was called in to assist in repairs. Garwin failed IDNR sewer report. The city has too much INI (Inflow and Infiltration) entering the sewer system. The city's new IDNR permit will have strict regulations on E.coli.

The council approved the use of BSO (Business Services Online) for the Social Security Administration for Garwin's reporting of W-2 & 1099. Council also approved continued contract with Windstream to replace aerial cables. Council went over Garwin's insurance Policy for drivers, they added the Clerk. The council approved a Dog Boarding business in Garwin. Council also approved the continuance of Alliant's staging contract.

Clerk spoke to council regarding certified mailings that were returned unclaimed. Rathjen, the city's attorney, said to send regular mail and certified mail. There is a charge for regular mail to be certified by a postmaster, the council approved getting regular mail certified by postmaster.

Zielstorf for Gossard Trailer Court requested a sewer credit for the broken water pipes in the trailer court. The request was tabled until 3/7/22 to obtain more information to make a final decision.

No reports: Mayor, Ambulance, Zoning, Street

Deam motioned and Meling seconded to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. Adjournment 8:41pm

Kym Stein requested to be put on 3/7/22 agenda.

Next month's regular meeting is scheduled for 3/7/22 at 6pm.

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