

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting was held on March 16, 2026, at the Garrison City Hall. Members present were Mayor Keith Yarbrough, Arnie Kelley, Hope Hallmark, Tim Wright, Darrell Lunsford, and Travis Simon. Others present were Tommy Mayhew with 5C Utility, Tommy Dees, Marty Reneau, Cory Lilly, Patty and Steve Lilly, Zach Brisco with Republic Services, Myke Chandler, and Jenny Frederick.

Mayor Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 5:03 P.M.

Darrell Lunsford led in prayer.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Yarbrough opened a public hearing for the 2026-2027 proposed budget at 5:04 P.M. There were no concerns, questions, or comments. Mayor Yarbrough closed the public hearing for the 2026-2027.

Jenny Frederick presented the minutes from February 9, 2026, and February 23, 2026, for approval. Travis Simon moved to approve the minutes as written. Arnie Kelley seconded. All voted yea.

There was no VFD report.

Myke Chandler presented the Municipal Court report. The court collected a total of \$2,195. The city will keep \$1,399, and \$796 will be remitted to the state.

Cory Lilly discussed with the council updates to the sanitation contract. Republic Services will be taking over the contract starting April 1, 2026. The contract will stay the same until March 31, 2027, but can be extended for another year with 3% increase. Discussion ensued. Arnie Kelley moved to extend the sanitation contract by 1 year with a 3% increase for the year 2027-2028. Travis Simon seconded. All voted yea. Hope Hallmark moved to approve the Municipal Sanitation Service Agreement dated April 1, 2022, by and between Lilly Sanitation, LLC, a Texas limited liability company, and the City of Garrison, Texas, as amended from time to time. Travis Simon seconded. All voted yea.

Tommy Dees, Marty Reneau, and Carson Styles (via phone) discussed an alleyway with the council at 121 E Main Street. The property has an alleyway beside it, and Marty Reneau would like ownership of the alleyway so the property could be sold. Discussion ensued. No action was taken.

Tommy Mayhew presented the wastewater report. Everything is being checked daily, including chlorine. There are water lilies in the pond, and Tommy will check with Stacy to see if the city needs to spray those or if 5C Utility will spray them. The Imhoff is completely solid on the quarters. It needs to be pumped and wasted to the waste beds ASAP, and dog food added to "feed the bugs". The chlorinators are working, but 1 aerator is not working. The gate needs to stay locked, and the gate at the 2<sup>nd</sup> pond needs chained and locked.

Jeff Medford was not present to give updates.

Tim Wright provided updates on the limb pickup. The crew started on Linn Flat, then Greenwood Street, next will be W Main and Hartt Street. There are more limbs now than when it was quoted and will take more than 3 days to complete the job.

Arnie Kelley moved to adopt the proposed 2026-2027 budget. Tim Wright seconded. All voted yea. Hope Hallmark moved to adopt Ordinance No. 26-001, An Ordinance Making Appropriations for the Support of the City of Garrison for the Fiscal Year Beginning April 1, 2026, and Ending March 31, 2027, and Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Garrison for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year. Tim Wright seconded. All voted yea. Hope Hallmarked to adopt Ordinance No. 26-002, An Ordinance Levying Ad Valorem Taxes for Use and Support of the Municipal Government of the City of Garrison for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year, Providing for Apportioning Each Levy for Specific Purposes; and, Providing When Taxes Shall Become Due and When Same Shall Become Delinquent if Not Paid. Tim Wright seconded. All voted yea.

Council discussed the road repair bid at Brush Prairie Road and FM 138. Dupree bid to fix the road for rock, dirt, and labor for \$2350. He will also remove the tires and give a 1-year warranty on the repair. Arnie Kelley moved to accept Dupree's bid for \$2350. Hope Hallmark seconded. All voted yea.

Mayor Yarbrough left the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Pro Tem Arnie Kelley finished the meeting.

Council discussed approving Paul Emmerson at Emmerson Consulting and Services for gas at \$55 per hour and \$0.81 per mile. Hope Hallmark moved to approve Paul Emmerson at Emmerson Consulting and Services for \$55 per hour and \$0.81 per mile. Travis Simon seconded. All voted yea.

Matt Barrett presented the water report. The day to day is OK, and Ricardo is up here a good bit. A section of line will be replaced on Patterson Road in front of Teresa Hartr's house. A tap is leaking at the corner of Bluebonnet and 59 that will also be fixed this week. The well lot at Hwy 59 is leaking, but Ricardo may know where the leak is located and will be dug after lunch one day, so the school doesn't lose time.

Jenny Frederick presented a bill from Regina Davis. She is hoping to get reimbursed for the bill from the plumber for a \$150 bill credit. Regina had a water leak during the ice storm. The water was turned off, but the water kept leaking so she hired a plumber. The plumber determined the leak was on a city line. Discussed ensued. Darrell Lunsford moved to give Regina Davis a \$150 bill credit. Tim Wright seconded. All voted yea.

Jenny Frederick discussed bids for the auto transfer switch for the water well on FM 138. JLC bid \$4020 plus 2650 for upgrades to the electrical system for a total of \$6670. Texas Air Conditioning Electric and Plumbing bid \$8795, Billy Phillips bid \$8920, and LEE A/C and Electrical bid \$8000. Hope Hallmark moved to accept JLC Electrical's bid for \$6670 with the upgrades. Travis Simon seconded. All voted yea.

Hope Hallmark will review the scholarship applicants and select the recipients at the next council meeting.

Jenny Frederick presented the election contract for the May 2026 elections. Hope Hallmark moved to accept the election contract with Nacogdoches County Elections Office for the May 2026 election. Darrell Lunsford seconded. All voted yea.

Jenny Frederick presented 2 grant opportunities. Discussion ensued. Hope Hallmark moved to authorize the City of Garrison to solicit request for proposals for grant administrative services and requests for qualifications for engineering services for the Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant program administered by the Texas Water Development Board. Tim Wright seconded.

Hope Hallmark also made a motion to authorize Jenny to pursue the General Land Office program grant. Tim Wright seconded. All voted yea.


Council adjourned to closed session at 7:05 P.M. to discuss personnel per Texas Government Code 551.074.

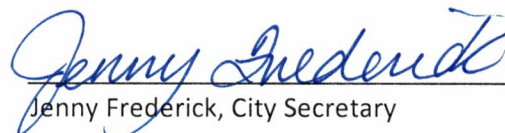
Council reconvened to open session at 7:45 P.M. from closed session.

Jenny Frederick presented the Secretary's report. Sales tax for the month was \$6349. The billing register for the month was \$78,929.55. A copy of the account balances, check register, balance sheet, profit and loss statements, and utility billing register summary was provided in the council packet. A water leak was fixed at the well on Henning, and FM 138. The F7100 and EIA 176 report for gas have been filed. The water tank inspections have been completed. A sewer tap is needed to be installed at Cynthia Gonzalez's new house. The road is washed out at Brush Prairie Road and FM 138 by Dean Hebert's house. The road at W Cedar is in desperate need of repair. The gas line is exposed, and the road is collapsing around the culvert. The road that was previously fixed at Billy Griffith's house is started to have problems again. The roads by the First Baptist Church are starting to chip are the culverts some more and will need repaired. Capital Underground is coming back to fix the line at HM Mitchell's house. The bid to fix the fire hydrant at the VFD was \$4000. The leak survey has been completed. There are 6 leaks in the system, and 1 leak is a number 2 which needs to be fixed within 30-60 days. Tiger Creek will be called to fix the leak, scoring a 2.

Travis Simon made a motion to pay the bills. Tim Wright seconded. All voted yea.

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

  
Keith Yarbrough, Mayor

  
Jenny Frederick, City Secretary