**Garfield City Council Meeting April 9, 2024**

**Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**

**Call to Order** – 6:02 P.M

**Roll Call**- Roll called by Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen
Council Member Smead-Present
Council Member Rambo- Present
Council Member Teeselink- Present
Council Member Kitterman-Absent
City Attorney- attending via Facebook

**Guests and Visitors address the council**None
**Minutes City Council Meeting March 12, 2024**Council Member Smead moved to approve February 13, 2024, minutes as presented.
Seconded by Council Member Rambo.
All in favor, motion carried.

**Committee Reports**

**Planning Commission-** March 21, 2024, Board of Zoning & Adjustment Public Hearing and Planning Commission meeting minutes were provided to the council.

**Water Department-** March unaccounted for water loss 12.37%. Mayor Blackburn advised that Water System Distribution Operator is still working to locate a leak. New end point installations and Lead Service Line Survey both began today.

**Code Enforcement-** Mayor Blackburn received a letter of acceptance from Brownfield for the Garfield Elementary School building. Two sign permit applications were received this month.

Council Member Teeselink moved to accept committee reports as presented.
Seconded by Council Member Smead.
All in favor, motion carried.

**Unfinished Business**

**Walton Family Foundation Tree Giveaway-**Saturday April 27, 2024, 8:00-12:00 at City Hall

**City Cleanup-** Saturday April 13, 2024, 8:00-12:00 at City Shop

**Lost Bridge Village Water Merger Proposal-** Council members agreed to hold a Public Input Meeting May 14, 2024, at 5:30 prior to the Council Meeting.

**New Business**

**Main Street Drainage Project Proposal**After discussion, Council Member Rambo moved to give Mayor Blackburn authority to participate in the drainage project on Main Street with a not to exceed of $10,000.00.
Seconded by Council Member Smead.
Council Member Smead-Yes, Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink-Yes
Motion carried.

**BWRPWA Construction Update**Douglas Sutton, member of the County Residents Water Advisory Board, updated the council regarding the April 4, 2024, BWRPWA board meeting.

**April 2, 2024, Tornado Damage Report**Mayor Blackburn reported that all trees have been removed from the streets, there are still some to be removed from ditches. Mayor Blackburn expressed his appreciation to the Benton County Road department for their assistance.

**Grant Request $15,000 Walton Nature Preserve Submitted**Copies of the grant request were provided to the council.

**Reimbursement Request ADEM Grant For Generator & Solar Charging Station Submitted**Copies of the close out were provided to the council. Final reimbursement has been requested.

**Proposed 1st Quarter Balanced Budget**Mayor Blackburn presented the proposed 1st Quarter balanced budgets for the General, Street and Water funds. No changes were made to the ARPA and ½% Sales Tax Funds.
Council Member Smead moved to adopt the 1st Quarter reconciled budgets for the General, Street, and Water funds.
Seconded by Council Member Rambo.
Council Member Smead-Yes, Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink-Yes
Motion carried.

**Grand Savings Bank- IntraFi ICS Accounts**After discussion, Council Member Smead moved to open an ICS Account with Grand Savings Bank.
Seconded by Council Member Teeselink
Council Member Smead-Yes, Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink-Yes
Motion carried.

Council Member Smead moved to move $750,000 from the General Fund into an ICS account with Grand Savings Bank.
Seconded by Council Member Rambo.
Council Member Smead-Yes, Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink-Yes
Motion carried.

**March Financials**Council Member Smead moved to accept March 2024 Financial reports as presented.
Seconded by Council Member Teeselink.
All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Blackburn called the meeting into executive session at 6:58 PM to discuss a personnel matter.
Meeting was called back to order at 7:03 PM.

Council Member Teeselink moved to approve to pay Duncan Artt for work hours missed, up to 40 hours, due to not being able to work the full week after receiving tornado damage to his home on April 2, 2024.
Seconded by Council Member Rambo
Council Member Smead- Yes, Council Member Rambo-Yes, Council Member Teeselink- Yes
All in favor, motion carried.

 **Adjourn**Council Member Rambo moved to adjourn.
Seconded by Council Member Teeselink.
All in favor, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:04 P.M.

**Passed and approved this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2024.**

**Gary Blackburn Christal Allen**

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