Minutes of the Garland City Council meeting held on May 3, 2023, at 9:49 pm at the Garland City Building with the following council members present:

Linda Bourne Mayor

Sharla Nelson Council Member
John Losee Council Member
Donnie Howell Council Member
Jeanette Atkinson Council Member

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

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

Mayor Bourne stated that she would like to excuse Council Member Allen.

Council Member Losee made a motion to table the minutes for December 21, 2022, February 15, 2023, March 15, 2023, and April 5, 2023. A second was made by Council Member Atkinson with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Council Member Howell made a motion to approve the minutes from March 1, 2023. A second was made by Council Member Losee with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Bourne asked if there were any open comments from the public. There were none.

Mayor Bourne stated that under old business was a discussion and vote on the garbage contract with Econo Waste. She explained that the last time we discussed this the council wanted to see if they would agree to a five-year contract instead of ten and they said yes so that is all that has changed in this contract. She explained that per the contract we will be playing Econo Waste \$12 per can no matter how many cans are at each residence.

Council Member Atkinson made a motion that we approve the five-year garbage contract with Econo Waste. A second was made by Council Member Nelson with Council Members Atkinson, Howell, and Nelson voting yes and Council Member Losee voting no.

Mayor Bourne stated the motion passes.

Mayor Bourne stated the second item under old business was a discussion and vote on the fire department officer stipends.

Council Member Nelson made a motion that we table the stipends until after we have a meeting and discussion with the fire department officers. A second was made by Council Member Howell with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Bourne stated under new business was a discussion and vote to accept the tentative budgets for 2023-2024 and apologized for getting them out so late. She stated the only changes that were made from what we started with last year were the preliminary wage and benefit increases.

Council Member Howell made a motion that we accept this tentative budget for the fiscal year of 2024. A second was made by Council Member Losee with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Bourne stated the next item under new business was a discussion and vote on the tree removal bids at the city building.

Council Member Atkinson made a motion that we table that until we've got another bid that will come in and that I think this one will be lower. Council Members Losee and Howell asked why we want to cut them down. Mayor Bourne

explained that they are dropping a lot of needles, they have killed the grass, block the sun in the winter and make very icy conditions, she is afraid if they get blown over they could damage the building and they are a liability because kids are always climbing in them. Council Member Atkinson restated the motion that we table the discussion and vote on the tree removal bids anticipating one more bid will come in. 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 financial questions. Council Member Nelson asked about the reversed late fees on the transaction register. Sharlet explained that payments come in after the billing has been finalized but before the end of the month. She also asked if we were going to talk about the court report and stated that this is probably a subject for a different time but she has a lot of questions about it. She stated with the revenues versus the expenditures she is not sure why we have a court because we are losing \$30,000 a year.

Council Member Atkinson made a motion to approve the coding for accounts payable and payroll and utility account adjustments. 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 requests for future agenda items. Council Member Atkinson asked if we could discuss a plan to replace our damaged sidewalks, curb, and gutters. Mayor Bourne asked to have the time clock on the television for the next meeting so we can try to shorten our work session meeting. Mayor Bourne also wants a vote on the bids to finish the sports and emergency management building at the park, a vote on the Kindoo door app, a vote on the trees at the armory, a vote on the Bear River Wrestling using the building, a possible vote on the Mike Hupp water connection and the social media archiving.

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

Sharlet Anderson, Recorder