

Minutes of the Garland City Council meeting held on August 3, 2022, at 8:08 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 Howell gave the invocation and Council Member Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Bourne stated that we need to amend the agenda because the minutes for July 20 are not ready and we need to take the discussion and vote on the lawnmower off.

Council Member Howell made a motion that we approve the amended agenda removing 5b and 8b. 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 amended agenda. A second was made by Council Member Howell with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Council Member Peacock made a motion to approve of minutes for July 5, 2022. A second was made by Council Member Nelson with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Bourne asked if there were any open comments from the public and asked that anyone making comments to please come to the microphone and state their name. She also commented that there would be a three-minute time limit per person and that they could not reply to their comments because it was not an item on the agenda.

Katie Hirschi stated that she is reading a letter from two former library employees, Kelli Westergard and Mercedes Stacey about why they left their jobs at the library.

Heather Erickson stated that she has lived here for three and a half years. She stated the library was a lifesaver for her when she first moved here and still today and asked about what is going on at the library. She is concerned that the library is going to change.

Mindy Benson stated she had a couple of questions and knows they can't answer but asked who was over the advertising for Wheat & Beet Days and if someone could look at the receipts and how that would be done. She also asked if a council member got paid to use her games at Wheat & Beet Days.

Mayor Bourne stated that they are transparent and that if there are any questions they would be answered in more of an office setting. Council Member Nelson stated that anyone is welcome to email any of them as well or leave a note in the box here in the city office.

Lanette Sorensen stated she is the emergency manager for the city and that it is great to see everyone at the meeting. She stated that she is looking for volunteers to be part of the emergency management team and to please contact her if interested.

Mayor Bourne asked if there were any requests for future agenda items. Council Member Peacock asked if that topic could be moved down further on the agenda so that if something comes up toward the end of the meeting it can be requested as a future agenda item.

Mayor Bourne stated under new business is a vote for a new library board member, Alysse Monson.

Council Member Nelson made a motion to approve Alysse Monson as a new library board member. 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 on the agenda was a discussion and vote on the Francom building mural. She explained that Mr. Francom came to the mayor and council about a year ago and offered to let the city put a mural on the south side of his building at 47 North Main or he could repaint the old advertisement that was there. She explained that he brought in receipts to be reimbursed but we did not have any money left in the downtown RDA and asked about continuing to paint the other advertisements. She stated that she asked Sharlet to listen to the meeting when he came to the council meeting a year ago. Sharlet explained that it was July 14, 2021, during the work session. There were no motions made but the mayor and council stated they would like him to do the work and bring back the old advertisement and they would help with supplies and possibly a lift with funds from the Downtown RDA or beautification budget. She stated the total of the receipts was \$215. Council Member Peacock stated that is the way he remembers it as well.

A discussion ensued about painting the other advertisement above the new one and the council all agreed they would like to see some sort of plan and a cost estimate beforehand.

Council Member Howell made a motion that we approve the reimbursement of \$215. A second was made by Council Member Peacock with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Bourne asked if there were any financial questions. Council Member Peacock commented that he had Brian check out a couple of purchases to do with one of the police vehicles to clarify.

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

Council Member Atkinson made a motion to adjourn at 8:31 pm. A second was made by Council Member Howell with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.



Sharlet Anderson, Recorder