



**Gardendale Council Meeting  
Monday December 18, 2023 6:00 pm**

The Gardendale City council met in work session at 5:30 p.m. on December 18, 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 was also present, arrived at 5:52pm

Councilor Currington reminded everyone that the next work session has been canceled. The next council meeting and work session will be held on Tuesday January 2, 2024.

Mayor stated Fire Chief is working with Parker Building with Fire Station 3 plans, by the 2<sup>nd</sup> work session we should have better budget numbers for the project. They are still working on the floorplan.

Mayor stated he received an email last week from the Fire Chief for a new fire truck with equipment for a cost \$1,063,000 in addition to the Fire Station 3 costs. Will hardman asked the build time. Joe stated that it is 810 days from order finalization until delivery.

Mayor is forwarding an email to Council president regarding a program called Innovate Alabama for certain grant opportunities and partnerships with information technology to review prior to asking the company to speak before the council.

Councilor Currington asked if we are on track for grant applications for Public Safety Grants, specifically SAFER. Mayor stated that the SAFER grants should be applied for each year for retention regardless. Then we also need to apply for new hires as we have new ones. Mayor stated he knows Joe is watching the deadline.

Councilor Currington stated Senator Tuberville had grant possibilities for Public Safety and Mayor stated he has shared it with department. Mayor did state we do have a gap in making sure that grants are applied for and deadlines met. There are outside contractors that do this, but past

ones have not proved effective.

With no further items, the work session closed.

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The Gardendale City council met on Monday December 18, 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 Knox led the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Will Hardman, Council District 5 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

Councilor Currington called for a motion for approval of Minutes from the December 4, 2023 council meeting and the December 11, 2023 work session meeting. Councilor Hardman 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: Mr. Oscar Mann, candidate for Alabama State School Board, District #7 was present and spoke with the council and public at the meeting regarding his platform and also encouraged everyone to vote on March 5, 2024. There are 8 school districts for 138 school systems in the State of Alabama. The board does staggered elections for state school board. Mr. Mann is currently serving on the Jefferson County School Board and is in his last term and is now running for State position to be a local representative for our area and allowed to help with legislators in Montgomery. He gave brochures to public regarding his vision for his position if elected, he asked that all visit his website for additional information and please vote of March 5, 2024. Mayor Hogeland stated that he and Oscar and Patrick Martin and Mayor of Trussville met today and talked about hi vison for schools. Was good to see Patrick, who is now at Trussville, and brought perspective that may help Oscar during this run. It is very important to vote and we need to make sure we follow through.

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

Report from Council Members:

Bryan Knox thank you to Inspections regarding quick action address a situation in a neighborhood.

Adam Berendt no report

Alvin Currington no report

Greg Colvert Merry Christmas to everyone, especially our great employees who are greatly appreciated.

Will Hardman Thanked Mayor Hogeland for light at Fieldstown and Shady Grove and also wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

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 no report

Inspections Dept. Blake Castleberry, Director No report

Public Works Dept. David Andrews, Supervisor No report.

Parks & Rec. Dept. Dale Hyche, Director Had a good time at the Parade

Civic Center Dept. Keith Mosley, Director had no report

Senior Center Georgiann Pickens, Director great Christmas party 98 Seniors were present. She thanked the council for her job that she loves and for allowing her to do it and the support they give to senior program

Library Dept Connie Smith, Director had no report

Bill Noble Park 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. Pickleball Court received a great facility award. 3 employees were recognized for outstanding service at SFC with Caley receiving the hustle award. She has been phenomenal. Great meeting today with Mr. Gene Cornett today who spoke with the SFC staff today.

Chamber of Commerce Roz Jackson was not present

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Ordinances: none

First Reading Ordinance 2024-001 to Rezone Part of 4938 Skyline Ridge Rd and Part of 251 Flippo Pkwy was read by Councilor Currington. The second reading and vote for consideration will occur at the Tuesday, Jan 2, 2024 council meeting.

Council also approved an extension of the rezoning request from TDG on the same property

First Reading Ordinance 2024-002 to Annex 426 Beasley Road was read by Councilor Currington. Second Reading and vote for consideration will occur at the Tuesday, Jan 2, 2024 council meeting

First Reading Ordinance 2024-003 to Amend Zoning Ordinance 2013-02 to allow Moving Companies as a conditional use in C-2 and C-3 was read by councilor Currington. Second Reading and vote for consideration will occur at the Tuesday, Jan 15, 2024 council meeting

First Reading Ordinance 2024-004 An Ordinance Annexing Certain Parcels of Land located at 485 and 495 Iris Drive and 855 Cluster Springs Road into the City of Gardendale was read by councilor Currington. Second Reading and vote for consideration will occur at the Tuesday, Jan 2, 2024 council meeting.

Resolutions:

Resolution 2023-191 Hire Dylan Sutton As Full-time unskilled Laborer at the Parks and Recreation Department was read by councilor Berendt who made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by councilor Knox and upon a voice vote passed unanimously. Dylan was present and introduced by Dale Hyché who thanked the council for the opportunity. Mayor Hogeland stated he has known Dylan since he was a little boy, his father was a former police officers who passed away a few years ago. Proud to hire Dylan and know his dad would be proud as well.

Resolution 2023-192 Hire Shelley Bradley as PT Laborer at the Civic Center was read by councilor Berendt who made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by councilor Hardman and upon a voice vote passed unanimously. Keith introduced Shelley who has assisted with basketball activities in the past. Ms. Sheely stated is very excited and looking forward to helping the city in whatever needs to be done. Mayor Hogeland stated he knows Shelley will represent the city well and thinks it is a great hire.

Resolution 2023-193 Budget Amendment to provide funding for the City portion of paving New Found Road was read by councilor Currington who made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by councilor Hardman and upon a voice vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 2023-194 Authorize Contract with Audio Video Excellence Inc to Upgrade A/V in City Council Chambers was read by councilor Hardman who made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by councilor Colvert and upon a voice vote passed unanimously.

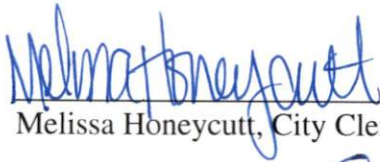
Resolution 2023-195 to surplus items no longer needed was read by councilor Hardman. The motion was seconded by councilor Colvert and upon a voice vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 2023-196 for Local school funding was read by councilor Knox. The motion was seconded by Hardman and upon a voice vote passed unanimously.

Councilor Currington recognized Mayor Hogeland for Mayor Comments as follows: mayor stated good job on the devotion by Will tonight. Honored to serve with council and city attorney. The local school distributions isn't only occasionally but almost every meeting that we have a request and we are glad to do it. Mr. Billy Flippo passed away today, he was a former city council member elected in 1972 and served until 2008. He was tough but always supported and fought for the departments he was over. Merry Christmas and appreciative of the words spoken tonight, thank you Georgeann for kind words said tonight. Looking forward to 2024.

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

Submitted:



Melissa Honeycutt, City Clerk

Approved:



Alvin Currington, Council President