**April 12, 2022- City Council Meeting**

**Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**  
  
**Called to Order at 5:59 PM**  
  
**Roll Call**-Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen called Roll- Council Member Aaron Poteat-present, Council Member Jon Rambo-present, Council Member James Teeselink-present, Council Member Barry Kitterman absent  
Mayor Gary Blackburn and Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen present.   
**Guests Visitors**Duncan Stewart  
Helen Stewart  
John Niernberger  
James Jolly  
Susan Hartman  
Brenda Gattis

Duncan Stewart introduced himself and his wife. He stated they recently moved to a residence on Ventris Rd.

**February 8, 2022, Public Forum Minutes   
March 8, 2022, Council Meeting Minutes  
March 30, 2022, Special Council Meeting Minutes**Motion by Council Member Poteat to approve 2/8/22, 3/8/22 and 3/30/22 minutes as presented  
Seconded by Council Member Teeselink  
All in favor- Motion passed  
  
**Committee Reports**  
**Planning Commission**- Commissioner John Niernberger addressed the Council regarding Clay annexation and lot split  
Stated the Planning Commission is working to amend Ordinance 85 to change verbiage to only allow lot split one time in 365 days and Ordinance 153 amendment has been tabled at this time

**Water Reports**- Mayor Blackburn advised the council that unaccounted water loss was up by 2% compared to last month due to a blow off malfunction that has been repaired.  
  
**Code Enforcement Reports**- a new tree planning grant has been received from the Walton Family Foundation to plant trees along Highway 62.  
The dead Evergreen Trees in the park were replaced today

Motion made by Council Member Teeselink to accept committee reports as presented  
Seconded by Council Member Rambo  
All in favor- Motion passed

**Unfinished Business**  
**1.** **Proposal to replace Garfield School**- Mayor Blackburn reported that he and Planning Commissioner Chairman John Niernberger both presented at the Rogers Public School Board meeting.   
Mayor Blackburn has not received a response from the school board regarding his questions concerning the policy about where and when they build new schools.  
The contractor FlintCo has been selected to construct ES17.   
Next school board meeting is 4/19/2022  
**2.** **G. Higgins Citation –** Mayor Blackburn read most recent communication from City Attorney Bearden regarding prosecution.   
After discussion of the cost of litigation versus the possibility of filing a lien on the property, Mayor Blackburn stated he will speak with City Attorney Bearden, and he will provide an update at the next City Council meeting  
**3.** **Benton County Hazard Mitigation Plan-** Mayor Blackburnreported the county judge has informed him that Quorum court is reluctant to earmark money for the extension of water lines into the county as it seems to them that they are not getting many customers for the dollar.   
**4.** **Blueberry Lane Hazard Mitigation Project-** Mayor Blackburnhad a conversation with the Engineer this evening, they are waiting for the successful bidder to get his bonds and insurance lined out. Once this is done, as per his specifications, the contract will be signed, and they are ready to start immediately. Time extension has been approved by ADEM to 6/15/22. Mayor Blackburn has a pending request to expand the of dollar amount of the grant to $300,000 that reflects the actual contract bid of $251,891.   
**5**. **North Wimpy Jones Rd State Aid Project/Jackson Group Stabilization Proposal**- Total estimated cost of project is $192,000. Susan Hartman with ER Assist addressed the council.   
The approach of proposed project by The Jackson Group is to divert the water from the banks and keep the channel rather than what has been done in the past to no avail.   
1) slow the water down and 2) direct it to the middle of the stream away from the banks by using boulders and possible plantings.   
With this proposal, what is to be determined is what part of the work would be considered in-kind restoration what part is to be considered improvement. State declaration allows up to 35% for work that puts the scene back to the way it was pre-storm. It must be determined what part of the work will be considered improvement and what will the State do for that portion of the project. The ADEM Representative Tim Gering recently retired, Ms. Hartman is attempting to find out who the new Representative is so she can have the discussion to determine how much of the project cost would qualify for the regular public assistance of 35% cost share and how much would have to be proposed as an improvement to the project and how the costs could be recovered.  
**6. Spring Clean Up Schedule-** to be held April 23rd at the City Shop-City Employees Duncan Artt and Jamie Farrell mandatory ½ day work- Council members encouraged to volunteer if available. Tires and electronics will be accepted, and charges will be added to resident’s water bill or to be billed accordingly.   
**7. Bank Account Signatory Authorization**- Motion by Council Member Poteat to authorize Council Member Jim Teeselink as authorized signatory on all bank accounts for the City of Garfield, including CDs, Savings Accounts, and new Payroll Account  
Seconded by Council Member Rambo  
Roll being called, Council Member Poteat-Yes, Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink-Yes  
  
**New Business  
8.** **Drinking Water CCR-** Mayor Blackburn advised a copy of the Consumer Confidence Report is to be provided to the public. This will be done electronically-posted on the City Webpage and a notice on water bills where the information can be located- council members expressed approval  
**9. Proposed Ordinance Gene Clay Annexation- 1st Reading**Motion by Council Member Rambo to read ordinance by title only  
Seconded by Council Member Teeselink  
Roll being called, Council Member Poteat-Yes, Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink- Yes  
Motion Passed  
Ordinance read by title only by Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen  
Discussion Included-Services to be provided after three years, water availability and possible additional house to be constructed on the property at a later time.  
2nd reading to be on May Agenda  
**10. Proposed Ordinance- New Installations of Alternate Energy Sources- 1st Reading**Motion by Council Member Teeselink to read by title only  
Seconded by Council Member Rambo  
Roll being called, Council Member Poteat-Yes, Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink- Yes  
Motion Passed  
Ordinance read by title only by Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen  
After discussion, motion was made by Council Member Rambo to call a public forum 30 minutes prior to the May 2022 Council Meeting.  
Seconded by Council Member Poteat  
All in favor-Motion Passed  
**11. Balance 1st Quarter Budget-** After discussion, Motion made by Council Member Poteat to accept 1st quarter reconciled budget for General, Water and Street funds as presented  
Seconded by Council Member Teeselink  
Roll being called, Council Member Poteat-Yes, Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink-Yes  
Motion Passed

**City Financials-** General, Water and Street Funds presented- no discussion  
Motion made by Council Member Rambo to approve financials as presented  
Seconded by Council Member Teeselink  
Roll being called, Council Member Poteat-Yes, Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink-Yes  
Motion Passed

Council Member Teeselink suggested the purchase new road signs for each side of the city   
Mayor Blackburn confirmed this is included in the budget. Council members expressed agreement.

Motion by Council Member Teeselink to adjourn  
Seconded by Council Member Poteat  
All in favor- meeting adjourned at 7:19PM.  
  
**Passed and approved this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2022**

**Gary Blackburn Christal J. Allen**

**Approved, Mayor Gary Blackburn Attested, Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**