

5/6/24 Garwin City Council Minutes

Called to order at 6pm.

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

Others present: C. Smith, R. Collins, P. Konicek, R. Daniel, K. Ollendieck

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

Under old business, water rates were discussed. The City is losing money on water. Clerk is to write a Resolution to raise rates 3% since the original approved rate increase was never put in place.

It was decided to switch from a Zoning Commission to a Bldg and Land Use Regulation that Council will govern. This is very common for smaller towns. An Ordinance Amendment will be drafted and voted on at a later date.

Mayor Deam reported the new Fire Station project is coming along. No backfill is needed.

Under new business, a new Tama Co Sheriff contract for FY25 was approved.

There was a discussion on properties in town that have been purchased with liens/judgments against them and if the City will cost share or forgive those in order to spur some economic development. Questions were brought up about what has been done in the past.

K. Ollendieck from Tama Co Economic Development Commission was present to let us know they will partner with the City in development and we can possibly apply for the DNR derelict bldg program. There are no up front or matching costs for the City but there could be water/sewer costs in future.

D. McCubbin reported that Freedom Days will be Sat, July 6 and three inflatables have been rented by GEL. She asked for street closures with more info to come.

McCubbin requested the City order an adjustable folding table for the Comm Bldg that would accommodate people in wheelchairs.

Brookhouser Bldg Permit was denied due to code requirements.

Holven reported a man cage and hose reel were added to the grass rig truck used by the Fire Dept. All of the masks have been recertified. The City siren has been tested and confirmed for TORNADOES.

Daniel reported that the lateral sewer pipelines are the homeowner's responsibility. There is insurance available to purchase if desired. Letters are mailed by this 3rd party to residents and it is legitimate. Residents may also find more info at www.slwofa.com.

Pest control will be hired soon for various City buildings.

Brave Heart motioned, McCubbin seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:17pm. The next regular meeting will be 6/3/24.