

2/5/24 Garwin City Council minutes

Called to order at 6pm.

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

Others present: N. Holven, L. Speck, C. Smith, R. Daniel, D. Dunning, D. Kienzle, P. Konicek, R. Collins
Brave Heart motioned, Simcox seconded the approval of Dec and Jan bills and minutes. Approved with all ayes.

Mayor Deam reported the Carlton bridge is deficient and in need of repair. The City was advised to order signs to put up for now. This will be a capital improvement project in FY26. The sewer capital improvement project for FY24 has gone up in cost but it is still reasonable and there is still money in the budget to proceed.

Lots of buzz about snow removal. The City got tire chains for the snow plow truck. Matt DeSchamp is on contract for emergency snow removal if needed. C. Smith reported the snow blower is shearing pins. Will be \$1000 to fix or the City could buy a new one for about \$2400.

Legion liquor license for 2024 was motioned by Simcox to approve, seconded by Darcy.
Approved with all ayes pending State's approval.

D. Kienzle spoke representing GEL (Garwin Enrichment League). The main ask was where is the money coming from for the fireworks during the Freedom Days celebration this year. It was determined the City had budgeted \$5000 for 3 years and this year is included. GEL is planning several breakfast fundraisers.

N. Holven asked about a \$250 special assessment (judgement) on the old hardware store, which he now owns. It was determined that the City needs to do a resolution next month for the county requirements.

A discussion was had on an Ordinance Amendment if council would like to change from a regular Zoning Commission to a Bldg & Land Use Regulation which is more suitable for smaller towns. It will be reviewed more next month.

Under old business, there were 0 bids on the 2 properties for sale. There was no quorum last month so no official meeting. It was decided to focus on the budget and revisit the sale of these properties later. The utilities will remain on at the old city hall for now.

Conflict of Interest is tabled again.

Fencing regulations are dependent on which way council decides to go on Zoning.

New fire station project is progressing. Mayor Deam has been doing a lot of research by visiting other similar stations and looking into insurance. Water and sewer for this project will cost about \$50,000. A project of this scope will require bids. Meeting with local townships soon.

FD Report-3 calls last month, election in Jan, 3 members helped with snow removal for fire and ambulance bldg., an issue with new overhead door was fixed, met with clerks for budget planning, new infrared thermal camera (more portable and can connect other units to it)

Ambulance has 2 people enrolled in EMT classes.

Water Report-Football field is shut off for now due to water pipe issues. A new hydrant was recently replaced. Looked into upgrading software to Beacon for reading meters. Continuing to use what we have until it is absolutely necessary.

Sheriff Report-busy last couple months.

Local nuisances were discussed.

Clerk needs extra hours for budget meetings and training on taxes. Mayor needs to sign the time sheets.

A budget work session is set for Mon, Feb 12 at 6pm.

Citizen comments: P. Konicek informed council that the 2 local churches will once again volunteer for the concession stand during Wed Night Entertainment this summer.

D. Dunning gave a report to the council on the happenings of the library including number of items in inventory, how many people stop in and the different services provided to the community.

McCubbin motioned, Brave Heart seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm. The next regular meeting will be 3/4/24.

2023 Annual Wages

Gary Aldrich	\$56.00
Chad Anderson	\$16.00
Brock Baldazo	\$209.00
Troy Brave Heart	\$165.00
Larry Dean Brittenham	\$168.00
Chloe Cornwell	\$32.00
Danielle Dunning	\$13,840.00
Nathan Holven	\$910.50
Todd Kearney	\$8.00
Mike Kunch	\$200.00
Kenna Lambertsen	\$130.00
Darcy McCubbin	\$195.00
Joe Parks	\$616.88
Sherry Parks	\$707.50
Chelsey Parks Medhus	\$538.75
Rick Raymond	\$333.00
Wade Raymond	\$28.00
Lee Simcox	\$120.00
Abigail Slingluff	\$227.50
Claude Smith	\$19,557.00
Chad Stamp	\$225.00
Michelle Vaverka	\$12,024.00
Jody Wallen	\$6,160.50
Gabe Zielstorf	\$72.00

By Michelle Vaverka, City Clerk