

5/5/25 Garwin City Council Minutes

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

Others present: R. Collins, C. Smith, R. Daniel, Q. Schneider, S. Mattingly

Raymond motioned, Simcox seconded the approval of April bills and minutes. Approved with all ayes.

Mayor Deam reported he met with Smith and Michelle to go over trees and other city matters. Smith was able to get 12 trees ordered with the grant money from Alliant/Trees Forever.

Under old business, Q. Schneider from CGA presented the 3 bids he received for the new Amb/Fire building shell. Spahn & Rose came in the lowest at \$115.8k for the 50x120 building. Deam presented that approximately \$74,000 has been spent to date and it will take approximately 120,000 to complete the building. With the cost of the water project costing approximately \$58,000, it is estimated that the total cost of the projects will be under \$400,000 which will be paid for from existing savings accounts and no loans. Zoffka motioned, McCubbin seconded to accept the bid. Raymond and Simcox gave ayes for approval. Motion passed. Schneider will contact Spahn & Rose and get a timeline.

Under new business, S. Mattingly asked permission to put up a little pallet farmstand in the back of her property on Anna St. Council said ok as long as traffic isn't hindered.

S. Mattingly is interested in the city council vacancy. Zoffka motioned, Simcox seconded to vote Mattingly in as the interim council member until the next election. Motion passed with all ayes. There was some concern with her being on both the Library Board and Council. This will be followed up.

Raymond reported the Firefighter's Garage Sale Fundraiser brought in \$1000.

R. Daniel reported water is turned on at the park. There will be no water available for up to 2 weeks while the water main project is being done this summer. There was talk of working this around the park reservations. Daniel also reported the block heater was out in the generator and was repaired.

Simcox reported 5 hours of sheriff calls for service last month. The City was provided with 60 hours contracted patrol time.

McCubbin asked about the new trees and where they will be planted. There are at least 13 dead trees on City property that need to come down. Clerk is to contact Ledford to finish the list from last year. Zoffka motioned to approve this, Simcox seconded and motion passed with all ayes. McCubbin mentioned that GEL is willing to help paint the bandstand if the City will purchase the paint. GEL is also willing to help plant trees. Simcox reviewed bank balances and debit card charges. He asked about how the City handles returned checks.

Raymond went over the revised street repair quote from LL Pelling for \$29.5k. Simcox motioned, Raymond seconded. Passed with all ayes. Raymond asked about the water meter at the ball field concession stand. A new meter needs installed preferably by Wed when the first game is scheduled. There was talk about the GMG high school water bill and what the water rates are. Zoffka requested the Clerk call the school to check on payment.

Zoffka asked Clerk to send some nuisance letters. Vaverka reported quarterly interest earned from the City's bank accounts totaled \$6,845. Raymond motioned, Zoffka seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:07pm.

The next regular meeting will be Mon 6/2/25 at 6pm.

By Michelle Vaverka, City Clerk