

Minutes of the Garland City Council meeting held on November 29, 2023, at 7:02 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
Tena Allen	Council Member

Mayor Bourne called the meeting to order. Council Member Howell gave the invocation and Council Member Losee 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 Atkinson made a motion to approve the minutes from November 1, 2023. A second was made by Council Member Losee with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Council Member Allen made a motion to approve the minutes from November 15, 2023. A second was made by Council Member Howell 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 she was going to move item 12 b on the agenda up to the next item which was discussion and possible action on a pump at the sewer plant. She introduced the new public works director, Skylar Hachmeister. Skylar explained that the west tank at the sewer plant has an air leak and the tank needs to be pumped. He stated that the public works department thinks the best thing to do would be to get a submersible pump to use and empty it slowly into the other tank so that side is not overwhelmed. He stated that only half the plant is running. He stated he had found a two-inch submersible trash pump with fifty feet of discharge hose for roughly \$500. The price to rent a four-inch pump is \$150 a day or \$600 a week. He stated there is the option to have a third party come in and pump it but that would be very expensive and they would have to find somewhere to dump it. Skylar explained that the airline is about five feet from the bottom of the tank. A discussion ensued about what would be the best option.

Council Member Losee made a motion that you go get your stuff that you need to do and keep your price under \$1,500 and get it fixed. 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 the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) first public hearing and called the meeting to order. The purpose of the public hearing is to provide citizens with pertinent information about the Community Development Block Grant program and to allow for discussion of possible applications for the 2024 funding cycle. The grant money must be spent on projects benefiting primarily low and moderate-income persons. The Bear River Association of Governments, in which Garland is a member, is expecting to receive approximately \$776,520 in this new program year. All eligible activities that can be accomplished under this program are identified in the CDBG Application Policies and Procedures Manual and interested persons can review it at any time. Several of the eligible activities listed including examples, such as the Construction of public works and facilities, e.g., water and sewer lines, fire stations, acquisition of real property, and provision of public services such as food banks or homeless

shelters. In the past Garland City has received funds to purchase both fire trucks we currently have and to reline the sewer line on West Factory. The city also partnered with Boys Girls Club so that they could apply and did receive money to help get the community resource center building up and going. The city has handed out its capital investment plan as part of the regional "Consolidated Plan". This list shows which projects the city has identified as being needed in the community. Anyone with questions, comments, or suggestions during the hearing please identify themselves by name, before they speak. The clerk will include your names in the minutes and we would like to specifically respond to your questions and suggestions during the hearing.

Katie Hirschi asked where she could find more information on the grant and how it works. Sharlet Anderson, the city recorder stated that she could email her a link where she could get more information. Council Member Howell explained the state gets so much money that is then split up to the association of governments to disperse to eligible entities that apply. He stated that tonight we are here to entertain project ideas that the city should apply for. Mayor Bourne stated that we are considering applying for a lift for an elevator at the library to make it more ADA-accessible. Council Member Atkinson asked if we could apply to help finish the West Factory Street Project. Council Member Howell replied we would have to check with BRAG and see if it or parts of it would be eligible. Council Member Nelson brought up widening the bridge on 1400 South. Council Member Atkinson mentioned projects at the park to put in a bandstand, walking path, and soccer fields. Council Member Atkinson also stated she thinks our fire station upstairs needs some renovation and that there is asbestos that needs to be removed. Mayor Bourne stated that asbestos removal is something they will cover.

Mayor Bourne asked if there were any further comments. Hearing none she stated we would adjourn from the public hearing and call the regular meeting back to order.

Mayor Bourne stated the first item under old business was a discussion and possible action on outside the city limits water connections and at 12425 Canal Bank Road specifically.

Bo Peck the general manager from Min-Tech Environmental stated that he leases a building at 12425 Canal Bank Road and that they are a manufacturer of spill-absorbent products that they make out of recycled content that they get from local companies like Proctor and Gamble. He stated they have ten full-time employees two of whom live in Garland and these are brand new jobs they brought to the county. He stated they are set to add another building on the site and are planning to invest about four million dollars in the Garland site. He stated it is detrimental to have that water connection for the fire suppression system and to keep costs low and efficient. He stated they would also like to use the connection for restrooms and a breakroom sink. A discussion ensued about why the city should or shouldn't allow them a connection and the issues associated including just giving them a fire suppression connection and not a culinary connection.

Council Member Losee made a motion that we grant a fire suppression hookup with a meter on it at 12425 Canal Bank Road not to be used for culinary use. A second was made by Council Member Howell with Council Members Allen, Howell, and Losee voting in favor of the motion and Council Members Atkinson and Nelson voting against the motion.

Mayor Bourne stated the motion passed.

Mayor Bourne stated the second item under old business was a 2021-2022 audit update and sold surplus items. Mayor Bourne stated that the street sweeper and the utility truck have been sold. Council Member Losee expressed gratitude for the street sweeper coming around the city. Sharlet stated that the auditor had the 2020-2021 budget totals on pages 39 and 41 in the audit report that were given at the last meeting not the 2021-2022 budget totals and the General Fund was not overspent in the range of \$200,000 like was reported.

Mayor Bourne stated the final item under old business was an update on the power pole at 600 East 1400 South. She stated the wire is gone off the pole and Todd Freeman is trying to get ahold of the power company to make sure they know and can get it removed.

Mayor Bourne stated under new business was a discussion and possible action on the 2023 municipal election canvass. She stated there were 435 ballots cast by 1,184 registered voters. Three by-mail ballots were received after Tuesday, November 21, which were timely postmarked. Two by-mail ballots were postmarked on or after November 21, and not counted. The two uncounted ballots were sealed in an envelope and filed with the 2023 General Election results. The number of ballots counted on election night was 387 for an election night percentage of 32.69. There were zero provisional ballots. After counting the valid by-mail, in-person, and provisional ballots, the percentage of ballots counted was 36.74 percent, a total of 435 ballots. The final ballots cast per candidate are Sharla Nelson 234, T. Joshua Munns 288, John Losee 211, Tena Allen 244, Rob Johnson 185, and Donnie Howell 351. With T. Joshua Munns, Tena Allen, and Sharla Nelson being elected to the three available four-year terms and Donnie Howell being elected to the one available two-year term.

Council Member Losee made a motion that we accept the election results for the November 2023 election as put forth by Mayor Bourne. 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. There were none.

Council Member Atkinson made a motion to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. A second was made by Council Member Nelson with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.


Sharlet Anderson, Recorder