**Garfield City Council Meeting August 8, 2023**

**Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**

**Call to Order -**6:00PM

Roll Call- Roll called by Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen  
Council Member Smead-Present  
Council Member Rambo-Present  
Council Member Teeselink-Present   
Council Member Kitterman-Present  
City Attorney-attending via phone and online.

**Guests and Visitors**

**Minutes July 7, 2023, Special Council Meeting and July 11, 2023, Regular Council Meeting**Council Member Smead moved to approve the July 7, 2023, Special Council meeting minutes and July 11, 2023, Regular Council meeting minutes as presented.  
Seconded by Council Member Rambo  
All in favor, motion carried.

**Committee Reports**

**Planning Commission-**Planning Commission Chairman John Niernberger addressed the council. July 27, 2023, minutes were presented.  
Fencing has been placed at auto junkyard but no update from ArDot has been received.   
The Planning commission would like to have all commercial and building permits presented to the commission for approval.   
Commissioners are working on a draft to limit the time for audience members to speak during meetings.   
Commissioners requested to hire a secretary to record meetings and write minutes.   
After discussion, Council Member Kitterman moved to appoint city Recorder-Treasurer Christal Allen as the secretary for the Planning Commission at the rate of pay the same as commissioners.   
Seconded by Council Member Smead  
Council Member Smead, Yes, Council Member Rambo, Yes, Council Member Teeselink, Yes, Council Member Kitterman, Yes  
Motion carried.  
  
**Water Department-** July unaccounted for water loss 17%. Water distribution operator Duncan Artt is working to locate a leak on Mountain Drive.

**Code Enforcement-** Mayor Blackburn reported sending a certified letter to the owner of the property at the corner of highway 62 and Alvin Seamster Rd regarding tree limbs hanging in the road. The property owner called him and stated it would be resolved.   
A cease-and-desist order was sent to the business owner at 62 LLC due to not completing the building remodel project within the time frame given per the building permit.  
  
Council Member Kitterman moved to accept committee reports as presented.  
Seconded by Council Member Teeselink  
All in favor, motion carried.

**Unfinished Business**

**Update State Aid Street Construction-** Mayor Blackburn reported that ARDot inspector disapproved of the base to be used on Alvin Seamster Rd as it was not certified and must be obtained from an authorized vendor. There is approximately $28,000 left in available funds currently.

**New Business**   
 **Resolution-Condemnation 18300 Marshall Street**After discussion, Council Member Smead moved to remove the condemnation from the building.   
Seconded by Council Member Rambo  
All in favor, motion carried.

**ROW Clear Cutting Application – Carroll Electric**Mayor Blackburn reported that he met with Carroll Electric officials and has obtained the permit application that will be presented to the Planning Commission at the August 24, 2023, meeting.  
Council Member Kitterman noted that some of the streets are being damaged by the tree removal equipment. Mayor Blackburn advised that Carroll Electric pays monthly Francise Fees for this issue.

**Resolution – Revoke Business License – David Auto Repair**Mayor Blackburn reported that a certified letter was send to the business owner regarding the incomplete application, but no response was received.   
Council Member Teeselink moved to approve the proposed Resolution setting the hearing date of September 12, 2023, to determine whether good cause exists to suspend or revoke the business license for David Auto Repair.  
Seconded by Council Member Smead.  
Council Member Smead, Yes, Council Member Rambo, Yes, Council Member Teeselink, Yes, Council Member Kitterman, Yes  
All in favor, motion carried.

**Resolution – Declaring Owner of 16820 Marshall Street In Operation of an Auto Junk Yard, in Violation of Ordinance 125**Mayor Blackburn reported that a certified letter was send to the property owner regarding the operation of a junkyard without a business license, but no response was received.   
Council Member Kitterman moved to approve the proposed Resolution setting the hearing date of September 12, 2023, to determine whether good cause exists to pursue legal action to enforce Ordinance 125.  
Council Member Smead, Yes, Council Member Rambo, Yes, Council Member Kitterman, Yes, Council Member Teeselink, Yes  
All in favor, motion carried.

**Proposed Ordinance – Dissolution – Meadow Springs Drive**Council Member Teeselink moved that proposed ordinance be read by title only.  
Seconded by Council Member Rambo  
Council Member Smead, Yes, Council Member Rambo, Yes, Council Member Teeselink, Yes, Council Member Kitterman, Yes  
All in favor, motion carried.  
Mayor Blackburn read proposed ordinance by title only- First Reading

**Salvage Sale – Ford F-150 1ftrf14w17k994141 and Salvage Sale – Canon IR 3225 Copier**Council Member Rambo moved to sell Ford F-150 and Canon IR 3225 as salvage  
Seconded by Council Member Smead  
All in favor, motion carried.  
  
**Hamilton Park Pavilion-**After discussion, Council Member Rambo moved to proceed with hiring Mark Seratt to finish the concrete at the new Hamilton Park pavilion.   
Seconded by Council Member Smead  
All in favor, motion carried.

**CITY FINANCIALS**

Approve July Financials  
Council Member Kitterman moved to accept July financials as presented.  
Seconded by Council Member Teeselink  
All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Blackburn spoke reminding residents of the city’s leash law due to many stray dogs being found recently.

**Adjourn**  
Council Member Teeselink moved to adjourn.  
Seconded by Council Member Rambo  
All in favor, motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.  
  
**Passed and approved this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2023.**

**Gary Blackburn Christal J. Allen**

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