

**Minutes of the Garland City Council meeting held on November 15, 2023, at 8:57 pm at the Garland City Building with the following council members present:**

<b>Linda Bourne</b>	<b>Mayor</b>
<b>Sharla Nelson</b>	<b>Council Member</b>
<b>John Losee</b>	<b>Council Member</b>
<b>Jeanette Atkinson</b>	<b>Council Member</b>
<b>Tena Allen</b>	<b>Council Member</b>

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

**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 Nelson made a motion to table the minutes from November 1, 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.**

**Merrilee Gardner commented now that the West Factory Street project is winding down the police could sit out there and give lots of tickets the speeders and people not obeying the road closed signs. She also expressed concern about the utility rate study and increasing the rates for retired and fixed-income residents.**

**Mayor Bourne stated that we needed to excuse Council Member Howell.**

**Mayor Bourne introduced Resolution, R-23-13, recertification of the justice court.**

**Council Member Losee made a motion that we would adopt Resolution, R-23-13. A second was made by Council Member Atkinson with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.**

**Mayor Bourne stated the first item under new business was a vote to accept the 2021-2022 audit.**

**Council Member Nelson made a motion that we accept the 2021-2022 audit. 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 the utility rate study. Council Member Nelson stated she would like to review the rates with more accurate financial numbers and made a motion to table this. A second was made by Council Member Losee with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.**


**Mayor Bourne stated the final item under new business was a discussion and possible action on the bonfire code. Council Member Nelson stated that she liked what Chief Harrington presented and would like to see this in an ordinance form at the next meeting.**

**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. 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. Sharlet Anderson reminded everyone that we are having a meeting on November 29 for the election canvass and the CDBG first public hearing. Council Member Atkinson asked if we could have the vote on the water connection that was outside the city limits that night too. She also asked if we could have an update on the power pole on 1400 South. Council Member Losee stated he would like to revisit talking about starting an ambulance service.**

**Council Member Atkinson made a motion to adjourn at 9:11 p.m. A second was made by Council Member Nelson with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.**

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

**Sharlet Anderson, Recorder**