

8/7/23 Garwin City Council minutes

Called to order at 6pm.

Present: Deam, Zoffka, Brave Heart, Raymond, McCubbin, Simcox; Absent: Lori Speck

Others present: N. Holven, C. Smith, P. Konicek, M. Polich, R. Daniel

Raymond motioned, Simcox seconded the approval of the July bills; Clerk is to look into charges from Iowa One Call.

Brave Heart motioned, Zoffka seconded the approval of the July minutes.

Deam reported that Lori Speck will remain on contract with the City. Michelle Vaverka will be in the office on a regular basis to handle day to day operations. She will continue to train with Speck as needed. New City Hall hours are M-F 10-3 and 2-7 on Tuesdays.

Deam also reported the lagoon is looking good and the City has hired Ledford to take down a first round of 4 trees that were damaged in the recent storm.

Resolution 2023-7: The City received 1 sealed bid for the sale of the property at 210 Main St. It was Rejected with 3 nays and 2 ayes.

Resolution 2023-8: The transfer of funds between accounts was Approved with all ayes.

Polich mentioned the electric sign has already needed repairs and cost \$1260. It continues to need rebooted often. A new one would be approximately \$20,000. He was wondering about seeking out some grant funds and fundraising to help pay for a new sign.

The operation and use of the burn pit was discussed. It was decided that C. Smith and M. Vaverka will keep track of how often it is being used this month and discussed at next meeting.

C. Smith asked for permission to block off part of the street on Aug 19 from noon-10pm for a Legion fundraiser. No city picnic tables can be borrowed/used for this event. Brave Heart motioned to approve and Simcox seconded. It was Approved with all ayes.

Upon review, Raymond suggested the City should have the Carlton St. bridge inspected. It was last inspected in Sept of 2021. Simcox motioned to approve and McCubbin seconded, followed by all ayes.

The condemning of dangerous buildings is tabled until next month.

Vaverka presented a new City Debit Card Policy and it will be revised to include providing Simcox with monthly statements and detailed receipts. Will review at next meeting.

Council meetings will remain the 1st Monday of the month for now.

The City Attorney will be contacting our current website provider to inform them that they are in violation of our contract. The City will seek a new provider. Simcox motioned to cancel the contract, McCubbin seconded, motion passed with all ayes.

N. Holven reported the Fire Department building suffered roof damage from the last storm. Insurance has been contacted and an inspection will be made.

There were 2 FD calls and 3 Ambulance calls in July.

Simcox motioned to approve Gabe Zielstorf as a new Fire Department member. Brave Heart seconded and it was Approved with all ayes.

An overhead door at the fire station needed replaced and 3 new batteries were installed in the fire trucks.

The Hog Roast fundraiser was a success with \$1200 donated to the new Fire Dept/Ambulance Bldg Fund. \$2500 was raised for the Garwin Fire Dept Association.

Our ambulance was used in Toledo to assist Ragbrai.

R. Daniel reported that the water tower was inspected and cleaned. There are no issues at this time. A water line punctured a sewer line. CGA is investigating as this should be covered by bonded work under the water project.

It was decided to keep the Community building set at cooler temp to avoid musty odors. No dehumidifier will be bought at this time.

Zoffka reported that we need to request an update from City Attorney for 307 Center St. A new ordinance violation was noted at 110 Park St.

A citizen asked if the Community bldg and Concession stand have been sprayed for bugs yet and if the weeds at parks could be sprayed. McCubbin is to check with FS. Also the sidewalk grass/weeds need trimmed around town.

Brave Heart motioned, Zoffka seconded the meeting adjourn at 7:30pm. The next regular meeting will be 9/11/23.

By Michelle Vaverka, City Clerk