

12/04/23 Garwin City Council minutes

Called to order at 6pm.

Present: Deam, Zoffka, Raymond, McCubbin, Brave Heart, Simcox by speaker phone

Others present: L. Speck, C. Smith, S. Parks, R. Collins, S. Mattingly, B & K Warren, L. Koester, J Thompson

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

Mayor Deam reported the storm sewer project from the body shop to auction house is still in the works.

L. Koester and J. Thompson asked city's permission to plug in a semi truck by the hoop building if they paid for the use of electricity. Brave Heart motioned to approve and McCubbin seconded. Passed with all ayes.

Mayor Matt Deam and council members McCubbin and Raymond were sworn in to office. Simcox will be signed in later.

Res 2023-11, Annual Urban Renewal Report is required to be filed by each city. Our total this year is \$0. Motioned by Raymond, seconded by Zoffka and approved with all ayes.

Deam presented a Fire Station building proposal for approximately \$350,000 that would potentially begin in 2025. He went over numbers and ideas on how to get this project rolling. The first step is to get the property surveyed.

Fencing regulations were discussed some more. Clerk is to email council members more info to get their input and come up with a new ordinance including generalized guidelines.

Conflict of Interest was discussed and council went over the code from the Iowa Municipal Policy Leaders' Handbook. Simcox would like to table until next month.

Under Old Business, Mayor Deam presented Res. 2023-12, public notice to dispose of 210 Main St. Minimum bid amount was discussed. To be determined in a brief closed session next council meeting. Motioned by Raymond to approve, seconded by Simcox. Roll call was taken; approved with 4 yes votes to sell.

Res. 2023-13, public notice to dispose of 302 Main St. (old hotel lot) was motioned by Zoffka, seconded by Simcox. Resolution passed by 4 of 5 votes.

S. Parks gave an Ambulance Committee update. It was motioned by Raymond, seconded by McCubbin to approve Diana Rohach as a new EMT member (no training needed since she is already an RN). Approved with all ayes. There are 3 other people interested in taking the EMT classes in order to volunteer. The ambulance needs new starter batteries.

McCubbin reported the wheelchair ramp at the library was measured and a new one will be built soon. A part-time library assistant was hired.

Zoffka reported on a couple of nuisance properties that need followed up on including contacting the City Attorney. She also said 15 feral cats were captured and relocated to a local farm.

Clerk needs to order a Stop and a Yield sign.

There was a discussion of contacting LL Pelling (or any other contractors) to do more work on the City streets for this Spring 2024 and lock in a price.

Zoffka motioned, McCubbin seconded the meeting adjourn at 7:13pm. The next regular meeting will be 1/8/24.

By Michelle Vaverka, City Clerk