Minutes of the Garland City Council meeting held October 22, 2014 at 8:05 pm at the Garland City Building with the following council members present:

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

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

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the agenda and a second was made by Council Member Kowallis 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 Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2014 meeting. A second was made by Council Member McKee with all Council Members Thompson, Miller and McKee voting in favor of the motion and Council Member Kowallis voting against the motion.

Mayor Coleman stated the motion passes.

Mayor Coleman asked if there were any open comments from the public or future agenda items. Council Member Kowallis commented that at the last meeting we discussed a little about the employee handbook and not having one person have the authority to make those changes and thinks that we should pass a formal ordinance stating that.

Tom Perry also addressed the council during open comments from the public on the plans he has for the old elementary school. He is planning to have a family fun center or teen fun center. They will also offer a media transfer area. They will also make signs and banners. His stated that he will be meeting with the planning and zoning commission to discuss a conditional use permit.

The first item under new business was to vote on the meeting date changes for November and December. Mayor Coleman stated that at the last meeting we discussed changing the meeting date for November to the 19th and December to the 17th.

A motion was made by Council Member Miller to change our November meeting date to November 19 and change our December meeting date to December 17. A second was made by Council Member Kowallis with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Coleman stated the next item under new business was to vote on the winter months that we will not charge water overages.

A motion was made by Council Member Kowallis to wave water overages for the months of December 2014, January 2015 and February 2015 for cold weather so people can leave the faucets dripping. A second was made by Council Member Miller with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

The final item under new business was to vote on a variance for a home at 1224 South 600 East.
Council Miller made a motion to approve the variance for the new home construction on 1224 S 600 E for the back lot distance requirement. A second was made by Council Member McKee with Council Members Miller, McKee and Thompson voting in favor of the motion and Council Member Kowallis voting against the motion.

Mayor Coleman stated the motion passes.

Mayor Coleman stated the next item on the agenda was the financial review and asked if there were any questions. Council Member Kowallis asked when pay our insurance. Sharlet replied that we pay medical and workers comp monthly and liability, auto and the two surety bonds are annually. Council Member Kowallis stated he asked because there are a number of line items that are around fifty percent spent so we either are under or over budgeted. He also stated the phone looks like we are over. Mayor Coleman explained that Frontier has taken forever to get our new system in and there are some internet issues we are working out.

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

Mayor Coleman stated he didn’t have anything to report.

Council Member Kowallis stated planning and zoning has not met since our last meeting so he has nothing to report.

Council Member McKee reported we had some theft at the pump house where the signs were stolen.

Police Chief Linda Bourne reported they have had 156 calls for the first half of October. She stated they sent out four code enforcement letters. She stated that she was approached by someone who wants to purchase the old puppy truck. She also mentioned that the police, swat and fire departments would be doing a presentation at the elementary school.

Fire Chief Rob Johnson reported that they had a carbon monoxide call the other night and they talked about it as a department and they have decide they will purchase nine volt batteries to go in the trucks so they can change the batteries out and make sure that is the only problem. He stated a lot of the people don’t have spare batteries or they are elderly and can’t get to the alarms to change out the batteries.

Council Member Thompson reported that we have a scout working on eagle project at the park to illuminate the flag.

Librarian Dani Rasmussen stated she gave the council a bunch of stats and went over them.

The Youth Council Mayor, Cambria Deakin reported that they kicked off their annual food drive for the pantry tonight and the weigh in will be on November 15. She also reported the light parade will be December 13 and stated they are looking for service projects.

Mayor Coleman stated the next item on the agenda is the approval of the coding for accounts payable and payroll and utility account adjustments.
Council Member McKee made a motion to approve the coding for accounts payable and payroll. A second was made by Council Member Miller with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:45 pm by Council Member Miller with a second being made by Council Member Kowallis with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Sharlet Anderson
Garland City Recorder