

8/5/24 Garwin City Council Minutes

Called to order at 6pm.

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

Others present: C. Smith, R. Collins, N. Holven, P. Konicek, G. Zielstorf, L. Raymond

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

Mayor Deam talked to CGA and there will be a change order so we will be over budget on the storm sewer project. The new T-Mobile franchise contract is signed and franchise fees will start to come in monthly. Deam also reported that there is an option for the City to secure a solar panel lease agreement with Alliant Energy. It would be no out of pocket cost to the City and would be a good potential source of income.

Under old business, Zoffka reported some ideas for property tax lien assessments. Council would like to revisit this during budget time.

Deam reported more on fire station project. Size and cost continue to be big issues as well as how to pay for it. The City has pledged \$150,000 from Local Option Sales Tax Funds toward a new building if all stakeholders agree to use \$50,000 each from FD Trust, Ambulance Trust, and FD Association. These funds plus what is in the FD Building Savings account will get the City to a \$400,000 building. Chief Holven would like time to raise more funds. It was agreed to have another conversation in 6 months (Feb 2025).

The council voted on Resolution 2024-4 (Naming Depository and Maximum Amount). Zoffka motioned, Brave Heart seconded. Approved with all ayes.

The council also voted on Resolution 2024-5 (Moving Funds from Main Checking to Main Savings Account). Raymond motioned, Zoffka seconded. Approved with all ayes.

Under new business, L. Raymond reported that she has done a lot of upkeep/repairs to the Shelterhouse. It is getting older and needs more work. She mentioned the idea of adding a new event center to the new FD building. Council thanked her for going above and beyond and offered to look more into this issue. Deam mentioned the Lions may be able to help.

Current Water/Sewer Rates have been extensively examined; it was determined there is no overall loss so rates will remain the same for now.

Leftover FD budget funds will be moved to the FD Trust. Clerk will write a Resolution.

Holven reported there were 11 calls total for July. Truck 721 is running but needs to go to a CAT dealership for programming. The "IAmResponding" app contract for Fire and Rescue was approved for 3 years.

Zoffka asked clerk to send letter to 504 Carlton St.

C. Smith will be patching some of the deep potholes by the high school.

Brave Heart motioned, Raymond seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:14pm. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday 9/3/24 due to Labor Day.

By Michelle Vaverka, City Clerk