

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting was held on March 18, 2024, at the Garrison City Hall. Members present were Arnie Kelley, Darrell Lunsford, Travis Simon, and Hope Hallmark. Mayor Keith Yarbrough and Tim Wright were absent. Others present were Jack Brown, Tim Barton and Candace, Jearl Petree, Myke Chandler, and Jenny Frederick.

Mayor Pro Tem Arnie Kelley called the meeting to order at 5:10 P.M.

Jack Brown led in prayer.

Arnie Kelley opened a public hearing for the 2024-2025 proposed budget. There were no public questions or comments. Arnie Kelley closed the public hearing regarding the 2024-2025 proposed budget at 5:11 P.M.

There were no public comments.

Jenny Frederick presented the minutes from February 12, 2024, February 26, 2024, and March 11, 2024, for approval. Travis Simon made a motion to approve the minutes from February 12th, February 26th, and March 11, 2024. Hope Hallmark seconded. All voted yea.

Jearl Petree discussed with the council a possible ordinance variance to allow him to put another trailer house on one lot of land due to the property size. He assured the council he will keep the same standards as the house that already occupies the land. The current ordinance states one trailer house per lot. Discussion ensued. The item will be tabled to refer the item to Mr. Hancock to allow for the cleanest way to move forward.

There was no VFD report.

Tim Barton presented the police report. There were 18 calls for service, 137 stops made, 79 citations written, 58 warnings issued, 5 agency assists, and 1 animal complaint. The new car is waiting for the kennel to be shipped and installed. Tim attended chief school to acquire 16 hours of level 1 alert training and 8 hours of family violence training required by law.

Myke Chandler presented the Municipal Court report. The court made a total of \$ 9,045.02, of which \$ 5,665.34 will be kept by the city and \$ 3,379.68 will be remitted to the state. SCOFFLAW has refunded the City's \$500 dollars used to open the account.

Hope Hallmark made a motion to order the election for May for 2 Councilman positions, and 1 Mayor position. Travis Simon seconded. All voted yea.

Council considered the utility rate increase to help with future projects. Discussion ensued. Hope Hallmark made a motion to increase the gas rate by \$4, and the water and sewer by \$3 each effective May 1, 2024. Travis Simon seconded. All voted yea.

Hope Hallmark made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Budget, Ordinance 24-001 and Ordinance 24-002. Travis Simon seconded. All voted yea.

Jack Brown discussed charging individuals for damaging city property including water and gas meters. Currently damaged meters are not being charged. Discussion ensued. Table until April meeting.

Council discussed the old utility truck that no longer works. Hope Hallmark made a motion to deem the old utility truck surplus. Travis Simon seconded. All voted yea. Ordinance will be included on next month's agenda.

Council discussed Thomas Hughes' requested vacation buyout hours for 4 weeks. Hope Hallmark made a motion to approve Thomas Hughes vacation buyout hours request. Travis Simon seconded. All voted yea.

Council discussed and considered reimbursing Robert Salas for his utility reconnect fee. Mr. Salas requested a refund for the reconnection fee due to the number of days from late notices to the disconnect date not totaling 10 days. Jenny Frederick provided information to the council from the PUC to inform the council there must be at least 10 days after late notices are sent to disconnect date. Hope Hallmark made a motion to reimburse Robert Salas by form of credit for the reconnection fee under Herbert Hancock's advice. Travis Simon seconded. All voted yea.

Jack Brown presented the superintendent's report and gave the council a handout. RVS offers a module to pinpoint and create the paperwork for the required TCEQ copper line mapping for \$600. This would keep the city in compliance. 17-22 dead water meters have been replaced. The PIF for the TWDB Grant has been completed and submitted by GLS. A main point of interest on Greenwood Street's ditch line was fixed, making a 2-inch impact when it rains. Another main point of interest was fixed on South C Ave. Unauthorized discharge paperwork was sent to TCEQ regarding excessive ammonia. TCEQ requested details regarding SEP. Details were received from TCEQ Austin and forwarded to TCEQ Beaumont. The 1st SEP has been completed. The 2nd SEP for excessive ammonia is still being monitored. Steps are being taken to correct the problem. Gas meters have been changed out to comply with the Rail Road Commission Distribution Facilities Replacement Plan. The gas accounting paperwork has been completed, along with the EIA report, and PS-95 gas leak report. One bid has been received to replace the fence at lift station #3. A Greenwood Street bid has been received to repair the road. Millings will cost \$36,525 and oil sand will cost \$51,794.

Jenny Frederick presented the Secretary's report. All city funds totaled \$960,615.44, the sales tax for the month was \$8,134, bank statements for all accounts and reconciliations were provided for review, and a copy of the utility billing register (\$78,756.36), adjustments, balance sheet, and profit and loss report were provided.

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

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



Keith Yarbrough, Mayor



Jenny Frederick, City Secretary