Minutes of the Garland City Council meeting held August 6, 2014 at 7:05 pm at the Garland City Civic Center with the following council members present:

Scott Coleman  Mayor
Kendall Kowallis  Council Member
Kirt McKee  Council Member
John R Thompson  Council Member

Mayor Coleman called the meeting to order and explained the reason for the special meeting is he wants to discuss while it was fairly fresh in our minds the issue we had during the Wheat and Beet Days celebration. He stated that this is not a hearing it is just more or less to get some facts to decide what action if any should be taken by the city regarding the issue. He stated there had been an altercation during the kickball game Friday night between our fire chief and some representatives of the royalty team. Mayor Coleman stated that he would like to go into a closed session to hear a little bit from each of the parties involved so we can then discuss as a council what action to take if any.

Council Member Kowallis stated before the roll call vote he still wanted to reiterate the question he asked in his email today, which is he doesn’t think this qualifies for a closed session and then read the section of the state code 1a which says “except as provided in Subsection (3), discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual;”. Council Member Kowallis asked what are we challenging? Mayor Coleman stated he thinks it has to do with character and professional competence. Council Member Kowallis stated that he believes these are treacherous waters for us to wade into.

Mayor Coleman asked if we had a motion to go into an executive session. Council Member Thompson made a motion to go into an executive session. Mayor Coleman then asked for a second and hearing none stated we wouldn’t be having an executive session and the meeting is adjourned.

Sharlet Anderson, City Recorder