

Minutes of the Garland City Council meeting held July 20, 2022, at 8:00 pm at the Garland City Building with the following council members present:

Linda Bourne	Mayor
Steve Peacock	Council Member
Sharla Nelson	Council Member
Donnie Howell	Council Member
Jeanette Atkinson	Council Member
Tena Allen	Council Member

Mayor Bourne called the meeting to order. Council Member Allen gave the invocation and Council Member Peacock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Peacock made a motion to approve the agenda. A second was made by Council Member Nelson with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Council Member Nelson made a motion to approve the June 1, 2022 minutes as well as the June 15, 2022 minutes. A second was made by Council Member Howell with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Bourne asked if there were any open comments from the public. Josh Munns commented that we just finished our city celebration and the flags at the park were awesome and the design on the Garland shirts people were wearing was great. He commented on all the social media posts about changing the name back, the date back and the parade route.

Illa Mae VanValkenburg commented that the morning glory is horrible and that she went to the Box Elder County Weed Department and told them she didn't have the money to buy the stuff to kill it and they gave her some and would do that for other people if they need help too.

Merrilee Gardner commented that garbage will be picked up on the normal day next week and that the 24th will not affect it. She also asked about the public works director and if we were close to getting one. She also commented that she and several other employees did not get pay raises and with the economy and inflation up she is upset about it and wanted to make sure all of the council knew and was aware. She stated that she puts a lot of time and effort into her job.

Deb Long commented that she is concerned and wondering what is going on because longtime workers are leaving.

Mayor Bourne asked if there were any requests for future agenda items. There were none.

Mayor Bourne stated the first item under new business was a vote on the bid for the library stairs. Council Member Howell brought up that there are a couple of grants coming up that we will be applying for that will hopefully cover about half of the cost. Council Member Nelson stated that she would like to see some of the work the companies that bid have done and review the bids and maybe table this. Council Member Howell stated that he would also like to take some more time.

Council Member Atkinson made a motion that we table voting on the bid for the library stairs at this time. A second was made by Council Member Howell with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Bourne stated the next item was discussion and a vote on a variance for a property at 1245 E 1310 S for Gary Madsen.

Gary stated that the city's setbacks are thirty feet in the front and back but most cities are twenty-five in the back. He stated the architect messed up or didn't realize it was thirty. He stated they were short by about four feet. He stated it has been engineered and wanted to ask for the variance. A discussion ensued.

Council Member Howell made a motion that we approve the variance for 1245 E 1310 S. Council Member Nelson asked for some based on reasons. Council Member Howell stated all the other setbacks are there and he is only asking for

the four feet on a portion of the house and the rest of the spirit of the law has been followed. A second was made by Council Member Nelson with Council Members Howell and Nelson voting in favor of the motion and Council Members Atkinson, Peacock, and Allen voting against the motion.

Mayor Bourne stated the next item was a discussion and vote on a property rezone at 185 N 300 W.

The property owner, Delma White Hansen stated that there was a public hearing held at the planning and zoning meeting and a vote to rezone the property but there was some confusion about the time given on the notice and when the meeting was held. She also stated there was a second planning and zoning meeting held but there were only three of the members there and nothing was decided. She stated there are no plans set in stone, she was approached by a developer to buy it and her kids have been living there and not taking care of it. The developer would like to take the barn out and put in apartments. She stated the first step is to get it rezoned from manufacturing to RM-12.

Council Member Nelson commented that there are some valid concerns with the zone change and what has been discussed that would be put there. Council Member Peacock commented we have to remember this is just a rezone and it makes no sense for that piece of property to be zoned manufacturing and that he attended the first planning and zoning meeting and saw that the planning and zoning members agreed that it should be rezoned.

Council Member Atkinson made a motion that we approve the rezone on the property at 185 N 300 W to RM-12. A second was made by Council Member Peacock with Council Members Atkinson, Peacock, Howell, and Allen voting in favor of the motion and Council Member Nelson voting against the motion.

Mayor Bourne stated that they have asked Brent Deakin to be on the Planning and Zoning Commission and Wesley Thompson to be an alternate.

Council Member Atkinson made a motion that we vote to approve Brent Deakin to be on our planning and zoning. A second was made by Council Member Nelson with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Council Member Nelson made a motion to approve Wes Thompson as an alternate on planning and zoning. A second was made by Council Member Peacock with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Bourne stated the final item under new business was Mindy Benson, Katie Hirschi, and Cristie Boyer about beautification letter.

Katie Hirschi read a statement and it stated that they received a letter about trees hanging over the sidewalk and in the street and the car was parked over the sidewalk. She stated that they trimmed the trees and started parking the car in a different spot. She stated they received a second notice about the trees that they had already trimmed. She stated that what was stated in the letter does not coincide with what our code says. She stated that the letter did not have any height requirements so they thought they had complied. She feels she is being harassed and bullied because she does not have the same property standards as her neighbor, Council Member Jeanette Atkinson. She feels there are kinder ways to inform residents about cleaning up their property and that the city should clean up its property.

Mindy Benson stated that she received a letter to take care of her yard and weeds. She stated she is a single mother of four that works full-time so yardwork is at the bottom of her list. Not that it isn't important to her but if you had reached out to her you could have found out that her lawn mower was broken and she was trying to get it fixed. She thinks there is a better way to reach out to citizens than with these letters. She also thinks the city should lead by example and take care of its property first.

Cristie Boyer stated she does not own one of the properties that received a letter but she has experience managing large properties. She stated she is here to offer her advice. She thinks the city needs to take care of its properties before going after citizens. She had several suggestions to help.

There were comments made by the mayor and council and they thanked them for their comments and suggestions.

Mayor Bourne asked if there were any financial questions. There were none.

Council Member Howell made a motion to approve the coding for accounts payable and payroll. A second was made by Council Member Atkinson with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

At this time Mayor Bourne stated that we needed to go into a short closed session to discuss an employee issue.

Council Member Howell made a motion and a roll call vote for a closed session to discuss personnel issues per Utah Code 52-4-205 subsection 1a at 9:12 pm. A second was made by Council Member Nelson. The roll call votes are as follows:

Council Member Atkinson	Yea
Council Member Allen	Yea
Council Member Howell	Yea
Council Member Nelson	Yea
Council Member Peacock	Yea

Mayor Bourne called the regular meeting back to order at 9:58 pm and stated that she would like our city attorney, Steve Brooks, to do some training with us.

Steve stated that when he sits through our meetings he sees some issues with the way some things are handled. He stated that we need to be more careful where things are put on the agenda and how they are worded. We need to have reasonable specificity. He also commented that the mayor and council need to remember their roles. He reminded us that we need to make findings with our decisions.

Council Member Atkinson made a motion to adjourn at 10:15 pm. A second was made by Council Member Howell with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.


Sharlet Anderson, Recorder