

Minutes of the Garland City Council meeting held on December 20, 2023, at 9:19 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 Allen gave a thought and 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 Nelson with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Council Member Nelson made a motion that we approve the November 29 minutes. 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. Rob Johnson stated he would like to thank the mayor for the project across the street. He stated they had some issues with it at first but they met one night and worked them out and it is great except for the parking is still a major issue with wrestling.

Mayor Bourne stated the next item on the agenda was the introduction and adoption of ordinances and resolutions and introduced Ordinance, O-23-10, the 2024 City Council meeting schedule.

Council Member Nelson made a motion that we approve Ordinance, O-23-10. A second was made by Council Member Allen with roll call vote results as follows:

Council Member Allen	yes
Council Member Atkinson	yes
Council Member Howell	yes
Council Member Losee	yes
Council Member Nelson	yes

Mayor Bourne stated the next item was Resolution, R-23-14, for the garbage rate increase. Council Member Losee stated he has a little bit of an issue with both cans being \$18 because the administrative fees are double. A small discussion ensued.

Council Member Atkinson made a motion that we pass Resolution, R-23-14, for the garbage rate increase. A second was made by Council Member Nelson with roll call vote results as follows:

Council Member Allen	yes
Council Member Atkinson	yes
Council Member Howell	yes
Council Member Losee	no
Council Member Nelson	yes

Mayor Bourne stated the next item was Resolution, R-23-15, a resolution authorizing the issuance of sales tax revenue bonds. Council Member Nelson stated she wanted to make sure there was no pass-through to residents on this. Valerie Claussen stated that is how it is structured and set

up to not be passed on to the residents. A small discussion ensued about the process of issuing the bond.

Council Member Losee made a motion that we pass to the Resolution, R-23-15, a resolution authorizing the issuance of sales tax revenue bonds. A second was made by Council Member Nelson with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Bourne stated the first item under old business was a discussion and possible action on the water and sewer utility rate study. Council Member Nelson asked if having updated financial numbers would change this any and Valerie Claussen answered no. Council Member Nelson said she was not ready to vote on this tonight and Council Member Atkinson asked if we could wait until the January 3rd meeting.

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

Mayor Bourne stated the first item under new business was a discussion and possible action to surplus the 2000 International dump truck. She stated that it is the orange one and that it has a crack in the passenger side frame and that when Skylar started looking at it there is also a crack on the driver's side. She stated they would like to surplus it and that it has just been sitting back there for two years. Council Member Howell asked that all it needs is a starter and that it has a double frame. He stated that what we would use it for as a small city it is still serviceable and more than adequate for what we do. He doesn't think we should surplus it and we don't have the money to replace it. A discussion ensued.

Council Member Losee made a motion that we do not surplus the International dump truck. A second was made by Council Member Howell with Council Members Losee, Nelson, Allen, and Howell voting in favor of the motion and Council Member Atkinson voting against the motion.

Mayor Bourne stated the final item under new business was a discussion and possible action on employee medical insurance.

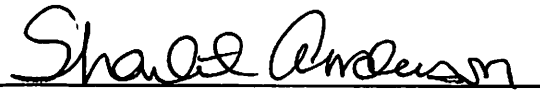
Council Member Losee made a motion that as a city we pick up the cost of the medical insurance at the eighty-eight percent amount of the rate as they would for a new employee for all employees and not pass that increase on to the employee year after year and the employee pays twelve. A second was made 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 utility transaction register and do we give the veterans two free months of water annually or what is that all about. Mayor Bourne replied they did a veterans program this year and that she and Council Member Atkinson discussed it and thought it would be nice to do something for them. She stated she sent out an email asking the council what they would like to do and Council Member Atkinson was the only one that replied so they were not charged for water for two months.

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 Howell 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 Howell stated that he would like to get the stuff for council meetings sooner. A discussion ensued on how we could make meetings more efficient and quicker.

Council Member Losee made a motion to adjourn at 9:57 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 black ink that reads "Sharlet Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Sharlet Anderson, Recorder