

## 6/3/24 Garwin City Council Minutes

Called to order at 6pm.

Present: Deam, Zoffka, McCubbin, Brave Heart, Simcox; Raymond present at 6:06pm

Others present: C. Smith, R. Collins, G. Zielstorf, N. Holven

Zoffka motioned, McCubbin seconded the approval of May bills and minutes. Approved with all ayes.

Mayor Deam reported we are scheduled to lose money on water for this fiscal year. We will be revising the rates with the new fiscal year.

Mayor Deam and the clerk met with LSB to look at investing and changing the City's savings accounts to earn more interest. A new water tower contract with T-Mobile is in the works which would benefit the City greatly.

Under old business, Brookhouser permit was denied because it did not meet any building codes. The new fire station is a goal for 2025. The size of building, cost and how it gets paid for are the foremost issues. Zoffka brought up future utility costs and insurance concerns. A committee will be formed between the council and fire dept to discuss these needs and details.

Under new business, Simcox motioned and Raymond seconded to approve the Garwin Bull Liquor License for upcoming fiscal year. Approved with all ayes, McCubbin abstained.

There has been confusion on the meaning of the City siren. Fire Chief Holven informed the council it is their decision. It was decided to align with the current Tama County EMA procedure: the sirens in Garwin will go off if 70+ mph winds are reported or a tornado is spotted.

A portion of the LL Pelling proposal for FY25 street repair was motioned by Simcox, seconded by Brave Heart and approved with all ayes.

Holven reported that June is the month they get the fire trucks inspected and serviced.

Pool fills are now going to be available through the Garwin Fire Dept. There is a flat fee of \$200 for up to 4000 gallons to be paid by cash/check to City Hall prior to the fill. This is a win-win situation for the City because the fire dept will get some training hours in and a portion of this charge will be donated to the fire dept. Pool fills over 4000 gallons will be assessed a higher fee based on gallons required. Brave Heart motioned, Simcox seconded and this was approved with all ayes.

Simcox reported there is more traffic enforcement occurring in town.

McCubbin would like to thank the Lions Club for the trees planted in the park and the volleyball court. Cayden Slifer has agreed to water the newly planted trees this summer for community service hours. Park bathrooms will be cleaned out, stocked and ready to go for summer activities.

C. Smith got a quote to spray for weeds at Gamble Park.

Zoffka reported she had some ideas on tax lien forgiveness on properties. This will be discussed next month. Clerk is to contact City Attorney on a couple of nuisances in town.

Raymond reported we are waiting on some parts for the sewer project to start. The plugged culverts in town will be a future project the City needs to look into. There were several ideas mentioned.

Zoffka motioned, McCubbin seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm. The next regular meeting will be 7/1/24.