

Regular City Council Meeting; September 10th, 2019

The Garfield City Council met in the Alderman Terry Warren room, for the Regular City Council Meeting. Mayor Blackburn prior to opening the meeting; started with the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silent reflection and/or prayer.

Mayor Blackburn called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Recorder-Treasurer Vining called Roll: Council Members David Edwards, Barry Kitterman, Jim Teeselink, and Scott Wassman present. Mayor Gary Blackburn, Recorder-Treasurer Teresa Vining and City Attorney Mike Bearden present.

Augusts Regular City Council Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from the August 13th, 2019 meeting presented. Council member Teeselink moved, seconded by Council member Edwards, to approve the August 13th, 2019 regular City Council minutes as presented. The roll being called, all in favor Motion passed.

No Guest speakers

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission- Chairman Jeff Dodson said they met August 29th, 2019. During the planning meeting they reviewed a recommendation for a lot split, that was passed on to the City Council. Also discussed was the current Sign Ordinance #177, they will be looking over this Ordinance at their next meeting to revisit the way the Sign Ordinance is written. They will present recommendations to the City Council, for possible revisions to Ordinance #177, after their September Planning meeting.

Water Department- Water reports presented in the Council packets; no large leaks found for the month of August and water loss was at 29%. The City wanted to see the water department in the black at the end of three years, which will be at the end of October 2020. If things continue to trend the direction the water department is now, the City will accomplish their goal of being in the black at the end of three years. Motion to Adopt the August Planning and Water department reports as presented in their packets; Council Member Edwards moved, seconded by Council Member Wassman to adopt the reports as presented; roll call vote all in favor, motion passed.

Three options presented for the Water Storage Tank:

Council Member Edwards moved, seconded by Council Member Wassman; to give authority for Mayor Blackburn to Start the process with ESI Engineering Firm, not to exceed an expense of \$10,000.00 from the General Fund until the Council finalizes their numbers, makes their final decision and votes. This would allow for ESI to perform the inspections that are needed to aid the Council in making their final decision of the three options presented; Roll call vote was as follows: Jim Teeselink aye, David Edwards aye, Barry Kitterman aye, Scott Wassman aye. Motion passed unanimously to allow Mayor Blackburn to begin the inspection process with ESI.

Moving all General and Street Accounts to Regions Bank:

Mayor Blackburn stated that the City's Water accounts have all been moved and are now set up at Regions Bank, he asked if the Council was in agreement to approve all General and Street fund accounts be moved to Regions as well, closing all accounts with Arvest Bank. Council Member Teeselink moved, seconded by Council Member Kitterman, to transfer all General and Street fund City accounts to Regions Bank, closing all Arvest accounts. Roll call vote was as follows: Jim Teeselink aye, David Edwards aye, Barry Kitterman aye, Scott Wassman aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Proposed Ordinance to adopt a new schedule of water usage fees:

Proposed Ordinance read in full by Recorder-Treasurers Vining. This Ordinance does not have an emergency clause; therefore, this will be the first, then it will be revisited the next two months, at the Council Meetings, making it three readings, unless the Council decides otherwise. Proposed Ordinance opened for discussion. Mayor Blackburn said he will set up another public input session concerning this Proposed Ordinance before the next City Council meeting in October.

Unauthorized excavation on a City street:

The unauthorized excavation took place on Ravenwood. A Resident excavated Ravenwood without calling 811 or the city and put a whistle in to drain the water from his property, that now runs into the neighbor's yard across the street. Ordinance #82 speaks to the issue of excavation of city streets, public roads without the city's authorization. Also, per City Attorney Bearden this was done illegally even without the City Ordinance. Ownership of the road was brought up, the owner said he owns the road, Ordinance 2017-175 that says all streets named in the Garfield Street assessment May 9th 2017, are declared Public Right of Ways and Ravenwood is in this document, it belongs to the City. Open for discussion; the citizen totally disregarded communication with the City. The whistle has to come out of there, repair the road, and fix it right, and the resident should be held liable for this expense, in the amount of \$500.00, as well as fined the \$500.00 as it states in Section 10 of Ordinance #82. Council Member Wassman moved, seconded by Council Member Teeselink to enforce Ordinance #82's misdemeanor fine for the full penalty of the violation in the amount of \$500.00, as well as another \$500.00 for the expenses the City has now incurred to fix right, what he messed up. Roll call vote; vote was as follows: Jim Teeselink aye, David Edwards aye, Barry Kitterman aye, Scott Wassman aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Blackburn called for a five-minute break at 7:25; for Mrs. Vining to gather the Proclamation Document to present. Mayor Blackburn called the meeting back to order at 7:30

Go Pink for the Cure Day Proclamation:

Read and Presented by Mayor Blackburn; October 4th, 2019 is hereby proclaimed as Go Pink for the Cure Day in the City of Garfield.

City Fall Clean Up:

Council Member Teeselink moved, seconded by Council Member Kitterman, to schedule the City fall Clean up on Saturday, October the 5th from 9 am – 1 pm. Roll call vote, all in favor; motion passed.

Benton County Risk Assessment for the City of Garfield:

Mayor met with Mr. Matt Bailey concerning taking over the City's Code Enforcement as well as handling the City's Building Inspections. Mr. Bailey presented with his resume with 25 years' experience, and introduced himself. Mr. Bailey spoke to the council on his vision for the City and his past employment. Council Member Wassman moved, seconded by Council Member Edwards to adjourn into executive session, to discuss possible employment opportunity for Mr. Matt Bailey. Roll call vote all in Favor; meeting adjourned into executive session at 7:34.

Meeting called back to order at 7:45.

The Council authorized Mayor Blackburn to employ Mr. Matt Bailey as a contractor for the City of Garfield.

Council Member Wassman moved, seconded by Council Member Teeselink to extend the meeting until 8:30. Roll call vote, all in favor the motion passed.

CARDS Trash Service:

The final verbiage is still in negotiations, for the Proposed Ordinance from Cards. Council Member Kitterman moved, seconded by Council Member Wassman to read the Proposed Ordinance by title only; the roll being called all in favor, motion passed. Recorder-Treasurer Vining read the Proposed Ordinance out loud. The second reading will be done at the October City Council meeting and then the third reading will be done at the November meeting, as well as the vote, allowing the Proposed Ordinance to become effective starting in January.

Peterson Lot split:

Council Member Kitterman moved, seconded by Council Member Wassman to approve the presented lot split. The Roll being called the vote was as follows, Jim Teeselink aye, David Edwards aye, Barry Kitterman aye, Scott Wassman aye. Motion passed unanimously.

General, Water and Street Statement of Revenue and Expenses:

Opened for discussion: Council Member Kitterman moved, seconded by Council Member Edwards to move the \$10,000.00 approved for Mayor Blackburn to contact ESI engineering firm, and begin the inspection process, from the General fund to the Water fund. The Roll being called the vote was as follows, Jim Teeselink aye, David Edwards aye, Barry Kitterman aye, Scott Wassman aye. Motion passed unanimously. Council Member Wassman moved, seconded by Council Member Teeselink to approve the General, Water and Street fund financials. Roll call vote all in favor, motion passed.

Brownfield Study:

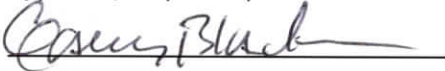
Mayor Blackburn has another meeting set up concerning this, but at this time Phase two of the Brownfield Study is still on hold until the tanks can be removed from the Buss Stop. The Program is only allowed a certain amount of funding, so they do not want to move forward with the second phase of the process until this can be taken care of.

Council Member Wassman moved, seconded by Council Member Kitterman, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., after the roll being called, motion passed unanimously.

Passed and approved this 25 day of September, 2019.

Gary Blackburn; 9/25/2019

Approved, Mayor Gary Blackburn



Teresa D. Vining; 9/25/2019

Attested, Recorder-Treasurer Teresa Vining

