

Minutes of the Garland City Council meeting held on January 3, 2024, at 8:28 pm at the Garland City Building with the following council members present:

Mayor Linda Bourne	present
Council Member Sharla Nelson	present
Council Member Josh Munns	present
Council Member Donnie Howell	present
Council Member Jeanette Atkinson	present (virtually)
Council Member Tena Allen	present

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

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

Council Member Nelson made a motion that we approve the December 20, 2023 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. Katie Hirschi stated she would like more information on the bond we are proposing. She also commented on raising the water and sewer rates and that she thinks it is not the time to do it.

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 what info we wanted to put on the flier about the rates. What are we proposing for the rates? A discussion ensued about what percentage increase and scenario we want to propose. It was suggested that we put some history on the flier to explain why we are where we are. They discussed doing a higher percentage now and a smaller percentage in the next couple of years.

Council Member Howell proposed that we increase the water by the ten percent plan. So it would be ten percent each year for the next three years and then three and a half percent each year after that for inflation. He proposed a fifty percent increase for the sewer. He doesn't feel like we can raise it any more than that right now and then figure out later what to do the next year.

Council Member Howell made a proposal that we increase water rates by ten percent and the sewer rates by fifty percent. A second was made by Council Member Atkinson with Council Members Howell, Allen, Nelson, and Atkinson voting yes and Council Member Munns voting no.

Mayor Bourne stated the next item on the agenda was reports of officers, boards, and committees and stated we would be changing what departments are assigned to which council members with the change of Council Member Losee to Council Member Munns. She stated she would now be over fire, administration, and mosquito abatement. Council Member Munns would be over water, streets, and facilities. Council Member Allen would be over sewer and emergency preparedness with Council Members Howell and Atkinson staying the same.

Mayor Bourne reported the mosquito abatement district just adopted their budget for 2024 and with sewer, the issue we discussed at the last meeting has been found, and fixed and the tank is filling. Council Member Munns asked if the city was going to have to eat that or if the grant or

contractor would. Mayor Bourne stated the USDA would not pay and said we would have to try to work it out with the contractor.

Council Member Nelson stated there is nothing for planning and zoning and asked Assistant Chief Brian Crockett to report for the police department. He went over a couple of things that happened and stated they have one more officer in the academy.

Fire Chief Steve Harrington handed out the training calendar for the year. He stated that he met with the new Tremonton Chief so they were on the same page and are planning to do some training together because both departments end up on calls together. He also handed out a report on the EMS and the fire calls for 2023 and answered a few questions. He gave out job descriptions for the deputy chief and the captain positions and stated he is still working on one for the position of chief. He also reported that we are starting an EMT class in January and have two people from our department in the class. There was also a discussion on the new software we will be using to do commercial fire inspections.

Lanette Sorensen stated she would send out a new schedule for ICS classes. She also stated she would be sending out an email for a grants meeting and an emergency management team meeting and asked when the best time to meet would be. There was also a discussion on PEER Support training.

Council Member Allen reported that public works will be laying some QPR to fill some potholes and that the meter at the pump house has been malfunctioning and someone is coming to take care of it.

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

Valerie Clawson reported that the city was awarded \$300,000 from the GOEO grant we put in for the West Factory Street Project.

Council Member Nelson made a motion to approve the coding for payroll and accounts payable and utility account adjustments. A second was made by Council Member Munns 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 Munns stated that since he didn't get to report he was going to give us his list of items he wants to discuss. The fire department stipends have not been paid. Where are the drains on the West Factory Street Project? Where are we at with the permit to go under the railroad tracks? Who paid to pump the drain out twice? He would like to get an update on how things are going on the Lakeshore project weekly or biweekly and suggested that maybe the mayor could appoint someone to do that.

Council Member Nelson made a motion to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. A second was made by Council Member Allen with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.



Sharlet Anderson, Recorder