

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting was held on September 12, 2022, at the Garrison City Hall. Members present were Mayor Keith Yarbrough, Mayor Pro Tem Arnie Kelley, Darrell Lunsford, Travis Simon, Tim Wright, and Hope Hallmark. Others present were Jack Brown, Reid Spivey, David Godwin, Myke Chandler, Tim Barton, Candace Barton and kids, Herbert Hancock, Ricky Colle, and Jenny Frederick.

Mayor Keith Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Jack Brown led in prayer.

Mayor Yarbrough opened a public hearing on the proposed 2022 rollback tax rates at 5:00 P.M. There were no public comments. Mayor Yarbrough closed the public hearing on the proposed 2022 rollback tax rates. Hope Hallmark made a motion to approve the proposed 2022 rollback tax rates of \$0.33344 per \$100. Tim Wright seconded. All voted yea.

Jenny Frederick presented the minutes from August 8, 2022, and August 15, 2022, for approval. Darrell Lunsford made a motion to approve the minutes from August 8, 2022. Tim Wright seconded. All voted yea. Darrell Lunsford made a motion to approve the minutes from August 15, 2022. Travis Simon seconded. All voted yea.

Ricky Collie presented the Garrison Volunteer Fire Department report. There were 16 med calls, 3 grass fires, 3 structure fires, and 8 calls for service.

Tim Barton presented the police report. There were 23 calls for service, 63 citations written, 39 warnings issued, 3 arrests made, 1 MVA, 1204 miles driven which cost a total of \$488.41 in fuel. Tim's work schedule for the month was in the council packet for review.

Myke Chandler gave the Municipal Court report. The court made a total of \$ 9092.00 of which \$5249.82 will be retained by the city and \$3842.18 will be remitted to the state.

Reid Spivey, Superintendent at Garrison ISD, spoke with the council clarifying the easement with GISD to include building a road. The easement would only be for a road and fence at the practice field. Mr. Spivey is not sure what the timeline would be. The road would streamline cars in the child pickup process. The school is considering an oil-based road. Discussion ensued. Darrell Lunsford suggested putting the item back on the agenda after landowners around the area have been informed of the possible road and fence.

Greg Doris with Magnum Gas discussed storage gas and current gas prices. Currently, prices are relatively high trending at \$8.30. Last year, the city bought 50% storage gas and used all that was purchased. Greg's recommendation is to put gas in storage in September - November. If prices go down, he will use the storage gas and refill with cheaper gas, so it does not hit the consumer so hard. Discussion ensued. Hope Hallmark made a motion to allocate \$30,000 for storage gas purchases. Travis Simon seconded.

David Godwin presented the 2021-2022 annual city audit results. Overall, the city is in a much better financial position, a clean audit opinion was issued, and no material weaknesses were found. The city is still lacking on training and longevity, and vehicles are fully depreciated out. More discussion ensued. Arnie Kelley made a motion to approve David Godwin's city audit results and David Godwin's representation letter. Travis Simon seconded. All voted yea.

Travis Simon discussed selling the old culverts on the maintenance yard with the council. Mr. Hancock will check to see if we are legally able to sell the culverts. Darrell Lunsford made a motion for Mr. Hancock to check to see if the city can sell the culverts, and if legal then sell them. Tim Wright seconded. All voted yea.

Mr. Hancock informed the city council that he had been reviewing the City Ordinances and was in the final stages of the review, so a workshop needs to be scheduled to go over the ordinances and adopt them individually or as a whole. A meeting date will be set at the October council meeting.

Jenny Frederick updated the council on the progress of the Texas Department of Agriculture 23-24 Community Development Block Grant opportunity. Mr. Payne from GrantWorks retired, so nothing new had transpired. Jenny has a meeting with Loren from GrantWorks on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 P.M. to go over what needs to be done in order to apply for the grant.

Herbert Hancock discussed with the council putting a disclaimer on the city's new website stating it would only be used as an information site and alleviates all opinions. The website will be live tomorrow. Darrell Lunsford stated he does not want comments or blogs on the city's website. Arnie Kelley made a motion to approve the disclaimer for the city website. Travis Simon seconded. All voted yea.

At 7:19 P.M. the city council adjourned to close session to discuss hiring and applicant for a maintenance position per Texas Government Code 551.074.

At 7:55 P.M. the city council reconvened to open session.

Arnie Kelley moved to hire Javon Griffith based on Jack Brown's recommendation. Javon will be hired on the basis of a 90-day probation period and \$13 per hour. Once the probationary period is over, Javon will be paid \$ 14 per hour. Travis Simon seconded. All voted yea.

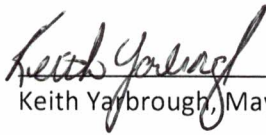
Jack Brown presented the superintendent's report. Nacogdoches Sheet Metal found an obstruction in the road at Pam Crawford's house on Main Street. The city is responsible for taps in the road. Water leaks were repaired on Vision Way and FM 1087. Woodland Oaks lift station is down to one pump and is waiting for a started to be installed. Trees were removed from the sewer plant fence and ponds. The second aerator is at the plant and just waiting to be installed by an electrician. The 3<sup>rd</sup> aerator is in storage and will be scheduled for installation. T & K Fence was contacted to repair the fence at the Sewer plant. Greg Murdock is working on pricing for an odorant pot, a King tool, and taps to repair the odorant leak at the Gas Gate. The backhoe solenoids are still on backorder until October now. The jetter is having a pressure valve issue and needs repaired. The city office's air conditioner was flooding the floors in the office. A power outage reset the thermostat to run on low speed and made the condenser freeze. Ferrara's was contacted and resolved the issue.

Mayor Yarbrough informed the council that Deep East Texas changed 10 out of approximately 19 burned out night lights.

Jenny Frederick presented the secretary's report. The monthly sales tax reports are no longer available and will be given at the following council meeting. The account balances were given to the council, along with a copy of the check register, balance sheet, profit and loss statements, and reconciliations of each bank account.

Jenny Frederick presented the monthly bills for approval. Tim Wright made a motion to approve paying the bills. Hope Hallmark seconded. All voted yea.

Travis Simon made a motion to adjourn. Tim Wright seconded. All voted yea.

  
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Keith Yarbrough, Mayor

  
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Jenny Frederick, City Secretary