

Minutes of the Garland City Council meeting held December 17, 2014 at 8:07 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
Kenny Smoot	Council Member

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

Council Member Miller 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 Kowallis made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2014 meeting. A second was made by Council Member Miller with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Coleman asked if there were any open comments from the public or future agenda items. Council Member Kowallis stated that he had been approached by someone asking if the curfew could be extended for New Year's Eve. Chief Bourne stated it is year round and she does not want to start changing it for every little thing.

Mayor Coleman stated the next item on our agenda is a public hearing for our Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and asked Matt Cutler to explain a little bit about it. Matt explained that the public hearing tonight is to get the public's input on what we can do with it. He stated that it is up to \$100,000 they are willing to give and go toward a lot of things just not construction equipment or upgrading privately owned facilities. He stated the money can go toward funding city things like parks, street, water and sewer systems. He stated the highest priority things on their list are water and sewer projects and the lowest are city parks.

Mayor Coleman called the public hearing to order to hear public input on projects for the Community Development Block Grant. He stated that we needed everyone in attendance to sign a roll with their name, address and phone number. Mayor Coleman also stated that approximately \$600,000 is expected to be available in the Bear River Region for CDBG projects, \$350,000 of which will be available for projects to be rated and ranked. Also, all of the allocated funds must meet a HUD National Objective and benefit low/moderate Income individuals and projects displacing low/moderate Income persons are not likely to receive funding. He then opened the floor for input and asked Matt Cutler to present his suggestions for the project.

Matt stated the first suggestion we have for the project is to fix infiltration problems in our wastewater collection system. He also stated that they are looking at replacing the sewer truck. He stated in the grant paper that specialized equipment can be purchased and thought it might qualify.

Mayor Coleman added as we all heard earlier from Tyson in the work session that we have some major infiltration issues in our system.

Steve Littlefield commented that he really likes what Matt has done with the sports program and his suggestion would be to put more money into the sports program and that another side by side might be a good idea to move things around the city rather than a big truck.

Mayor Coleman asked if there were any further comments and hearing none asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member McKee to close the public hearing. 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 on the agenda is another public hearing to receive input on the preliminary reports for the wastewater treatment and collection system improvements and applying for USDA funding.

Mayor Coleman called the public hearing to order and stated that anyone who wants to speak needs to come up to the microphone and will have two minutes to state your piece and to please state your name and where you live.

Our engineer, Tyson Knudsen, for the project gave a quick recap over what our intent is for tonight. He stated what we are trying to do here tonight is to allow the public to have a discussion regarding the two proposed projects one for collection and one for treatment. He stated the discussion tonight shouldn't be centered on are we doing it or aren't we doing it. The focus tonight is to be on the engineering report and the presentation of the information, do we have questions on it and with the environmental report that will be published soon is the community in acceptance to request funding from the USDA to determine the actual cost of the facilities that may be in the near future. At that point the city can then have a public hearing and outlay this plan and then receive additional public comment and discussion and decide if this is in the best interest of the community.

Mayor Coleman stated that since the beginning of this the intent has been to have a choice. With the current contract expiring with Tremonton City, now is the perfect time to check into this and see what our cost will be because right now we don't know what the cost of either is going to be.

Elise Crockett stated that she came with the intent of addressing the waste treatment plant site but wanted to know if it was possible to just pull out and fix our sewer system and have funding from the state. Tyson replied that anything is an option at this point because it is included in the capital facilities plan and the planning study. She feels this is an issue at the top of the list.

Laura Olsen stated that she is not thrilled about this project because when she moved here seventeen years ago she was told she could have a septic tank and that is the way it is going to be forevermore. She feels like if this comes in it will devalue her property and she will end up owing more than her property is worth.

Josh Munns asked who has been to a modern treatment facility because a lot of people haven't and the modern technology that we are learning is night and day different. He stated a treatment plant will be good if the numbers work. He stated there are only 44 people here and our population is 2400 but only a few showed up.

Brian Crockett was concerned about the location because he can see the proposed area from his home.

Christy Christensen stated that she and her husband commute to Ogden for work because they like the country. She is also concerned about odor because someday she is going to want to sale her home and is afraid it will affect her property value and the ability to sell it.

Mayor Coleman commented that before we make the final decision we would like to take some citizens on a field trip to tour some of these newer facilities so they can see what they are like.

Jim Williams stated that he lives near the proposed sight and is concerned about smell, property values and environmental impacts.

Brad Atkinson thanked the council for looking at a second option and that what they are doing is good. He stated that he is not happy with the proposed sight of where it will be located because they are close to it.

Steve Littlefield commented that his biggest concern is the cost.

Richard Eakle commented that he spoke with someone from the Elwood Town Council and he cautioned to make sure they have all the costs included for a true price.

Kelly Harris stated that he is very concerned about the stigma it will bring to the area. He feels it should not be in a residential area.

Jeanette Atkinson stated they are in the process of building a new home next to their current home and is concerned that a lot of homes in their neighborhood will become vacant again if the plant goes through.

Ralph Carter stated that he has lived in Garland for 84 years and has seen a lot of changes come and go some good and bad. He stated that he watched while all of the industry went into Tremonton and nothing into Garland. He stated that we've reached the time where we need to let these gentlemen do their job and investigate this possibility and see what comes out of it. If we don't do that I think we are making a mistake.

Mayor Coleman asked if there were any further comments and hearing none asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Miller to close the public hearing. A second was made by Council Member McKee with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Coleman called the regular meeting back to order and stated the next item on the agenda is to accept the draft reports for the wastewater system. We would be voting to accept the reports from Tyson.

Council Member Kowallis asked what are we voting to accept. Mayor Coleman replied the report as is. Tyson stated the report they are looking at is not final and that is why it is called a draft even thou it is also called a preliminary engineering report. He stated he would like to work with the staff and council in addressing issues because he has sprung on us a lot of information in a very short time. He stated that he could make some additional copies available if members of the community are interested in reviewing it. He stated that there is no rush because we are waiting on environment concurrence and we can't complete all aspects of the funding application until we have that document in final form. He stated that in his mind the documents in the form they are in is not ready for acceptance.

A motion was made by Council Member Miller to table items 14 a (Vote to Accept Draft Reports for Wastewater System) and 14 b (Vote to Submit Funding Application for Wastewater System) on the agenda. A second was made by Council Member Smoot with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Coleman stated the next item under new business is the approval of the 2015 fire officers and that Rob presented them to the council earlier and asked Sharlet to read them off to the council again.

Fire Chief	Rob Johnson
Battalion Chief	Alan Anderson
Battalion Chief	Steve Harrington
Lieutenant	Andy McBride
Lieutenant	Steve Hales
Secretary/Treasurer	Mike Myers
Recorder	Mark Abbott
Historian	Jay Westergard

A motion was made by Council Member Miller to approve the 2015 fire department officers as noted. 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 on the agenda is to approve a conditional use permit for Deann Sagez. He stated that it was discussed at the last meeting and asked if we needed any further discussion now.

Council Member Kowallis explained that she came and met with planning and zoning and they wrote up the conditional use permit they have in front of them.

A motion was made by Council Member Kowallis to approve the conditional use permit as written. A second was made by Council Member McKee with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Coleman introduced Ordinance, O-14-08, the City Council 2015 Meeting Schedule and explained that every year we update and pass an ordinance on their meeting schedule for the year.

A motion was made by Council Member Miller that we approve Ordinance, O-14-08. A second was made by Council Member Smoot. The roll call results are as follows:

Council Member Kowallis	Yea
Council Member McKee	Yea
Council Member Miller	Yea
Council Member Smoot	Yea
Council Member Thompson	Absent

Mayor Coleman stated that he forgot to mention at the first of the meeting that Council Member Thompson was not able to attend the meetings tonight and asked to be excused.

Mayor Coleman stated the next item on the agenda was the financial review and asked if there were any questions.

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

Mayor Coleman stated he had nothing further to report.

Council Member Kowallis stated planning and zoning met earlier this month and asked Steve Littlefield to report. Steve reported the fire department has approached them about an ordinance to condemn dilapidated properties and they are working on that. He also stated that they have talked about creating a mixed use ordinance for the downtown area and asked what the council thought about it. Mayor Coleman replied that we already have it happening so we should probably put something together to address it.

Council Member McKee reported the water is good and the street department is doing maintenance on vehicles.

Fire Chief Rob Johnson gave a yearend report and stated they had 145 calls for the year.

Police Chief Linda Bourne reported they had 254 calls for November.

Council Member Smoot had nothing to report.

Librarian Dani Rasmussen stated they had 76 people at their 100 year celebration on Saturday and about 60 in the picture. She reported they are having Santa at the library on Thursday at 4 pm and Friday they are having a teen Grinch movie.

Mayor Coleman stated the next item on the agenda is the approval of the coding for accounts payable and payroll and utility account adjustments.

Mayor Coleman reported that the light parade was a success and they had a lot of people turn out to see Santa.

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

Council Member Kowallis asked if we want to schedule an open house meeting like Tyson talked about on the sewer project because we need the public to be involved and giving us feedback. A small discussion ensued.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:35 pm by Council Member Miller with a second being made by Council Member Smoot with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.


Sharlet Anderson
Garland City Recorder