

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting was held on September 11, 2023, at the Garrison City Hall. Members present were Mayor Keith Yarbrough, Arnie Kelley, Darrell Lunsford, Travis Simon, and Hope Hallmark. Tim Wright was absent. Others present were Jack Brown, Myke Chandler, Tim Barton, Grant Wheeler, Daily Sentinel, David Godwin, Morgan Stott and daughter, 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.

Jenny Frederick presented the minutes from August 14, 2023, and September 5, 2023, for approval. Darrell Lunsford made a motion to approve the minutes from August 14, 2023, and September 5, 2023. Arnie Kelley seconded. All voted yea.

Grant Wheeler gave the VFD report. There were 30 runs, 11 med assist calls, 7 calls for service, 3 structure fires, 8 grass fires, and 1 rescue.

Tim Barton presented the police report. There were 30 calls for service, 112 stops made, 70 citations written, 42 warnings issued, 1 arrest made, 3 animal complaints, and 4 agency assists. The rear A/C is out in the explorer.

Myke Chandler presented the Municipal Court report. The court made a total of \$13, 256.60; the city will keep \$7,349.53 and \$5,907.07 will be remitted to the state.

David Godwin presented the 2022-2023 City Audit report. As of March 31, 2023, the City of Garrison's financials are healthy. The staff is doing great, and overall, the city's finances are in great shape. The water and sewer are making money and will support capital improvements. An overview of the report was given. Discussion ensued. Hope Hallmark made a motion to accept the 2022-2023 audit report. Travis Simon seconded. All voted yea.

Jenny Frederick presented expenses from the Legislative Update for reimbursement. Hope Hallmark made a motion to approve Jenny Frederick's reimbursements. Travis Simon seconded. All voted yea.

Jenny Frederick presented U.S. Capital's contract for the Texas Water Development Board sewer project. Discussion ensued. Arnie Kelley made a motion to approve the contract pending approval from Herbert Hancock. Darrell Lunsford seconded. All voted yea.

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Jenny Frederick discussed with the council allowing employees to buy out earned vacation time. Currently, vacation time is earned and can only be used. Employees asked if they could buy out time during the year since some employees are unable to use all their vacation time with the number of staff

we currently have. Discussion ensued. The item is tabled, and Jenny is to present examples of other cities' policies at the next council meeting.

Tim Barton discussed with the council to allow the mayor to accept the Police Grant when issued. Discussion ensued. Arnie Kelley also spoke with Michelle Martinez regarding the grant. Hope Hallmark made a motion to allow the mayor to accept the grant if it is funded. Arnie Kelley seconded. All voted yea.


Jenny Frederick asked the council to withdraw the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance per House Bill 1819. The Legislature banned cities from having a juvenile curfew, so the city needs to withdraw the city ordinance. Hope Hallmark made a motion to withdraw the Juvenile Curfew City Ordinance. Arnie Kelley seconded. All voted yea.

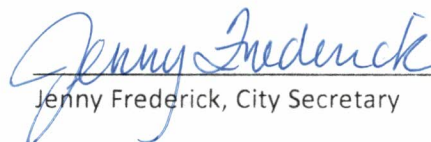
Jack Brown provided the council with a handout with his Superintendent report. Water leaks have been repaired at FM 95, West Cedar, East Main St., and Greenwood. Carter Tucker confirmed that the second pump at Woodland Oaks is operational. There is a wiring issue that he will need to isolate and repair. The wiring issue on the third aerator at the sewer plant has been isolated. All three aerators are now operational. A large tree fell at the sewer plant and damaged the fence. The lift station motor at Bluebonnet has been removed and replaced. One lift station pump at City Hall has been removed and will be replaced soon. The sewer ponds have been sprayed with authorized chemicals to reduce duckweed. GLS was contacted for a quote to check the sewer pond sludge depths. The estimate is between \$6,000 and \$8,000. The RRC OM&E audit was completed with no violations. The second phase of replacing gas regulators and meters for this year has begun.

Jenny Frederick presented the Secretary's report. The sales tax report was provided, and the sales were down for the month. A snapshot of all account balances was provided for a total of \$843,583.52. The GVFD donations for the month were \$1,959.24. Also, a balance sheet, profit and loss statement, billing register, and adjustments for utilities were provided.

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

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

  
Keith Yarbrough, Mayor

  
Jenny Frederick, City Secretary