

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting was held on March 13, 2023, at the Garrison City Hall. Members present were Mayor Pro Tem Arnie Kelley, Darrell Lunsford, Tim Wright, Hope Hallmark, and Travis Simon joined at 6:12 P.M. Mayor Keith Yarbrough was absent. Others present were Jack Brown, Tim Barton, Myke Chandler, Amanda & George Barham with Tye, Ricky Colle, and Jenny Frederick.

Mayor Pro Tem Arnie Kelley called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Jack Brown led in prayer.

Arnie Kelley opened a public hearing at 5:01 P.M. on the proposed 2023-2024 budget. There were no comments or questions. Arnie Kelley closed the public hearing on the proposed 2023-2024 budget.

There were no public comments.

Jenny Frederick submitted the minutes from February 13, 2023, February 27, 2023, and March 6, 2023 for approval. Tim Wright made a motion to approve the minutes from February 13, 2023. Darrell Lunsford seconded. All voted yea. Tim Wright made a motion to approve the minutes from February 27, 2023. Hope Hallmark seconded the motion. All voted yea. Tim Wright made a motion to approve the minutes from March 6, 2023. Hope Hallmark seconded. All voted yea.

Debbie Stewart discussed with the council sewer bids from her sewer backup. Ms. Stewart submitted 2 bids, Crawford Plumbing and East Texas Slab Masters. The total cost to fix the sewer problem is \$43,000, and Ms. Stewart's home insurance will cover approximately \$12,000. Jenny submitted the claim to the City of Garrison's insurance, TMLIRP, around December. Jenny contacted TMLIRP to check the status of the claim and it is still open. Jenny will submit the new bids to TML.

Ricky Colle gave the VFD report. There were 14 med calls, 3 structure calls, and 2 service calls. There are currently 28 members in the VFD.

George Barham discussed a mobile home application with the council. Mr. Barham has acquired multiple lands and is aware of all the permits and fees. He submitted all the paperwork and paid the permit fee. Discussion ensued. Hope Hallmark made a motion to approve the mobile home application. Darrell Lunsford seconded. All voted yea.

Tim Barton presented the police report. There were 28 calls of service, 86 citations written, 23 warnings issued, 1 arrest made, 4 agency assists, 3 calls for animal control, \$438.35 used for fuel, and the reserve officer worked 26.5 hours for the month. All the tires are out of round balance on the Tahoe. Boatman tire was contacted and will honor new tires.

Myke Chandler gave the Municipal Court report. The court made a total of \$ 8,854.90 of which \$ 5,025.73 will be retained by the city and \$ 3,829.17 will be remitted to the state.

The council discussed and considered Mark's Lawn Care mowing contract. The council wants to stretch the mowing out and keep the square mowing minimal. Tim Wright made a motion to approve Mark's Lawn Care for 1 year. Hope Hallmark seconded. All voted yea.

Ricky Colle discussed with the council adding a voluntary \$4 donation to each utility bill. Discussion ensued. Hope Hallmark made a motion to add a \$4 voluntary donation to the utility bills. Tim Wright seconded. All voted yea.

Jenny Frederick discussed with the council Ordering a General Election for the city council election. Hope Hallmark made a motion to order the General Election. Tim Wright seconded. All voted yea.

Jenny Frederick discussed approving employee salary increases. Hope Hallmark made a motion to approve the 6% raise to go into effect April 1, 2023. Tim Wright seconded. All voted yea.

Travis Simon entered the meeting at 6:12 P.M.

The council discussed and considered utility rate increases. Discussion ensued. The water, gas, and sewer will increase \$3 and \$5 for the apartments. Trash will increase \$2 for residents, and \$25 for the apartments. Tim Wright made a motion to adopt the utility rate increase April 1, 2023, as presented. Travis Simon seconded. All voted yea.

The City Council considered the budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024. Hope Hallmark made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-001, Ordinance 23-002, and the budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Tim Wright seconded. All voted yea.

Jenny Frederick discussed with the council who will present the scholarship for the City of Garrison at the Garrison ISD banquet. Mayor Yarbrough will present the scholarship.

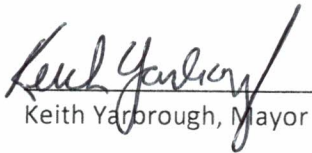
Jack Brown presented the Superintendent's report and gave the council a handout detailing problems in the system. The new lead and copper rule goes into effect October 16, 2024. This rule will require the city to map all lead and copper lines both in city owned and privately owned. A 2 inch water line on Patterson Road needs to be replaced. Nacogdoches County Road and Bridge stated the road was the city's responsibility. A new water line and road repair can be completed without the County's involvement and will cost approximately \$2000 to repair. TCEQ has contacted Jack regarding TCEQ enforcement. A list of items will be sent to complete that may assist in lowering enforcement against the city. Shane Vance at GISD welded the feet onto the motor mounts for the sewer plant aerators. The Railroad Commission audit is complete, and no violations were cited. The waterline on County Road 297 needs to be upgraded to a 6 inch line and there would be 13 taps left on a 2 inch line at County Road 292. Stop signs at Hickory St and Hwy 59, South C and FM 138, and W. Cedar and Hwy 59 have been replaced. East Texas Asphalt is projecting \$88 to \$100 a ton at the plant this year and does include delivery. The edges of the roadway on Brush Prairied RD have been cleared, and a culvert has been repaired. Oil Sand was ordered and delivered. A Ave, Brush Prairie, and South C have been patched. Greenwood Street was reworked and patched to salvage the roadway.

Jenny Frederick presented the Secretary's report. The sales tax report was given, current account balances were presented, and account bank statements with reconciles were provided.

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

Jenny Frederick changed the batteries in the recorder at 7:11 P.M.

Travis Simon made a motion to adjourn. Hope Hallmark seconded. All voted yea.

  
Keith Yarbrough, Mayor

  
Jenny Frederick, City Secretary