

7/1/24 Garwin City Council Minutes

Called to order at 6pm.

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

Others present: C. Smith, R. Collins, N. Holven, R. Daniel, S. Parks, P. Konicek, R. Catherwood, B. Kienzle
Zoffka motioned, Brave Heart seconded the approval of June bills and minutes. Approved with all ayes.
Mayor Deam reported T-Mobile franchise contract is almost ready. Signed contracts with J&M Displays for fireworks and E4 Construction to repair the current fire station roof. Met with fire dept to discuss new building needs. Goal is for 2025 but yet to be determined. City has been waiting on materials for the sewer project and work will begin July 9. Talked with Garber from CGA concerning Carlton bridge project.

Under old business, assessments will be tabled until next month when full council is present. Deam reported more on new fire station project. Size and cost are big issues as well as how to pay for it. The City has several options but the council doesn't want to accrue more debt. Deam plans to be at next fire meeting to discuss further. A discussion was had on how much money should be moved from checking to savings in order to take advantage of the higher interest rate.

Under new business, P. Konicek said the Garwin Christian Church is retiring from running the concession stand for Music in the Park. The City appreciates their time and dedication over the years. R. Catherwood reported straw and mud in her garage during the heavy rains on May 21. She asked if the City could do anything about this but there isn't much to be done since it's in a floodplain. Possible options were discussed. The City will look into jetting/cleaning culverts sometime.

B. Kienzle asked for use of the hoop building for the Quilts of Valor event. He also mentioned trees overhanging Center St. that need trimmed. This is a county road so Tama County is responsible for those. He was concerned about people drinking in park but that is allowed as long as they are of age to drink.

Holven reported oil pressure issue with one of the trucks. Association is ready for Hog Roast fundraiser this weekend. Justin Nelson is wanting to join the dept. Brave Heart motioned and McCubbin seconded to add him as new member. Approved with all ayes. No fire calls to report for June.

S. Parks reported state inspection was done and need to update a few minor things. Justin Nelson is also wanting to be an ambulance volunteer. He would like to take the EMT course next year. Zoffka motioned, McCubbin seconded. Approved with all ayes. G. Zielstorf did not complete EMS course but would still like to volunteer as a driver for the Ambulance dept. McCubbin motioned, Brave Heart seconded. Approved with all ayes. Ambulance service is now considered an 'essential service' even if it's only volunteer. Tama County Supervisors have put together an EMS Committee and a vote for taxation monies will be on the next ballot.

Daniel reported the switch gear control died at the lift station; 3E fixed it. He got the lead service line inventory completed.

McCubbin has been busy with GEL prepping for Freedom Days. Clerk is to post a map of the street closures for Sat. GEL is also running the concession stand for Music in the Park in Aug. The park bathrooms will be stocked and open for Freedom Days.

C. Smith has been patching potholes. People have been complaining about alleys being washed out.

Zoffka asked for a notice/sign that "All dogs must be on leash" at the City Parks. She reported on several residents parking in the front yard. This is a city code violation. Clerk is to contact City Attorney on a couple of nuisances in town.

McCubbin motioned, Brave Heart seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:29pm. The next regular meeting will be 8/5/24.

By Michelle Vaverka, City Clerk