

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting was held on May 15, 2023, at the Garrison City Hall. Members present were Mayor Keith Yarbrough, Arnie Kelley, Darrell Lunsford, Travis Simon, Hope Hallmark, and Tim Wright. Others present were Jack Brown, Ricky Colle, Pat Oats, Ben Rosenberg, Howard Thomas, Debbie from the East Texas Apartments, Rachel Elliott, Morgan Stott with his daughter, Herbert Hancock, Tim Barton, Myke Chandler, Christy Gardino, Chris and Sierra Allbritton, and Jenny Frederick.

Mayor Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.

Jack Brown led in prayer.

There were no public comments.

Debbie, with East Texas Apartments, informed the council whenever it rains there are 2-3 apartments that sewer backs up and floods the apartments. Apartments 3 and 5 are the worst. It is a health hazard, and it is starting to ruin tenant's belongings. She submitted 2 POs for review and reimbursement by the city for cleaning the sewer out of those apartments. Jack said there was a block at the "A Frame", and flushable wipes and a large grease ball was pulled from the line. There are 4 cleanouts at the East Texas Apartments that need fixed, that is allowing a large influx of water when it rains. Arnie Kelley asked if the apartments were at capacity, and if the tenants could be moved around until the problem is resolved. Debbie agreed that she would work with the city and move the tenants to another apartment until the sewer issue is corrected. No action was taken on reimbursing the East Texas Apartments for cleaning the sewer water out of the apartments.

Howard Earl Thomas discussed his apartment flooding and the damage incurred. He also submitted a receipt for hotel accommodations while his apartment was flooded. Discussion ensued. No action was taken for the reimbursement of overnight lodging.

Jenny Frederick submitted the minutes from April 10, 2023, and April 24, 2023, for approval. Travis Simon made a motion to approve the minutes from April 10<sup>th</sup> and April 24, 2023, as written. Tim Wright seconded. All voted yea.

Rachel Elliott submitted a trailer house application for approval. The trailer house will be placed at Vision Way Subdivision. All paperwork has been submitted, and sewer and water are available at the location. Arnie Kelley made a motion to approve the trailer house application. Darrell Lunsford seconded. All voted yea.

Ricky Colle presented the Volunteer Fire Department Report. There were 24 calls for service, 10 calls for medical assistance, 7 structure fires, 4 rescue calls, and 3 grassfires. The fundraiser held in May was a success.

Tim Barton presented the police report. There were 15 calls for service, 61 citations written, 17 warnings issued, 6 agency assists, and 2 animal complaints. Tim has an upcoming training in Tyler for interview

and interrogation. Darrell Lunsford inquired why Micah was on the schedule for 24 hours. Tim said it was a misprint and he is only working 20 hours. The Garrison PD scored a "2" on the DETCOG grant.

Myke Chandler presented the Municipal Court report. The court made a total of \$10528.90; the city will keep \$6118.10 and \$4410.80 will be remitted to the state.

Item 7 on the agenda was skipped due to Chris Morgan not being to attend.

The council discussed a water and sewer tap for Chad Squires. Chad will be building a house in Woodland Oaks Subdivision. Jack stated there is a manhole nearby so a sewer tap will not be an issue; however, there is only a 2-inch waterline that feeds Woodland Oaks, and it is tapped out. Discussion ensued. Hope Hallmark made a motion to approve the water and sewer tap when the application is filled out. Travis Simon seconded. All voted yea.

Jenny Frederick canvassed the elections from May 6, 2023. Hope Hallmark made a motion to accept the canvassing of the election results. Travis Simon seconded. All voted yea. Jenny Frederick swore in Darrell Lunsford, Arnie Kelley, and Tim Wright.

Abby Taylor with the Park Group inquired if the city would pay for at least half of the park survey. The council stated the survey was not in the budget and no action was taken.

Jack Brown discussed with the council repairing Magnolia Street. John Sparks and Martin Stanaland submitted a bid, and 1 other company would not return Jack's phone call. Two proposals were submitted. Proposal A- underlayment of 860 feet of limestone, then millings, then oil sand for \$29,000. Proposal B- 4 inches of recycled asphalt from Dallas for \$17,900. Discussion ensued. Arnie Kelley made a motion to accept Proposal B from Sparks/Stanaland. Tim Wright seconded. All voted yea.

Ben Rosenberg discussed with the council the results of the Texas Water Development Board loan application. The City of Garrison was ranked 7 this year. The TWDB changed the rules this year and capped the funding for each city at \$10 million, and ultimately used all the funds before getting to #7 on the list. Discussion ensued. There are 2 options: option 1 - do nothing and not accept the \$1 million that was offered with a \$ 5 million dollar loan or option 2 – allow Ben to contact the TWDB and see if there are other options available such as accepting the million dollars without a \$5 million dollar loan, etc. Pat Oates also spoke with the council regarding the loan and the sewer plant. It would cost approximately \$500 per cubic yard of dried sludge to dredge the pond which would total around \$1.7 million dollars. Darrell Lunsford stated the city cannot pay back \$4 million dollars. Why not fix the problem areas that the smoke test revealed. Pat also told the council not to follow the SSO plan. TCEQ fines cities ignoring them, and the City of Garrison is not ignoring them. After much discussion, the plan is to go through the smoke test results, tell people to get caps on their cleanouts, camera the sewer lines, and redesign the project. Pat and Ben will get something in writing from the TWDB.

Jack Brown presented the Superintendent's report. He has been fighting the sewer backup at the East Texas Apartments for a long time. They popped manholes the 1<sup>st</sup> time and found an obstruction.

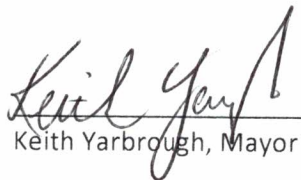
Wipes and grease are part of the problem. The SCATA system needs to be upgraded. Jack does not think the city needs to pursue the Gas System Grant. The grant only funds less than 3% of the people who apply for it. All waterlines in the system, private and city owned, will have to be mapped out for lead and copper lines. The city needs a new jetter hose. Jack is looking into a ½ inch line.

Jenny Frederick presented the secretary's report. The VFD donations have collected \$2300.04 to date. Current account balances were given to the council. The bank statements and reconciliations were in the packet. The sales tax for May 2023 was \$14,914. A billing complaint was in the packet to address their concern on billing for zero water usage. Thank you cards were received from recipients of the City of Garrison scholarships.

Jenny Frederick submitted the bills for approval. Travis Simon made a motion to pay the bills. Hope Hallmark seconded. All voted yea.

Hope Hallmark made a motion to buy a new SCADA and use money from the General Fund if it was overbudget. Travis Simon seconded. All voted yea.

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

  
Keith Yarbrough, Mayor

  
Jenny Frederick, City Secretary