

**Minutes of the Garland City Council meeting held August 16, 2017, at 8:00 pm at the Garland City Building with the following council members present:**

<b>Todd Miller</b>	<b>Mayor</b>
<b>Angie Johnsen</b>	<b>Council Member</b>
<b>Chuck Bingham</b>	<b>Council Member</b>
<b>Linda Bourne</b>	<b>Council Member</b>
<b>Josh Marble</b>	<b>Council Member</b>

**Mayor Miller called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Council Member Johnsen and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Bingham.**

**A motion to approve the agenda was made by Council Member Marble. A second was made by Council Member Johnsen with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.**

**Mayor Miller stated the next item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes.**

**Council Member Bourne made a motion to approve the minutes from July 19. A second was made by Council Member Marble with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.**

**Mayor Miller asked if there were any requests for future agenda items. There were none.**

**Mayor Miller explained the next item on the agenda was a call to open a public hearing to hear public comment on an increase in the property tax rate. He went over a couple of ground rules for the hearing. He stated anyone that wants to comment needs to come up to the microphone and state their name and address, it is only open to residents of Garland City, you have two minutes to express yourself to the and council and it is not a question and answer period.**

**Mayor Miller asked Lanette Sorensen, Garland City Emergency Management Director, to discuss some precautions for the upcoming solar eclipse on Monday before we open the hearing.**

**Lanette stated that Southern Idaho is expecting upwards of 500,000 people to view the eclipse. They are cautioning residents about traffic and construction having backups and accidents. They recommend fueling vehicles and grocery shopping before the weekend. They suggest having cash because the extra use of the cell towers and internet carriers may not be able to handle the possible overload. She stated they are just not sure of the implications.**

**Mayor Miller called the public hearing to order.**

**Kevin Stay commented that we are lucky to live in Garland and have the great services that are provided here in Garland. He would urge the council to not cut back on those services so this is a fair way for everyone to pay their portion to continue to have the great services we have and approve the tax increase. There is no free ride, you have to pay your own way.**

**Noel Cherrington commented that they love Garland and built a home here ten years ago and hoped to retire here but will be on a fixed income shortly and if taxes continue to keep going up they don't know if they will be able to stay here. He thinks we need to reevaluate where the money is going to and find other ways to reroute that money instead of raising taxes.**

**Kay Cherrington commented that this is a very large tax increase for Garland and for the school district. She said that she works for Ogden School District and they worked with Ogden City and bonded instead of**

raising property taxes and why can't we work with the school district. She commented that the property taxes have gone up almost every year since they moved here.

Mayor Miller commented that the Box Elder County School District's tax increase has nothing to do with Garland City. The portion Garland City is increasing will all come to Garland City not the county or the school district which is \$56 a year per average household worth \$140,000.

James Creager commented that he doesn't mind paying his portion but when we are asking for a fourth of his wages he is earning that is a bit much. He wished that they would take the retired people on a fixed income into consideration.

Kevin Stay came up and asked when the last Garland City tax increase was. Council Member Bourne commented that to her knowledge it has been over thirty years.

Roger Ogborn commented that for that extra \$5 or so a month to secure that we continue on developing and doing the stuff that we need to in the city then he is all right with it.

Kristen Kowallis stated that she knows the city hasn't had a property tax increase in a long time but she thinks that twenty-three percent is a lot to ask at one time and she doesn't know what it is for and asked if they could answer some of those questions.

Mayor Miller stated that even though we should only be receiving public comment he would take a minute and explain. He stated that it does not fund any of the sewer project which is under budget. He stated that we have reserve account money set up to make sure that we have enough to do everything with the sewer project, which we just finished analyzing and we have enough left to do everything and complete one hundred percent of the collection system. He stated that this money is to build back the reserves that have dwindled every year over the last twenty years because we are behind on where we should be right now as mandated by the state. Things cost more than they used to. He stated that last year we went through this same process asking for \$43 a year and the council voted against it so now we need more and are asking for \$56.

LaRon Binggeli commented that he is looking at what he thinks is a high rate and is seeing government telling him he has to pay for it and does not like taxes. He commented that he wants to know where the money is being spent and that maybe things need to be reevaluated.

Mayor Miller commented that what is being proposed is an increase in property tax, your real estate not your income. The proposed tax rate on that is .003 percent of the value of your real estate in Garland City. It is not one percent or two percent or even half a percent it is .003 of a percent.

Rob Johnson commented that being a citizen of the city and also being the fire chief he is for the tax increase for the fact that every year their turnouts are going up five percent, the trucks are going up five to ten percent and basically everything they are doing is increasing. To maintain the current service they are giving to the citizens of Garland is it going to cost more to maintain the same level.

Arlon Bennett commented that he wanted to make a clarification that this money goes to the General Fund only and is not used for water and sewer.

Nicole Ogborn commented that she is for the tax increase and that if she does the calculation in her head as to what the increase is for her home the extra \$10 a month is worth it.

Mayor Miller stated that at this point we would adjourn the public hearing and that he appreciates the comments.

Mayor Miller introduced Resolution, R-17-16, adopting the final tax rates and budgets.

A motion was made by Council Member Marble to approve Resolution, R-17-16 adopting final tax rates and budgets. A second was made by Council Member Bingham. The roll call vote result are as follows:

Council Member Bourne	Yea
Council Member Bingham	Yea
Council Member Marble	Yea
Council Member Johnsen	Yea

Mayor Miller stated that Resolution, R-17-16 passes approving the property tax increase.

Mayor Miller stated the first item under new business was Cade Jones from Davis and Bott. Cade stated that he was here to make the city aware of the Enterprise Zone Tax Credits made available by the state to employers. Mayor Miller stated that we did this last year but isn't sure why the state doesn't show we have done it and that we would follow up with them to see why not.

Mayor Miller stated the next item under new business was to vote on the animal shelter and control agreement with Tremonton City.

Council Member Bourne made a motion we approve the Animal Shelter & Control Service Agreement with Tremonton City. A second was made by Council Member Johnsen with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Miller stated the next item on the agenda was a discussion concerning the wastewater project and stated there is one change order for a decrease of \$1,167.35. He stated this is the fourth change order and we are substantially under budget.

Council Member Marble made a motion that we approve Change Order #4 for \$1,167.35 which is a decrease amount from the original contract. A second was made by Council Member Johnsen with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Matt stated that they have made it to the end of East Factory and will be turning to go up Main Street and doing the side streets. He stated they have started asphaltting in areas also.

Mayor Miller stated the next item on the agenda was the financial review and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

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

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

Council Member Bourne made a motion to adjourn at 8:44 pm. A second was made by Council Member Marble with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.



Sharlet Anderson, Recorder