

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting was held on December 11, 2023, at the Garrison City Hall. Members present were Mayor Keith Yarbrough, Arnie Kelley, Darrell Lunsford, Hope Hallmark, and Travis Simon. Tim Wright was absent. Others present were Jack Brown, Micah Buzbee, Herbert Hancock, Tim Barton, Candace Barton, Andrew Hodge with Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel, Myke Chandler, and Jenny Frederick.

Mayor Keith Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.

Jack Brown led in prayer.

There were no public comments.

Jenny Frederick presented the minutes from November 13, 2023, and November 27, 2023, for approval. Travis Simon made a motion to approve the minutes from November 13, 2023, and November 27, 2023. Arnie Kelley seconded. All voted yea.

The fire department had 14 medical calls, 8 calls for service, 4 grass fires, and 4 structure fires.

Tim Barton presented the police report. There were 21 calls for service, 68 stops, 39 citations written, 28 warnings issued, 2 arrests were made, 5 agency assists, and 3 animal complaint calls. The new car is waiting on the console. The Tahoe's transmission is slipping but shifting fine. Tim was told not to service the transmission.

Myke Chandler presented the Municipal Court report. The court made a total of \$ 11,517.30; the city will keep \$ 6,759.30 and \$ 4,758.00 will be remitted to the state. SCOFFLAW needs to be cancelled. The city does not qualify to use SCOFFLAW since the city is not a Home Rule City. Herbert Hancock suggested to the council to cancel SCOFFLAW and only use the collection agency. Arnie Kelley made a motion to issue a letter to cancel the SCOFFLAW contract. Darrell Lunsford seconded. All voted yea.

Jenny Frederick discussed opening a checking account for the FAST grant. Discussion ensued. Darrell Lunsford made a motion to open a checking account for the FAST grant and have Jenny Frederick, Keith Yarbrough, Travis Simon, and Arnie Kelley as signers. Hope Hallmark seconded. All voted yea.

The council discussed appointing a Civil Rights Officer and a Section 3 Coordinator as required by the FAST grant. Hope Hallmark made a motion to appoint Mayor Keith Yarbrough as the Civil Rights Officer and Section 3 Coordinator for the City of Garrison. Arnie Kelley seconded. All voted yea.

The council discussed who would be signers for the FAST Grant contractual documents. Hope Hallmark made a motion to designate Mayor Keith Yarbrough and Fire Chief Ricky Colle as signers for the FAST Grant contractual documents. Arnie Kelley seconded. All voted yea.

Arnie Kelley made a motion to approve the Park Indemnity Agreement as presented. Travis Simon seconded. All voted yea.

The council discussed Ordinance or Resolution No. TxDOT 12-11-2023 to satisfy the TxDOT Municipal Maintenance Agreement previously passed. Hope Hallmark made a motion to approve Ordinance or Resolution TxDOT No. 12-11-2023. Travis Simon seconded. All voted yea.

Hope Hallmark made a motion to approve 29 hours of employee vacation buyout for Tim Barton and 40 hours of vacation buyout for Jenny Frederick. Travis Simon seconded. All voted yea.

Jack Brown updated the council on the utility truck financing options. Ford Financing has a 9.19% interest rate, Government Capital will provide options when available, or the city can borrow against their CDs at 2% over the current interest rate. The vehicle will cost \$34,875, the city must pick up the truck, and the purchase is cash on delivery.

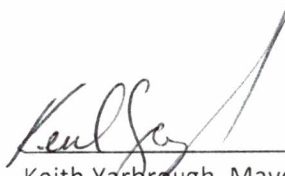
Travis Simon said all the employees are doing a great job, and he would like to provide the employees with a Christmas party. Discussion ensued. The Christmas party will be December 20, 2023, at 12:00 P.M. and city funds will not pay for the party.

Jack Brown presented the Superintendent's report and gave the council a handout. Winter preparations are needed for the lift stations. Jack plans to build steel cages for each lift station. The annual regulator inspection at the Gas Gate has been completed. Jack is still working on getting the SHRIMP and DIMP program updated for the Railroad Commission. The backhoe will drive in reverse but will not drive forward. Bobby King was contacted, and he will have a technician diagnose the issue. Doggett will cost \$600-700 to come diagnose the issue. Council told Jack to get on the list to have the technician come out. The maintenance crew have been cleaning up the City Square in preparation for Christmas on the Square. Several members of the community have had questions and wanting updates on the sewer line repair for Greenwood Street. Jenny is to provide an update on the city website for the citizens, and Jack is to use materials on hand to help patch the road until the project is completed. Darrell would like to have the North side of the City Square, approximately 20,000 sq. ft, sealed. He would like \$5,000-6000 added to the next budget cycle for the sealant.

Jenny Frederick presented the Secretary's report. All city funds totaled \$866,599.30, the sales tax for the month was \$7,114, bank statements for all accounts and reconciliations were provided for review, and a copy of the utility billing register, adjustments, balance sheet, and profit and loss report 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