

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting was held on February 12, 2024, at the Garrison City Hall. Members present were Mayor Keith Yarbrough, Arnie Kelley, Darrell Lunsford, Tim Wright, Travis Simon, and Hope Hallmark. Others present were Jack Brown, Tim Barton, Micah Buzbee, Ricky Colle, Hebert Hancock, Abby Taylor, Linda with ADAC, Myke Chandler, and Jenny Frederick

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

Jack Brown led in prayer.

There were no public comments.

Jenny Frederick presented the minutes from January 23, 2024, for approval. Travis Simon made a motion to approve the minutes from January 23, 2024. Darrell Lunsford seconded. All voted yea.

Tim Barton presented the police report. There were 23 calls for service, 65 stops made, 32 citations written, 33 warnings issued, and 2 animal complaints. The new car is waiting for the kennel to be shipped and installed. Tim attended a de-escalation class at Center PD.

Ricky Colle presented the VFD report. There were 11 medical calls, 2 MVA's, 5 grass fires, 22 calls for service, and 6 structure fires.

Myke Chandler presented the Municipal Court report. The court made a total of \$ 6,463, of which \$ 4,049.66 will be kept by the city and \$ 2,413.34 will be remitted to the state.

Abby Taylor and Linda with ADAC discussed equipment for the park. A silo was removed from the park area. All the equipment must be installed by May. Brian Stephenson provided a quote for \$4500 to install a fence. The council would like another quote for the fence. The curb and safety material will cost \$ 7,000. ADAC will want a ribbon cutting when done.

Hope Hallmark entered at 5:25 P.M.

Travis Simon left the council room. Ron Collins has lots he would like the city to give or make a deal with him. Residents have houses on his lots along with city alleyways. He would like to swap or make a deal with the city so he can sell these lots to the residents living on his lot. Travis Simon had interest in the lots. Mr. Hancock suggested a survey be done. Discussion ensued and will be rediscussed at a later date.

Jenny Frederick presented a presentation of the TDA form A1024 CDBG Section 3 Goals and Concepts as related to the CDBG Program and Grant Contract CFA22-0087. Hope Hallmark accepted the presentation. Travis Simon seconded. All voted yea.

Council discussed employee health insurance rerates. Discussion ensued. Hope Hallmark made a motion to accept the 16% increase rerate for employee health insurance. Travis Simon seconded. All voted yea.

Tim Wright made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 02-12-2024 – Utility Vehicle. Arnie Kelley seconded. All voted yea.

Jack Brown discussed the Van Dyke's request for a water meter tap. There are already 32 meters on the line. Darrell Lunsford suggested they dig a well. Hope Hallmark doesn't think we have the capacity to let another tap on the line. Hope Hallmark made a motion to deny the water tap for the Van Dyke's due to TCEQ Regulations and our inability to provide adequate water pressure. Tim Wright seconded. All voted yea.

Council considered rolling over the PIF for the sewer plant loan application. Arnie Kelley made a motion to approve and authorize the PIF Rollover for 2024. Darrell Lunsford seconded. All voted yea.

Travis Simon made a motion to approve travel reimbursements for Jack Brown and Javon Griffith. Tim Wright Seconded. All voted yea.

Council will have a budget workshop on February 26, 2024, at 5:00 P.M.

Jack Brown discussed if the city will be responsible for installing culverts within the city limits when requested by customers. There is currently no policy for culvert installations. Discussion ensued. Arnie Kelley moved to table the item. Darrell Lunsford seconded. All voted yea.


Jenny Frederick discussed with the council the city's utility cutoff policy. Currently the city charges \$75 for each meter the first time the service is disconnected, \$100 for each meter the second time the service is disconnected, \$125 for each meter the third time the service is disconnected, and \$150 for each meter the service is disconnected thereafter. The reconnect fees are too high for people to pay when they have more than one meter disconnected. Other cities charge from \$35-\$75 and Jenny would like the council to consider decreasing our fees. Discussion ensued. Council does not want to change the current fees at the current time. Item has been tabled.

Jack Brown presented the superintendent's report and gave the council a handout. Booster Motor #2 at Booster Station #2 is no longer operational as of Saturday February 10, 2024. The power pole was replaced at Lift Station #4. Jack is currently in the process of getting bids for fencing and tree removal. Carter Tucker confirmed that the second pump at Woodland Oaks is operational. There is a wiring issue that he will isolate and repair. Aerator #3 at the plant is not working properly. Carter Tucker is scheduled to check it. A complaint was received from a customer on Garrett Loop regarding the road. The road is not maintained by the city. More oil sand was ordered for \$95 per ton plus delivery. Matt at Government Capital is interested in advising the council on financial issues. The backhoe switch has been repaired. The tractor's front bucket has been repaired.

Jenny Frederick presented the Secretary's report. All city funds totaled \$855,444.11, the sales tax for the month was \$8,906, bank statements for all accounts and reconciliations were provided for review, and a copy of the utility billing register (\$96,219.35), adjustments, balance sheet, and profit and loss report were provided. The VFD collected \$1,898.19 for the month of January.

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

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



Keith Yarbrough, Mayor



Jenny Frederick, City Secretary