



**Gardendale Council Meeting  
Monday November 6, 2023 6:00 pm**

The Gardendale City council met in work session at 5:30 p.m. on October 2, 2023, at City Hall located at 925 Main Street to discuss general business relating to City operations and reviewing the agenda. Alvin Currington, President called the meeting to order, and Melissa Honeycutt acted as recording secretary.

Members present were as follows:

Alvin Currington  
Bryan Knox  
Greg Colvert  
Will Hardman

Also Attending: Mayor Stan Hogeland arrived at 5:43pm

City Attorney Ken Thompson was present at work session

Absent Adam Berendt

Mr. Currington introduced ALDOT reps to explain the Hwy 31 signal maintenance contract. They are updating controllers and the last contract was in 1994. This doesn't change the main underlying contract. Mayor stated we have discussed with them striping issues and some additional turn signals needed and the streetlights not working along Mt. Olive Blvd. And no poles exist along Mt Olive Road heading to Highway 31.

Alvin Currington reminded the council about upcoming ribbon cuttings Moe's is tomorrow at 10am and Edward Jones on December 5.

Mayor told Blake on the morning of November 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am city will be meeting with Regional Planning Commission to discuss upcoming comprehensive plan. We have some modifications needed for zoning and will need to setup future meetings with P&Z to discuss possible changes zoning. Alvin Currington plans to attend and listen.

Mayor reviewed times for tomorrows departmental meetings.

With no further business the work session was adjourned.

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The Gardendale City council met on Monday October 16, 2023, at 6:00 pm for a regularly scheduled council meeting. Councilor Currington presided over the meeting and Melissa Honeycutt acted as recording secretary.

Council President Currington called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Hogeland led the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Ronad Mitchell, Longhorn Employee delivered the devotional. He is grateful to the mayor and council for inviting him tonight to share God's word and reminder to do God's work and be transformed.

Melissa Honeycutt called roll and asked for a voice response from those in attendance.

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Bryan Knox  
Alvin Currington  
Greg Colvert  
Will Hardman

Also Attending: Mayor Stan Hogeland, City Attorney Ken Thompson

Absent Adam Berendt

Councilor Currington called for a motion for approval of Minutes from the October 16, 2023 council meeting and the October 23, 2023 finance meeting. Councilor Hardman made a motion to approve as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Knox and upon a voice vote was approved by all council members.

Visitors: Gardendale High School Cheerleaders were present and thanked the mayor and council for supporting the program and for providing funding for items not covered by Jefferson County funding. Bill Casaday introduced the Cheerleaders and recognized the sponsors, parents, and cheerleader. They presented a banner of thanks to the city for funding trip to nationals this year. Is a huge opportunity to the girls and would not be able to go without this funding.

Correspondence/Announcements: none

Councilor Currington called for a motion to approve the payment of bills as listed on the bill list. Councilor Hardman made a motion of approval. Councilor Knox seconded the motion and upon a voice vote passed unanimously.

Report from Council Members:

Bryan Knox stated good to see cheerleaders tonight great we can help the schools. Is a good thing we are able to do for our kids in local schools

Adam Berendt was not present

Alvin Currington had no report

Greg Colvert Mr. Ronad did a great devotion tonight. Thankful to all the council and the work they do

Will Hardman thank you to the Police for helping with an issue in Longwood this weekend

Report from Department Heads:

Administration Dept. Melissa Honeycutt, City Clerk/Finance Director No Report

Fire & Rescue Dept. Brody Cooper no report

Police Dept. Scott Banks, Police Chief No Report

Inspections Dept. Blake Castleberry, Director No Report

Public Works Dept. Paul Tidwell, Director No Report

Parks & Rec. Dept. Dale Hyché, Director thanked everyone who came out the Veterans event yesterday

Civic Center Dept. Keith Mosley, Director basketball court is refinished and back open. Adult Basketball registration is complete tonight and picking teams next week. Mayor stated the floor looked really good.

Senior Center Georgiann Pickens, Director was not present

Library Dept Connie Smith, Director just business as usual

Bill Noble Park Jesse Newsome, SFC a lot happening. Ending seasons right now. Fall baseball and football ended. Working on spring registration for next year. Adult softball ends next week. Dec 5 will host a Christmas village at the park with more info forthcoming

Chamber of Commerce Roz Jackson stated with Heather's resignation she has been named interim director for the Chamber. Christmas Parade meeting will be held tomorrow at 830. Will have luncheon this Thursday.

Old Business:

Councilor Currington opened a Public Hearing regarding partial vacation of West Minor Rd. Mr. Currington explained the reason for public hearing. Mr. David Null is developing property he owns along West Minor Road. City facilitated meetings between Mr. Null and abutting property owner was the Masonic Lodge to come to a good result for both parties. Thank you to both parties for working together and getting a workable resolution. Perpetual exclusive easement granted to owners of the current Masonic Lodge Property. Contingent on Plat Approval. Can only be modified by all 3 parties consenting. Access will not be gated. Access and delineation of private and public road will be marked and maintained. All stipulations are noted on the plat filed in Probate Court and once all conditions are met the city will file the full resolution to vacate the roadway. David Null 690 Beasley Road stated that the summary was correct. Mr. Larry Righter, 1753 Magnolia Street, with Masonic Lodge was present and verified the agreed to

info was as they remembered. With no further comments the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Dalton at 2640 Vann Drive stood and spoke about issues on Vann road with quiet roadway but when you come off North Road it is a straightaway in early hours around commuting time being used as a cut through Vann Drive and Brenda Circle. Has sent a letter to residents to determine what neighbors would like to see. One other neighbor was here but thank you for the opportunity to hear the complaint would like to see some improvements to Vann Drive. Would like Speed bumps, but if not available would like to see a 3 way stop at Vann and Brenda Drive to get people to stop. Please come ride this street and look at the issue. Mayor stated the first step is to get on site and see it. Then see if a stop sign is needed. Public Works will visit the site and see what modifications can be done. We don't have a street in Gardendale that people don't think is driven too fast. Our Police Department can only enforce what is seen, can't be everywhere at one time. I have seen this and concerned as well when out with children and cars look like they are speeding by. Mr. Knox stated the Police placed speed trailers and had officers drive through but haven't looked through the data yet to see the speeds. Another request when you come off road way the speed signs say 25 speed limit strictly enforced could we request no through traffic sign be added. Mayor asked Paul to turn into a 3 way stop and review for adequate signage.

#### New Business:

A motion for Approval of the Gardendale Christmas Parade was made by councilor Hardman. Councilor Colvert seconded the motion and passed unanimously after a voice vote.

#### Ordinances:

none

#### Resolutions:

Resolution 2023-160 Assent of Partial Vacation of West Minor Road was read by councilor Currington. Councilor Hardman seconded the motion and upon a roll call vote the resolution was approved unanimously.

Resolution 2023-161 Hire Mike Williams as Inspections Officer was read by councilor Hardman who made a motion to approve. Councilor Knox seconded the motion and upon a voice vote passed unanimously. Blake introduced Mike to Council think will be a great addition to the dept. Mike stated thank you and really excited to start working.

Resolution 2023-162 Copier Contracts for Courts and Inspections Depts Was read by councilor Hardman who made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilor Knox seconded the motion and upon a voice vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 2023-163 Highway 31 Signal Maintenance Agreement was read by councilor Colvert who made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilor Hardman seconded the motion and upon a voice vote passed unanimously. Mayor Hogeland stated this is a renewal of the 1994 signal agreement and encompasses new technology. Thank you to the state guys who were present at the work session tonight. Recently the state contracted out interstate cutting of right of

ways, we have asked that the state also mow to the denied access fencing at the 271 exit.

Resolution 2023-164 Surplus Parks and Recreation Truck to Enterprise and a Camper Shell was read by councilor Knox who made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilor Hardman seconded the motion and upon a voice vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 2023-165 Renewal of Les Mills Licensing Agreement was read by councilor Hardman who made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilor Knox seconded the motion and upon a voice vote passed unanimously.

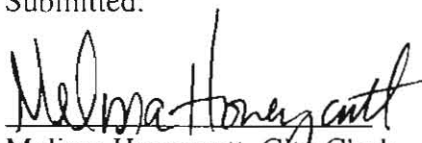
Resolution 2023-166 Bill Noble Parking Change Order #1 as read by councilor Colvert who made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilor Hardman seconded the motion and upon a voice vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 2023-167 Local School Funding Was read by councilor Knox who made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilor Hardman seconded the motion and upon a voice vote passed unanimously.

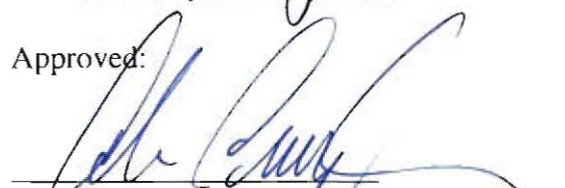
Councilor Currington recognized Mayor Hogeland for Mayor Comments as follows: prod of the Veteran's Ceremony yesterday. Thank you to the council that was present. Really appreciate Ronnie Guin stepping up and keeping the going. Driving in tonight, was pretty cool to see the winter decorations going up along the commercial areas. Reminder that holidays are here whether we are ready of not. Is important to shop Gardendale. Everything we do as a city for the residents, relies on taxes from our businesses. Thank you to Roz for her service and promotion to interim director of the Chamber and also thank you for supporting Gardendale. Moe's Ribbon cutting is tomorrow at 10am for their renovations. City employees have a full morning tomorrow. Councilor Currington said was in East TN and there was tents setup of local chamber board setup in the park at a tournament and city reps were on site an had a board showing local businesses and the effects of shopping local and what it provides to the community. Mayor stated we will get something similar with Finance Director to show our impact locally. Also Wal-Mart renovated and had a opening last week, need to support local. They have revamped the store and it is the #1 producing store in the Birmingham Metro area.

With no Public Comments & Other Business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted:

  
Melissa Honeycutt, City Clerk

Approved:

  
Alvin Currington, Council President