

Minutes of the Garland City Council meeting held September 10, 2014 at 8:00 pm at the Garland City Building with the following council members present:

Scott Coleman	Mayor
Kirt McKee	Council Member
Kenny Smoot	Council Member
John R Thompson	Council Member

Mayor Coleman called the meeting to order. Council Member Thompson gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Smoot.

Mayor Coleman stated that he would like to excuse Council Members Miller and Kowallis who are both away on work related business.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve the agenda and a second was made by Council Member Smoot with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Coleman stated that the next item on the agenda was to approve the minutes.

Council Member Smoot made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2014 meeting. A second was made by Council Member McKee with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Coleman asked if there were any open comments from the public and Ila Mae Van Valkenburg commented that she thinks the no smoking at the city park item that was brought up by Council Member Thompson during the work session was a great idea.

Mayor Coleman asked if there were any questions on the finance review. Council Member Kowallis sent a question to Council Member McKee to be asked about the budgeted interest expense in the water department. Mayor Coleman stated that we budgeted \$31,500 but we only paid out \$26,039.65 toward the loan payment and that is because we did not know what the interest amount was at the time we did budgets and it was just an estimate.

Mayor Coleman reported that we are almost twenty five percent through our fiscal year and all the departments are around that percent spent for the most part.

Mayor Coleman stated the next item on the agenda was the report of officers, boards and committees.

Mayor Coleman reported that all of the residents in the Cottonwood Court area had been given a copy of the nuisance ordinance and told they had twenty days to comply. He stated that when the time runs out those that have not complied will be given a letter specifying what needs to be done. He also mentioned that he has tried to call Karen Hurd several times but she has not answered and her voice mail is not set up to leave a message.

Mayor Coleman reported that the sewer treatment plant is not dead. He reported that the engineer we were working with before contacted us that he may have found a more viable solution for us.

Police Chief Linda Bourne was not in attendance due to training so Officer Adin Riehle reported they had 144 calls for service the second half of August.

Council Member McKee reported for Council Member Kowallis that planning and zoning met last week and began working on the manufactured home zone ordinance which we have also been referring to as the trail park zone ordinance.

Council Member McKee reported he spoke with Matt and water is good as well as the sewer and park.

Mayor Coleman added that for streets the chip sealing on North Main Street is complete and the paint will be coming shortly to finish painting around the city.

Council Member Smoot reported the gym floor is finished and will be opened tomorrow. He also reported that he attended the mosquito abatement meeting and if you feel like the mosquitoes are worst you have ever seen, you'd be right. He reported that last year was a record year and this year has blown it out of the water. They reported that they treated more acres this year than they ever have since they started keeping records and that includes more hours out working, more hours out fogging neighborhoods and more time spraying by plane.

Council Member Thompson stated that his areas are not represented here tonight. He reported that he and Mayor Coleman attended the library board meeting last week and had a budget discussion with them.

Fire Chief Rob Johnson reported that he had a call from an individual who wants to do some fireworks as part of a marriage proposal at the park. He stated that he checked with the mayor, Council Member Miller and the county to see how they would handle it. He stated the fire department will be there when it happens just in case but they will be lit by a licensed pyrotechnic. He stated it will be happening in the next couple of days and wanted to make sure the council was aware of it.

Mayor Coleman stated the next item on the agenda is the approval of the coding for accounts payable and payroll and the utility account adjustments and that Council Member Kowallis had a good question. He asked what the credit was for on a Tom Perry's account that said sewer credit. Sharlet explained that in the summer we don't charge sewer overage on the old elementary school which is calculated by the usage of water because we are watering the lawn for sports.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve the coding for accounts payable and payroll and the utility account adjustments. A second was made by Council Member McKee with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Thompson with a second being made by Council Member Smoot with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.



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