

11/06/23 Garwin City Council minutes

Called to order at 6pm.

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

Others present: L. Speck, C. Smith, R. Daniel, R. Collins, W. Raymond, R. Collins, D. Dillingham, E. Herrada, N. and B. Holven

Raymond motioned, McCubbin seconded the approval of the Oct bills and minutes. Approved with all ayes.

Mayor Deam met with Matt Garber concerning the storm sewer project (involving ARPA funds) from the body shop to auction house. No new bids necessary; just need to double check that numbers are approximately the same. Also met with Marty Wymore from Region 6 about using leftover funds to clean up a ditch north of Carlton St. bridge. The Carlton St. bridge is in need of repair and Wymore advised there is a "City Bridge Fund" through the State that pays 80%. The City needs to contact Calhoun-Burns to get on the rotation. A grant has been submitted for an Alliant Energy/Trees Forever grant for \$2000 for Spring 2024. City is also looking into a street sign replacement grant.

Dalton Dillingham with D's Garbage Service asked for the council's approval to do business here in town. Raymond said he would check with county landfill board and see what is needed. Pending proof of insurance, it was motioned by Simcox and seconded by Raymond to approve the new garbage service for residents. Approved with all ayes.

Many residents have asked about Fencing regulations. There is some information concerning fences in the Zoning Handbook under 1.08.01 Section E including maintenance of fences on local properties. The Council wants to amend this to include types of materials that can be used and make the regulations clearer. Clerk is to contact local towns to see what their Ordinance and Zoning rules include. This will be addressed more next meeting.

The City will be getting new pest control bids in the early spring for the popcorn stand and community building.

Resolution 2023-10 involving the AFR (Annual Finance Report) was approved. Raymond motioned, Zoffka seconded.

Under Old Business, Mayor Deam presented adjacent property values according to the Tama County Assessor website. The valuation and sale process will be discussed and determined next council meeting in a closed session.

N. Holven reported 4 fire calls and 3 ambulance calls for Oct. The Fire Dept had a successful fundraiser on Nov 4th but not sure of amount raised yet. There is a bill from Heiman coming for new nozzle. All FD furnaces are scheduled for servicing and Ambulance building will be added to list. This is close of calendar year for FD as they do not meet in Dec. At least 2 people are interested in being EMT volunteers for Garwin. There was discussion about when and where the classes are offered.

R. Daniel reported the GMG high school football field has a leak again. The meter pit needs replaced and the City needs to install a new valve on the line so the Library is not connected to the field. Daniel is planning to retire in 2025 and the City plans to look for a new Water Superintendent to train under Daniel and get properly certified.

Raymond motioned, Zoffka seconded the meeting adjourn at 7:17pm. The next regular meeting will be 12/4/23.

By Michelle Vaverka, City Clerk