

Minutes of the Garland City Council meeting held on August 17, 2022, at 8:12 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 Nelson gave the invocation and Council Member Peacock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Council Member Atkinson made a motion to table the minutes for July 20, 2022. A second was made by Council Member Allen with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Council Member Atkinson made a motion to approve of minutes for August 3, 2022. 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 open comments from the public.

Josh Munns commented that we need to make the city great again. He stated that the city has been having growing pains lately. He also commented that a lot of people have been complaining about the city but aren't doing anything to help.

William Brighton commented that he had been to a council meeting several months ago when getting the big light pole at 600 East and 1400 South moved had been discussed and wondered if anything had been done about it.

Mayor Bourne stated the next item on the agenda was Resolution, R-22-17, to set the 2022 property tax rate. Council Member Nelson thanked everyone for coming to the meeting tonight and sharing their opinions. She also commented that on the back of the property tax statement there is a tax relief section that gives information about qualifying and how to apply. Mayor Bourne stated that this has not been taken lightly and there have been a lot of sleepless nights. She stated this isn't something they wanted to do but it is necessary.

Council Member Howell made a motion that we amend the Resolution on 7 a Resolution, R-22-17, the 2022 property tax rates, and motions that we amend the rate from .0034 to .0030. A second was made by Council Member Nelson. The roll call vote results are as follows:

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

Mayor Bourne stated the motion passes.

Mayor Bourne stated under new business was a discussion and vote on an accountant. She stated this is something we need to do to help with financials, the annual audit, and the fraud risk assessment. The council members had several questions and a discussion ensued. Council Member Nelson stated that we need to discuss this further and need more details before we vote on it.

Council Member Allen made a motion to table a vote on the account. A second was made by Council Member Nelson with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Bourne stated the next item on the agenda was Steve Brooks, the city attorney.

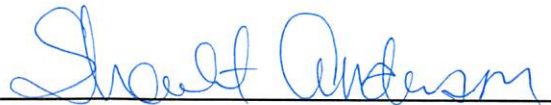
Steve stated that the way the motion was made to amend the resolution and pass the tax rate was done correctly for clarification purposes. He also stated that we are doing better at running our meetings. He encouraged the mayor and council to stick to their roles. The council is the legislative body and the mayor is the administrative branch. He stated that when there is a change in mayor and or council there will be changes, especially in where there has been a pretty much whole new council and a mayor has been in for two or three terms. He asked if there were any questions from the council but there were none.

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.

Mayor Bourne asked if there were any requests for future agenda items. Council Member Peacock asked about getting an update on the water meters.

Council Member Atkinson made a motion to adjourn at 8:39 pm. A second was made by Council Member Howell with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.



Sharlet Anderson, Recorder