

Minutes of the Garland City Council meeting held on November 1, 2023, at 8:52 pm at the Garland City Building with the following council members present:

**Linda Bourne
John Losee
Jeanette Atkinson
Tena Allen**

**Mayor
Council Member
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Mayor Bourne called the meeting to order. Council Member Atkinson gave the invocation and Council Member Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Bourne stated she would like to excuse Council Members Howell and Nelson.

Council Member Atkinson 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.

Council Member Atkinson made a motion to approve the minutes from October 18, 2023. A second was made by Council Member Allen with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Bourne asked if there were any open comments from the public.

Mique Mower voiced that she had concerns that the library is not handicap accessible. She also voiced concerns about the city not giving money to the senior center. She was also concerned that there are not more veteran programs in the area.

Bo Peck the general manager from Min-Tech Environmental stated that he leases space from Solivia Group at the building at 12425 Canal Bank Road and the water connection is very important. He stated they have ten employees two of which live in Garland. He stated they are set to add another building on the site. He stated it is detrimental to have that water connection for the fire suppression system and to keep costs low.

Smokey Peck with the Solivia Group stated he wanted to thank the mayor for a little more clarification on why the request was rejected before but he doesn't understand why they can't just connect to a line that runs in front of their property.

Rob Johnson complained about the project next to his property.

Josh Munns stated kudos to the sports department and that he was on the city council when they decided to start the sports program. He stated that they better keep supporting it because it gets kids out of the house and it is wonderful to see in our city. He also commented that we are very blessed to have water and if we are worried about having water we need to figure out a way to store it. He also voiced concern about the projects and tearing the city down.

Liz Johnson complained about the project going on next to her property.

Mayor Bourne stated the first item under new business was a discussion and possible action on the water and sewer rate study.

Council Member Atkinson made a motion to table the utility rate study for further discussion. A second was made by Council Member Losee with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Bourne stated the second item under new business was a discussion and possible action on bids for an HVAC unit in the emergency preparedness office.

Council Member Losee made a motion that we'd accept the bid from Davis Heating and Air for \$2,600. A second was made by Council Member Atkinson with Council Members Atkinson and Losee voting in favor of the motion and Council Member Allen abstaining from the vote.

Mayor Bourne stated the final item under new business was a discussion and possible action on a water connection at 12425 Canal Bank Road which is outside the city limits. She also stated that part of that discussion is she has had two or three people who have property on 12000 North which is in the county ask for a water connection and the line goes right in front of their property and she has told them no. She stated that personally, she feels it is not a good practice for the cities to get in the habit of issuing outside-the-city water connections. She stated that we have around 400 new homes coming into the city in the next couple of years and wants to make sure we have the water for those connections. Council Member Atkinson stated that her concern is that we do want to encourage businesses and want to support growth

in our community and we can't do that without supplying water. She stated they have a way to get water right now but want to keep their costs low but that doesn't concern the city. She stated that they knew they were outside the city limits when this began and there was no way they could annex. Council Member Losee stated that he could see it from both sides. Council Member Allen asked if we were sure there was no way they could annex. The city planner explained that it was looked at extensively and there is just no way.

Council Member Atkinson made a motion that we do not approve the 12425 Canal Bank Road outside the city limits water connection. Mayor Bourne asked if there was a second. Hearing none she stated the motion fails.

A small discussion ensued.

Council Member Losee made a motion that we approve the water connection for the property there at 12425 Canal Bank Road. Mayor Bourne asked if there was a second. Hearing none she stated the motion fails.

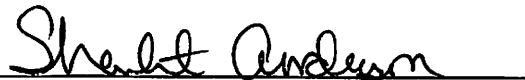
Council Member Losee stated that two people are missing up here and that things may be different in the future if they want to come back and try again.

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

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

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

Council Member Atkinson made a motion to adjourn at 9:39 p.m. A second was made by Council Member Allen with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharlet Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Sharlet Anderson, Recorder