

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting was held on November 14, 2022, at the Garrison City Hall. Members present were Mayor Keith Yarbrough, Arnie Kelley, Darrell Lunsford, Travis Simon, and Tim Wright. Hope Hallmark was absent. Others present were Tim Barton, Candace Barton, Jack Brown, Parker Harrison, Myke Chandler, Steve Jones, and Jenny Frederick

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

Jack Brown led in prayer.

Jenny Frederick presented the minutes from October 11, 2022, and October 25, 2022, for approval. Travis Simon made a motion to approve the minutes from October 11, 2022, and October 25, 2022. Tim Wright seconded. All voted yea.

A representative from the VFD was not present to give the VFD report.

Tim Barton presented the police report. There were 18 calls for service, 83 citations written, 21 warnings issued, no arrests were made, 4 agency assists, 1 MVA, and 879 miles driven between 2 PD cars for a total of \$387.45. Tim Barton's schedule for November was presented in the council packet. Tim will be off on November 21-25, 2022.

Police Chief Barton assisted with the manhunt that ended in Garrison. Barton asked the council to consider hiring a second officer. There were 745 calls dispatched to Garrison last month. 545 were law enforcement calls, and of those 117 were answered by an on-duty officer. The number answered could be doubled if the city hired another officer, and people would be less likely to commit a crime. Discussion ensued. Mayor Yarbrough thinks hiring another officer would be a good decision. Darrell Lunsford thinks the city should utilize the officers that live in town, the county for backup, and enroll more reserves to help with hours Tim is not working. Arnie Kelley said safety was important, but it would be a process. The current budget only factored in 1 additional employee and that position is now filled. The maintenance department carries the City of Garrison, and another employee would put a strain on the financials. Police Chief Barton stated that he would like to eventually see 2 full time officers working, and that he understands that the police department has never been a money generating source, but 2 working officers could potentially generate more income. Travis Simon suggested splitting Barton's hours to 4 in the morning and 4 at night.

Myke Chandler gave the Municipal Court report. The court made a total of \$ 10,414.01 of which \$6,226.71 will be retained by the city and \$4,187.30 will be remitted to the state.

Steve Jones addressed the council as a concerned citizen. He thinks the city needs more officers on the streets, the mayor needs to stay off social media, and that the mayor should discuss items with the council first before making a decision.

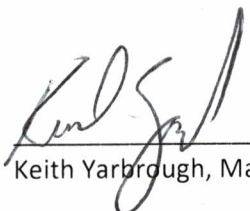
Jenny Frederick presented the council with a list of questions from Mr. Ellender. Discussion ensued.

Jack Brown gave the Superintendent's report. He gave the council a handout of the activities that has been completed for the month, and where the problem areas are located. Parker Harrison was in attendance to answer any questions regarding the plan that Jack, Pat, and Parker come up with for the Texas Department of Agriculture Grant. The original idea of upgrading a waterline at the Ball Park would not suffice. The project needed to be inside the city limits in a low-income area, therefore, the plan is to upgrade a sewer line on E Main Street, a portion of S C Ave, E Cedar Street, and the junction line under Hwy 59. The maintenance department began installation of the new booster motor. TCEQ authorized an altitude/level gauge to be installed on the ground storage tanks that have damaged exterior flags. The sewer line on Linn Flat Road collapsed and has been repaired. The line is coned off until the area dries. There is 1 aerator in the pond. The city is still waiting on the impellers to be installed and then the electrician to install the aerators in the pond. Gas meters have been ordered, and 3 out of the 10 have been installed. Corrections have been made to the Public Awareness Plan and Damage Prevention Plan.

Jenny Frederick presented the secretary's report. The monthly Sales Tax Report was given, a printout of current account balances was provided, reconciliations of all bank accounts with bank statements were provided to review, a detailed report of the check details for the month was provided, and profit and loss budget actual and by class were also provided for council review. Jenny told the council that she wanted to pay the annual Christmas Bonus checks the payroll before Thanksgiving. Arnie Kelley said to call another meeting to discuss the Christmas Bonus checks. The meeting will be held Thursday November 17, 2022, at 7:30 A.M.

Jenny Frederick presented the monthly bills for approval. Travis Simon made a motion to pay the bills. Tim Wright seconded. All voted yea.

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



Keith Yarbrough, Mayor



Jenny Frederick, City Secretary