



**Gardendale Council Meeting
Monday December 4, 2023 6:00 pm**

The Gardendale City council met in work session at 5:30 p.m. on December 4, 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

Also Attending: Mayor Stan Hogeland

City Attorney Ken Thompson was also present.

Absent: Will Hardman

Blake Castleberry introduced David and Julia with AVX regarding a proposal for the A/V in the council chambers and lobby. Councilor Currington asked if the system was scalable up in the future as needs expand. For TV's in the Lobby, why replacing, David from AVX indicated that they look washed out. Mayor stated in the event of overflow we have the same capabilities in the lobby in the future. Councilor Currington stated from the wireless aspect if authorized, the selector will allow them to cast, and the selected displays, is that correct and how is it done securely and keep others from logging into the TV. They stated the TV's were controlled by apple tvs if the person was on our network. But mayor and council does not have access to our network.

Mayor Hogeland reminded everyone that the council chambers does audio and video recording in the room currently. Councilor Currington asked what is the warranty, David responded manufacturer's warranty plus 1 year AVX warranty on installation. Please provide us with an extended warranties available and currently warranty terms. He also asked for other municipal client so that we can visit and see the system working. Would like to see this and visit with them if they can be provided. David stated he will look and discuss with clients and see if they can provide the company names to us. Councilor Currington says on the apple TV side (expected to use 85% of the time) if we are handling it in house we would like to see some additional security options for it, such as a Datto system device that provides additional security. Blake stated he was working with Andy at AVX as he had experience with him at Vestavia City Center. Councilor Knox stated he was concerns about repairs to building before and after as it is very



wide open ended statement in the proposal is very open ended. He stated don't know how brittle the ceiling is, will be careful but don't know what to quote until the job is complete. Blake stated city may remove certain tiles in the council room to avoid damage. Mr. Knox asked is this is done in house or will any be contracted out. Mayor stated that the podium will be moved to face the council. They are speaking to the council not the audience, so the council podium will move the podium back to the middle front to better control the meeting. Councilor stated basically that AVX would only be moving and touching the TV mounts and network wires in the ceiling into the data room. Councilor Currington stated the panel behind there is only for the ethernet cable running those TV's, David stated that he needs additional access points. Councilor Currington asked on touch panel, can you select and power up those tvs and turn on speakers from the TV. Also has solved the scaling issues on resolution of the TVs. Is working on Harbert Center in the next few weeks. Alvin asked what the timeframe on the project would be, David responded end of January if approved in the next two weeks. Mayor stated Blake will need to be involved in any meetings and demos. Councilor Currington stated only has reservations about apple TV controller currently. Explain the Apple TV device, is one device in proposal. David stated one for each TV. VPX would be needed for each type network, then once on network the controller will let you determine which screen to cast to. Will continue council discussion at next work session and hope to have an answer by December 18th council meeting.

Councilor Currington stated that John Byers and Justin Gurley asked the council to think about changing the city's agent of record. We had previously told our agent we would not consider any changes until the next year. Mayor stated that he was thinking that we would not consider changes to insurance for 3 years. Councilor Knox asked what is the benefit of changing local agents? Currently if there is one it is negligible, but it can help the city with a local person located in the city to see things we may miss on our policy. The insurance policy and rates are the same. We discussed when the 3 year period is determined.

Ayor asked if this was about trying to save money on insurance, yes but when we went through the exercise last year Byars wright was cost effective. If the city wanted to save the most money then we can remove local agents and just go with AMIC as our agent. AMIC and city must make sure the assets are valued correctly.

Alvin Currington stated that Mr. Hardman was absent and Councilor Knox would read resolutions assigned to him .

With no further items, the work session closed.

The Gardendale City council met on Monday December 4, 2023 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 Berendt led the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Bryan Knox 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

Also Attending: Mayor Stan Hogeland, City Attorney Ken Thompson

Absent Will Hardman

Councilor Currington called for a motion for approval of Minutes from the November 20, 2023 council meeting and the November 27, 2023 finance meeting. Councilor Knox made a motion to approve as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Berendt and upon a voice vote was approved by all council members.

Visitors: none

Correspondence/Announcements: Mayor Hogeland shared a letter from the Cumming's who are parents of kids in the local schools. They thanked the council for funding the 4th grade trip to Montgomery State house. This allowed all students regardless of financial status to attend this field trip. Mayor stated this letter is the reason we are working with our schools and we are proud of what we have be able to accomplish

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

Report from Council Members:

Bryan Knox hope everyone had a good thanksgiving

Adam Berendt no report

Alvin Currington no report

Greg Colvert no report

Will Hardman was not present

Report from Department Heads:

Administration Dept. Melissa Honeycutt, City Clerk/Finance Director stated license renewals are printed and will be mailed out next week. Business owners will have the month of January to renew without penalty.

Fire & Rescue Dept. Joe Thomas had no report

Police Dept. Scott Banks had traffic accident today at Mt Olive the agencies worked very well together and is grateful we can communicate well together.



Inspections Dept. Blake Castleberry, Director No report

Public Works Dept. David Andrews, Supervisor No report. Mayor asked David to share message with staff tomorrow. The rotary club is doing a memorial garden by the scout hut to honor Michele Malone with a butterfly garden and are very grateful to public works for the hard work they put into this project and they completed it in half the time.

Parks & Rec. Dept. Dale Hyche, Director Dec 11 will have ribbon cutting at Kenny Clemons for Office and Shop at noon. Mayor stated will send narrative to Roz to get the word out about our improvements at Kenny Clemons and the ribbon cutting.

Civic Center Dept. Keith Mosley, Director Annual Caravan Breakfast is Wed morning. Youth Basketball begins Friday night. Most of the Christmas Trees have been decorated over the last two days and looks great

Senior Center Georgiann Pickens, Director Dec 15th will have the Senior Center Christmas Party from 10am to 12pm

Library Dept Connie Smith, Director had Community Concert Band at Civic Center yesterday and was very well attended. Will begin paint and roof work at library next week.

Bill Noble Park report was given by Dale Hyche as Jesse Newsome was not present. Christmas Village will be at the park from 5pm to 9pm. Bill Casaday stated they have posted a map on their Facebook page showing the vendors at the Park.

Chamber of Commerce Roz Jackson final Christmas parade meeting Edward Jones ribbon cutting tomorrow at noon. Will be apart of crafts at Christmas Village event expecting about 1000 participants.

Old Business: none

New Business: Public hearings on weed abatements for the addresses as follows. 885 Pinemeadow, 600 Parks, 339 Mitchell Hill, 331 Mitchell Hill, 500 Parks Rd, 2220 Mountain Dr, 1308 columbia Ave 1748 Gardenridge and 1205 Columbi Ave. with no owners or interested parties present and no public comments the hearing was closed.

Ordinances: none

Resolutions:

Resolution 2023-176 School Funding was read by councilor Knox who made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilor Berendt seconded the motion and upon a voice vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 2023-177 Contract with Alabama Power for Cameras at City Facilities was read by councilor Berendt who made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilor Colvert seconded the motion and upon a voice vote passed unanimously. Mayor stated this is very important to the community. Dale Keith and Scott have been involved and the power company did a demo of



their readers and cameras.

Resolution 2023-178 Budget Amendment was read by councilor Currington who made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilor Berendt seconded the motion and upon a voice vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 2023-179 Amend 2024 Standing Council Meetings due to Holiday was read by councilor Currington who made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilor Berendt seconded the motion and upon a voice vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 2023-180 Fix Mowing Costs 885 Pinemeadow Drive was read by councilor Currington who made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilor Knox seconded the motion and upon a voice vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 2023-181 Fix Mowing Costs 600 Parks Rd was read by councilor Currington who made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilor Knox seconded the motion and upon a voice vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 2023-182 Fix Mowing Costs 339 Mitchell Hill was read by councilor Currington who made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilor Knox seconded the motion and upon a voice vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 2023-183 Fix Mowing Costs 331 Mitchell Hill was read by councilor Currington who made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilor Knox seconded the motion and upon a voice vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 2023-184 Fix Mowing Costs 500 Parks Rd was read by councilor Currington who made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilor Knox seconded the motion and upon a voice vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 2023-185 Fix Mowing Costs 2200 Mountain Dr was read by councilor Currington who made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilor Knox seconded the motion and upon a voice vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 2023-186 Fix Mowing Costs 1204 Columbia Ave was read by councilor Currington who made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilor Knox seconded the motion and upon a voice vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 2023-187 Fix Mowing Costs 1748 Gardenridge Rd was read by councilor Currington who made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilor Knox seconded the motion and upon a voice vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 2023-188 Fix Mowing Costs 1308 Columbia Ave was read by councilor Currington who made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilor Knox seconded the motion and upon a voice vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 2023-189 to Hire Ivy Wolfe as Parttime laborer at Civic Center replacing Amber Vickers was read by councilor Berendt who made a motion to approve the resolution. The



motion was seconded by councilor Colvert and upon a voice vote passed unanimously. Ms. Wolfe stated she was looking forward to it. She is a current member and looking forward to the position.


Councilor Currington recognized Mayor Hogeland for Mayor Comments as follows: mayor and council and wives went to Conners for Dinner last Friday night and wished he had a picture of it. What the council and mayor does after hours for fellowship is great and glad we do it. It is a honor to serve with you all. The events listed in December is critical and takes great effort to pull it off. The sense of community here is special and we must keep this important and grow this.

Mr. Casaday asked everyone to visit mygardendale.com to see the list of events

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

Submitted:


Melissa Honeycutt, City Clerk

Approved:

Alvin Currington, Council President

