



**Gardendale Council Meeting  
Monday November 20, 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  
Adam Berendt  
Greg Colvert  
Will Hardman

Also Attending: Mayor Stan Hogeland

City Attorney Ken Thompson arrived at 5:45pm

Absent: none

Mayor Hogeland explained the microsurfacing resolution. This company presented a new way of doing road maintenance to Mayor's Association and then Stan met with him today to get more information. We would like to try this new way and want to have an opportunity to try it out. The cost of microsurfacing and striping is about 65 thousand to sample this on North Road in a one mile section. Mayor stated we need to make sure to advertise the work to let the people in that area know of the project. This process can only be done on certain roadways within a specific criteria to extend the life of the existing surface. There has been a resolution added to tonight's agenda for approval if the council is in agreement with trying the microsurfacing. They currently work with ALDOT on roadways in the state.

Mr. Hardman stated that he is working to get a proposal for adjustment of the traffic signals at Flippo and Fieldstown Rd as he has received complaints about the timing of the light facing Flippo.

With no further items, the work session closed.

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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. Councilor Hardman led the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Wayne Shelton, PCA delivered the devotional.

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

Members present were as follows:

Bryan Knox  
Adam Berendt  
Alvin Currington  
Greg Colvert  
Will Hardman

Also Attending: Mayor Stan Hogeland, City Attorney Ken Thompson

Absent None

Councilor Currington called for a motion for approval of Minutes from the November 6, 2023 council meeting and the November 13, 2023 finance meeting. Councilor Berendt 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: none

Correspondence/Announcements: Mayor Hogeland announced that Stone Building Company won an excellence in construction 1<sup>st</sup> place award by Builders Association of Alabama for their work on Bill Noble Park. They presented the City with the award obelisk to display, which we will display proudly. Great to see they received recognition from their peers for their work on the park. Mayor Hogeland also stated he received correspondence from Gene Cornett who was a former Park and Recreation Director, who fell recently and called 911 with Fire Station #2 responding. Mr. Cornett stated the Fireman Caffee and Uselton were very professional and caring during this incident and he is very grateful and appreciative of their caring.

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 Berendt seconded the motion and upon a voice vote passed unanimously.

Report from Council Members:

Bryan Knox stated the Christmas Tree smells wonderful. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone, thankful to serve the citizens and grateful to work with employees and council.

Adam Berendt not much, was out of town a couple of weeks ago on a family trip in Wisconsin but glad to be back.

Alvin Currington has no report

Greg Colvert no report tonight

Will Hardman thank you to Public works for making the rounds through Longwood. Also thank you to police for handling our coyote issue around City Hall and the Civic Center.

Report from Department Heads:

Administration Dept. Melissa Honeycutt, City Clerk/Finance Director Thanked Blake Castleberry for his help tracking the coyote today.

Fire & Rescue Dept. Brody Cooper

Police Dept. Brad Cotton, Police Lt happy thanksgiving and have a good week. Got an opportunity to see new cars, look sharp and hope to have 3-4 in the next week or two. Also introduced the employees hired tonight, Evan Orazine who introduced his family that was present and supporting him tonight. Andrew Kyle, and Shane Bowman who are new recruits and will be attending the academy in January. Andrew stated he is honored to be here tonight and introduced his family in attendance. Mr. Bowman introduced his family as well and stated excited and grateful to begin his dream career as a police officer. Mr. Cotton stated he thinks they will be great for the department. Mayor Hogeland stated these 3 guys were a great interview and talk. We welcome you and also pumped their children full of sugar prior to the meeting.

Inspections Dept. Blake Castleberry, Director thanked councilman Hardman for donuts.

Public Works Dept. David Andrews, Supervisor no report

Parks & Rec. Dept. Dale Hyché, Director had disc golf tournament. Christmas Decorations are out around the city.

Civic Center Dept. Keith Mosley, Director no report

Senior Center Georgiann Pickens, Director no report

Library Dept Connie Smith, Director was not present. Tim's mother passed away, please keep her and Tim in her Prayers. Community Concert band Dec 23

Bill Noble Park football ended Nov 8. Adult Softball finished up with 13 teams report was given by Dale Hyché

Chamber of Commerce Roz Jackson small business banquet next Tuesday. Thursday is the final mandatory Parade meeting.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Ordinances: none

**Resolutions:**

**Resolution 2023-168 Hire Unskilled Laborer in Public Works** 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. Micheal Quick was introduced by the council and thanked the city for the opportunity.

**Resolution 2023-169 Hire Police Officers** 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. Comments regarding this resolution were given during the Police Department report

**Resolution 2023-170 Hire PT Laborer Senior Center** was read by councilor Berendt who made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilor Hardman seconded the motion and upon a voice vote passed unanimously.

**Resolution 2023-171 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment to Sales Contract for 251 Flippo Pkwy** was read by councilor Berendt who made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilor Knox seconded the motion and upon a voice vote passed unanimously. Mayor stated this was the piece of land adjacent to the Easterwood Apartments on Flippo and TDG is wanting to do a second phase of their apartment site.

**Resolution 2023-172 Surplus Items** 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.

**Resolution 2023-173 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.

**Resolution 2023-174 2024 City Holiday Schedule** was read by councilor Currington who made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilor Hardman seconded the motion and upon a voice vote passed unanimously.

**Resolution 2023-175 to authorize a microsurfacing and striping agreement for North Road with Whitaker Contracting Inc** was read by councilor Colvert who made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilor Knox seconded the motion and upon a voice vote passed unanimously.

Councilor Currington recognized Mayor Hogeland for Mayor Comments as follows: asked everyone to be mindful of the weather moving in tonight. Have been really proud of the public works department, haven't received a drainage complaint since August, but then again it hasn't rained. There is a potential for tornados is a 1 out of 5 risk, but can occur anywhere. The City recently graduated Alabama Economic Development Training and graduated a few weeks ago, was a very productive class and hope to put things into affect in the future. The mayor stated we don't need to take anything for granted, we have some good employees and good council that wants to be involved. To department heads, notice the council added a holiday this year and thank you to the council for acknowledging the employees and granting them this holiday in support of their work for us. Are proud we are able to do things that effect our employees

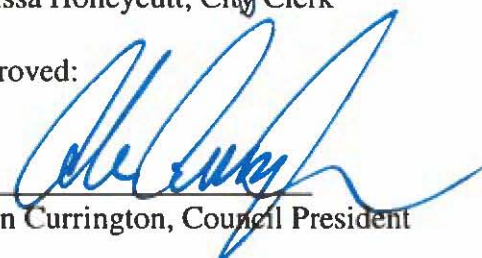
positively. Thank you to the council for adding this.

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

Submitted:

  
Melissa Honeycutt, City Clerk

Approved:

  
Alvin Currington, Council President