

9/11/23 Garwin City Council Minutes

Called to order at 6pm.

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

Others present: N. Holven, C. Smith, P. Konicek, M. Rodgers, R. Daniel, D. Dunning, L. Speck, J and E. Weise, T. Meling, D and A. Barnes, C. Weaver

Raymond motioned, Simcox seconded the approval of the Aug bills, passed with all ayes.

Simcox motioned, Zoffka seconded the approval of the July minutes.

IJAG (Iowa Jobs for American Grads) students came and introduced themselves, they offered to do any community service that may be needed.

Trick or Treat night is set for Tues Oct 31 from 6-8pm.

M. Rodgers talked about issues with his driveway/street crumbling due to rain water. The City is working with him on this.

City Hall will now be open Mon-Fri from 10-3.

N. Holven talked about purchasing properties in town and trying to develop some new business/tax revenue.

T. Meling and the Barnes reported on the feral cat issue and the damage they are causing to their property and pets. J. Weise and E. Weise represented Marshalltown Strong TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) and advocated to raise funds in order to get as many cats fixed as possible in order to help keep the population down. It was mentioned bringing in someone to trap the cats and relocating them to local farms. A letter is to be sent to the alleged cat owner.

The resolution for any leftover budget funds to be transferred to the appropriate trust still stands.

Zoffka motioned and Raymond seconded the approval of a new city debit card for the clerk to use.

Motion passed with all ayes.

The city burn pit will be open each Tues from 9-11 am and the first Sat of the month from 9-11am during spring, summer and fall for trees and limbs only. A new sign with info will be ordered and posted.

The City will be implementing a new Website soon. Zoffka motioned and Simcox seconded the approval of a new contract with Municipal Impact. It was passed with all ayes.

Council will revisit the condemning of dangerous buildings in Feb. Specifically no legal action will be taken on the old hardware building until Feb 1, 2024.

N. Holden reported the fire dept will be assisting with the GMG Homecoming Bonfire. A new slide-in unit was ordered. There were 0 fire calls in Aug. A Wetland Grant is being applied for. The wiring/breaker for the outside station light needs repaired or replaced. The roof repair is still in the works. The old bin site needs rocks removed so it can be mowed and maintained.

L. Simcox reported 17 sheriff/police calls in Aug.

R. Daniel reported getting the manholes cleaned out at east Center St.

D. McCubbin talked about some new park benches being donated as memorials and asked of any other city needs that would make good donations.

D. Dunning reported the Library ramp is in need of replacement. She will get quotes for supplies and contact the GMG high school shop class to complete the project for community service. Simcox motioned, McCubbin seconded using Library Trust Fund monies to pay for the materials. Motion was passed with all ayes.

R. Raymond reported we may need the school's help to pursue new EMT candidates in order to continue providing Ambulance services.

Raymond motioned and Simcox seconded to use the ARPA funds to do sewer repair on Main St. It was passed with all ayes.

L. Speck reported on new agreement with the Iowa Offset Program.

Simcox motioned, Raymond seconded the meeting adjourn at 7:50pm. The next regular meeting will be 10/2/23.

By Michelle Vaverka, City Clerk