

### 3/4/24 Garwin City Council minutes

Called to order at 6pm.

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

Others present: L. Speck, C. Smith, R. Collins, T. Anderson, S. Parks

Brave Heart motioned, Simcox seconded the approval of Feb bills and minutes. Approved with all ayes.

Mayor Deam reported all of the necessary bridge/street signs are in place. He contacted Iowa League of Cities concerning contracting Fireworks vendors. This falls under Community Celebrations so all is fine. This will be the last year the City pays for the fireworks display.

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 new business, T. Anderson requested a street closure from 7-12 for street dance on April 27. Garwin Bull will provide alcohol including outside, pending owner's license requirements and Council's approval next month. The Bull will provide insurance for this event. Request for street closure and use of the bandstand was motioned by Simcox, seconded by Zoffka and approved with all ayes.

A proposed property tax hearing date was set for Monday, April 1 at 5:30pm. Motioned by Brave Heart, seconded by Simcox and approved with all ayes.

Insurance renewal for City was talked about. Mayor Deam and Clerk will be meeting with agent soon.

Under old business, it was decided to switch from a Zoning Commission to a Bldg and Land Use Regulation that Council will govern. An Ordinance Amendment will be made.

Mayor Deam met with some of the Townships and reported more developments with new fire station and plans are in the works. Survey is done; still waiting on a plat of survey and base flood elevation.

FD Report-Busy month with 4 grass and 1 house fire.

Ambulance-S. Parks reported they were on standby for the house fire and asked for \$350 (\$200 in quarters and \$150 for candy) for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Brave Heart motioned, McCubbin seconded, approved with all ayes. Money is being raised once again to provide the 35 current 3<sup>rd</sup> graders with bike helmets (cost is \$25 each).

Local nuisances were discussed. Clerk is to send out some letters.

Clerk reported we received the Trees Forever/Alliant grant for \$2000. The City will need some volunteers to help plant and water the new trees. Also discussed adding 50 more slots through FrontDesk for the online utility bill pay.

Zoffka motioned, Raymond seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:53pm. The next regular meeting will be 4/1/24.