

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting was held on August 14, 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, Myke Chandler, Herbert Hancock, Tim Barton, Ricky Colle, Pat Oates, Micah Buzbee, Abby and Chase Taylor, Ben Rosenberg, Daily Sentinel, Mark Hardie, and Jenny Frederick.

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

Jack Brown led in prayer.

Abby and Chase Taylor informed the council that they need the ADAC signed for the park. The equipment must be installed by December, and they plan on doing the park in 2 phases. Phase 1 will consist of the survey, fencing, dirt work, and installing the equipment they have already received. Phase 2 will consist of asphalt around the park for walkers and more equipment. The council would like a contract with the Park Group stating who is responsible for what.

Jenny Frederick presented the minutes from July 10, 2023, and July 24, 2023, for approval. Travis Simon made a motion to approve the minutes from July 10, 2023, and July 24, 2023. Tim Wright seconded. All voted yea.

Ricky Collie presented the VFD report. There were 32 medical assists, 2 structure fires, 3 motor vehicle accidents, 4 calls for service, and 5 grassfires. The structure fire on August 9, 2023, was called out at 4:15 P.M., and the first truck responded at 4:23 P.M. It took a total of 45 minutes to control the fire.

Tim Barton presented the police report. There were 25 calls for service, 55 citations written, 32 warnings issued, 2 arrests made, 3 animal complaints, and 5 agency assists. School will be starting this week, and the Garrison PD still can't get a clear answer from GISD Superintendent Reid Spivey on the school pickup lines.

Myke Chandler presented the Municipal Court report. The court made a total of \$9,132; the city will keep \$5,436.59 and \$3,695.41 will be remitted to the state.

The council discussed and considered selecting qualified Bond Counsel, Financial Advisor, and Engineering Service in connection with the Texas Water Development Board Project. Discussion ensued. Hope Hallmark made a motion to hire Financial Advisor Ben Rosenberg with US Capital for the Texas Water Development Board Project. Arnie Kelley seconded. All voted yea. Hope Hallmark made a motion to hire Pat Oates with Goodwin Lasiter Strong for Engineering Services for the Texas Water Development Board Project. Tim Wright seconded. All voted yea. Hope Hallmark made a motion to hire the firm recommended by the team review, McCall, for Bond Counsel for the Texas Water Development Board Project. Tim Wright seconded. All voted yea.

Item 10 was skipped due to being handled outside of the meeting.

Jose Gaona asked for a reprieve on his increased sewer bill due to a water leak since the sewer bill is based on water usage. Discussion ensued. Arnie Kelley moved to take no action on his bill. Tim Wright seconded. All voted yea.

Jenny Frederick informed the city council there is not an ordinance for the City of Garrison to follow Nacogdoches County's burn ban declarations. Ricky Colle suggested the City of Garrison follow their recommendations on burn bans. Hope Hallmark made a motion to follow Nacogdoches County's burn ban declarations. Tim Wright seconded. All voted yea.

Jenny Frederick presented Ritchie Pinkard's mobile home application for approval. The application was completed with the exception to the proof of ownership. Andy Gardner spoke with Jenny before the meeting and assured her Mr. Pinkard would be approved and it would be processed in 2-3 weeks. Arnie Kelley made a motion to accept the mobile home application pending financial approval of Austin Bank. Travis Simon seconded. All voted yea.

Ben Rosenberg gave an update on the Texas Water Development Board Project. Our project will go before the board on September 14, 2023, for approval on the escrow agreement. Then once approved, it will be funded in November.

The council meeting was adjourned to closed session at 5:53 P.M. to evaluate the maintenance employee per Texas Government Code 551.074.

The council reconvened from closed session at 6:38 P.M. to open session.

Arnie Kelley moved to terminate Nathan Sheets effective immediately. Travis Simon seconded. All voted yea.

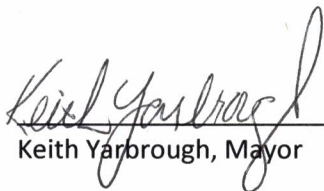
Jack Brown presented the city council with a handout. When the maintenance repaired the water leak at well lot #3 and discovered the water line at the 2inch valve was reduced to a 1-inch line and then tied into a 2-inch master meter. The section and master meter were removed and replaced with a 2-inch line. The water pressure for customers improved on the line. CES was contracted to inspect the sewer line from East Texas Apartments to the A Frame. The job has been completed. TCEQ called regarding enforcement due to exceeding Ammonia levels at the sewer plant. Paperwork was submitted to request a 1-year extension. The motors for the lift stations arrived today. The dry beds at the sewer plant have been cleaned. Progress is being made towards the gas meter replacement program; 20 meters have been replaced, and the other 20 need to be done. There is a Railroad Commission audit this week over the OM&E. Bobby King was contacted to repair the mini-ex. There has been a drag on the right side of the tracks. Thomas cleaned around the track and now it works fine. The SCADA is waiting to be scheduled.

Jenny Frederick presented the secretary's report. The sales tax increased to \$8,969 this month. The total current utility charges were \$67,363.34, and an adjustment report was given detailing the utility adjustments for the month. Bank reconciliations and bank statements were provided for every account.

A balance sheet, Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual, and the Profit and Loss by Class reports were given to each council member. The VFD Donations for the month of July 2023 totaled \$1,803.46.

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

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



Keith Yarbrough, Mayor



Jenny Frederick, City Secretary