

#### **4/1/25 Special Meeting for Garwin Proposed Property Tax**

Called to order at 6pm. Present: Deam, Zoffka, Simcox, McCubbin, Raymond (joined at 6:04)

Others present: R. Collins

Proposed Property Tax was presented and the tax rate will be approximately the same as last fiscal year. There was some confusion and discussion about how to read the numbers. Clerk is to contact IA Dept of Management to get clarification. Raymond motioned to pass the rate, Simcox seconded and it was passed with all ayes. The Budget Hearing was set for Wed 4/23/25 at 6pm. Motioned by Simcox and seconded by Raymond to adjourn at 6:44pm.

#### **4/1/25 Regular Garwin City Council Minutes**

Called to order at 6:45pm. Present: Deam, Zoffka, Simcox, McCubbin, Raymond

Others present: R. Collins, R. Daniel, C. Upah, Q. Schneider

Simcox motioned, Zoffka seconded the approval of March bills and minutes. Approved with all ayes.

Note: Last month the Mayor agreed to speak with City of Gladbrook concerning contracting with them for water/sewer maintenance once our current Water Superintendent, Randy Daniel, retires. Mayor Deam reported that he attended the Library meeting and went over short and long-term strategy. He met with Clerk to go over City Ordinance Code draft updates/changes. Deam met with the current Gladbrook Water Superintendent, Mark Lowry. Options were discussed but nothing determined yet. Brave Heart has resigned as a council member since he is no longer a resident of Garwin. The City is looking to appoint a council member to take his place. Clerk will post notices around town.

Under old business, Schneider with CGA has received 3 quotes back for the water main extension project. Morris Enterprises came in the lowest and Raymond motioned to accept their bid IF the cost of new fire/amb bldg. project bids are acceptable. McCubbin seconded and motion was approved with all ayes.

Under new business, Cindy Upah presented the band list for the Wed Night Music in the Park. The pay will increase to \$150 per band each week. The concession stand will be run by Garwin Valley Church, GEL and possibly Boy Scouts. Upah and concession stand volunteers will determine weather-related cancellations by 4pm each Wed. Quilts of Valor will be July 2 at 5pm.

McCubbin reported that the Main Park is in need of some maintenance. The Bandstand needs repainted and the brickwork around it needs some repair. The flagpole is in need of updating or replacing. Some of the trees need some minor trimming. Playground equipment at both parks need inspected and repairs made. This can be handled by volunteer groups/citizens and the City Maintenance employee.

It was recently brought to attention that the High School water meter is not being read and therefore not being charged properly for water/sewer usage. A replacement of the meter is needed eventually. For now, the Buildings and Grounds Director, Mike Bowers, will give the Clerk a manual reading each month on the 1<sup>st</sup>. The council discussed the bill and decided on an amount. Simcox motioned to approve, Zoffka seconded and the motion passed. Clerk will send a statement to the school with all of the details. Clerk can provide a water consumption report to council quarterly to avoid future mishaps.

The Little League concession stand no longer has a meter and needs a new one. Daniel will get one installed. Raymond reported there was 1 fire call last month. Daniel reported that he will compare pricing on new sewer pumps. Simcox requested bank statements each month. The cd matures in Sept so the Clerk is to put 'review cd renewal' on Aug agenda. Council reviewed the LL Pelling proposal for upcoming street repairs.

Vaverka reported the City has been awarded 3 grants recently: \$2000 from Trees Forever, \$1000 from Alliant Energy for EMS and \$1044.48 from Tama County Community Foundation for Library Equipment Upgrades.

Vaverka will be attending a Utility Conference designed for clerks on Apr 21-22 in Ankeny.

Simcox motioned, McCubbin seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:09pm. The next regular meeting will be Monday 5/5/25 at 6:00pm.

By Michelle Vaverka, City Clerk