

2/3/25 Garwin City Council Minutes

Called to order at 6pm. Present: Deam, Zoffka, Brave Heart, Simcox, Raymond, McCubbin

Others present: R. Collins, C. Smith, Sheriff C. Schmidt, C & A Anderson, R. Daniel, Q. Schneider, K. Konicek, D. Kinsley

Sheriff Schmidt introduced himself and presented the new Sheriff contract for fiscal year 25-26. The current rate of \$1264/month will increase 7% to \$1352/month beginning July 1.

Raymond motioned, Zoffka seconded the approval of Jan bills and minutes. Approved with all ayes.

Q. Schneider from CGA presented the plans for the new water main project that will extend across 3rd and Front Streets to the new Fire/Amb building. The total cost of this water project is expected to be \$53,600 and CGA will receive \$14k for their engineering services and letting the project for bids. Deam and Daniel estimated the sewer service to cost \$10k but not part of CGA's contract. Raymond motioned to spend \$6k from the building fund for CGA to let the new building project for bids. Simcox seconded. Passed with all ayes. Simcox motioned for CGA to let the water project for bids. Brave Heart seconded. Motion passed with all ayes.

Under new business, T. Anderson asked for street closure for bags tournament on July 5. She also asked if the hoop building could be used in case of rain. Braveheart motioned, Simcox seconded. Motion passed with all ayes.

K. Konicek and D. Kinsley presented tentative plans for this year's Freedom Days celebration. They asked for street closures for a parade, lawnmower races and the beer garden/street dance. They also asked for use of the City's water and electricity for the inflatables. Lastly, they asked to bring food trucks in during certain times that would not interfere with the FD fundraiser lunch or the Legion's food sales. Braveheart motioned to approve their requests, Simcox seconded. Passed with all ayes.

The Legion is due for alcohol license renewal. The State requested clarification on the outdoor servicing area and a new sketch. They wanted the City to sign an agreement that is was ok for the Legion to serve alcohol outside on the North sidewalk. Zoffka motioned, Simcox seconded. Approved with all ayes.

VanWall is offering a snowblower attachment at a discount to the City. Council discussed and it was decided to table until after budget.

R. Raymond asked if the library was sponsoring HS sports events. Clerk will talk to Librarian to clarify if any Library or Library Foundation money was used.

Raymond reported 1 fire call in Jan. Ambulance requested to spend \$400 on new EMT jackets. Council discussed that as long as within budget it is fine to purchase. The department approves and then the invoice goes on Bills to Approve for council to approve. The Clerk will then pay the bill out of proper fund.

Water Superintendent, R. Daniel, reported several residents complaining about sewer lines plugging up mostly due to tree roots. The lateral pipelines that go to a home are the homeowner's responsibility. There is special insurance that can be purchased by the residents to cover some of the replacement costs. A link for this insurance is posted on the main page of the City's website as well as Facebook page. The Lift Station pump is 15 years old and going out. A new one costs around \$12,500. He also reported the Flow Meter needs checked. The City plans to budget for this in the upcoming fiscal year.

Water/sewer rates have not changed in 3 years. A rate increase will likely be in the works.

Simcox reported on Sheriff hours. McCubbin said the Library is still looking for a rural board member. Zoffka reported someone is throwing trash in the recycle bins. A letter will be sent. Clerk will call Tama County Landfill to see about invoicing anyone caught illegal dumping.

Clerk noted some interest in setting a date for City Wide Garage Sales. The software system we use is being retired and replaced with a new Cloud version. Cost will remain the same. Clerk will need to onboard and attend virtual training to learn new system which will be implemented this Aug.

Simcox motioned, Brave Heart seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. The next regular meeting will be Monday 3/3/25.

2024 Annual Wages

Gary Aldrich	\$36.00
Chad Anderson	\$4.00
Brock Baldazo	\$209.00
Troy Brave Heart	\$180.00
Larry Dean Brittenham	\$180.00
Chloe Cornwell	\$2014.00
Danielle Dunning	\$14286.00
Nathan Holven	\$567.00
Mike Kunch	\$184.00
Darcy McCubbin	\$150.00
Joe Parks	\$706.00
Sherry Parks	\$769.00
Chelsey Parks Medhus	\$486.00
Jocelyn Needs	\$360.00
Justin Nelson	\$600.00
Rick Raymond	\$292.00
Wade Raymond	\$24.00
Diana Rohach	\$395.00
Lee Simcox	\$120.00
Abigail Slingluff	\$109.00
Claude Smith	\$17874.00
Chad Stamp	\$201.00
Debbra Stamp	\$248.00
Michelle Vaverka	\$23314.50
Gabe Zielstorf	\$797.00
Traci Zoffka	\$180.00

By Michelle Vaverka, City Clerk