



**Gardendale Council Meeting  
Tuesday January 2, 2024 6:00 pm**

The Gardendale City council met in work session at 5:30 p.m. on January 2, 2024, 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.

Paul Burnett with Byars Wright was present to present our 2024 Insurance policy. There were significant increases in premiums and changes to exposures as well. He spoke with AMIC about possibly moving our renewal to November and they are willing to do this, as getting the info together in December can be a struggle. Councilor Currington asked if the policy could be moved to October to better align with our budget year. We added 27 million in property value for Bill Noble Park. Insurance liability also increased. General liability and professional liability did decrease to help offset. Councilor Hardman asked about reducing property coverage to 80% instead of 100%. Paul stated that insurance carriers are not really comfortable with doing this and there is little reduction in premium advantage. Paul will send the changes and adjustments to the City Clerk that the council asked including increasing the deductible to 25,000 and changing the policy effective date. Councilor Hardman stated that the insurance premiums in all industries are increasing both commercial and personal. City Clerk stated the premium increase for Workers Comp is based on budgeted payroll for the 2024 year and the increase in premium is directly related to the increase of 10% for all employees and the additional 5% increase for public safety.

With no further items, the work session closed.

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The Gardendale City council met on Tuesday January 2, 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. Dan Nichols 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

Mayor stated he was on the phone with engineering firm went to Anniston council meeting that took 8 minutes. It takes us 8 minutes to do devotional and pledge.

Councilor Currington called for a motion for approval of Minutes from the December 18, 2023 council meeting. Councilor Hardman made a motion to approve as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Colver and upon a voice vote was approved by all council members.

Visitors: none

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 looking forward to a new year this year. Exciting things going on.

Adam Berendt happy new year. Also appreciate did auto repairs to kids cars and nice to have a local O'Reilly's with commercial hub where you can easily get parts you can't get at other branch locations.

Alvin Currington Happy New Year. I noticed prior to Christmas was water line beak at Tarrant and 31 and Bham Water Works did an emergency repair. He asked if Public Works can give us an idea when it will be fully fixed. Paul stated they have a certain time frame they allow for settling

Greg Colvert appreciate those who attend and participate in council meetings would like to see more attend.

Will Hardman everyone be blessed.

**Report from Department Heads:**

Administration Dept. Melissa Honeycutt, City Clerk/Finance Director stated the next council meeting will be held Tuesday January 15 at 6pm due to a holiday conflict.

Fire & Rescue Dept. Brody Cooper no report

Police Dept. Scott Banks no report

Inspections Dept. Blake Castleberry was not present but had annual report submitted to council by city clerk.

Public Works Dept. David Andrews, Supervisor No report.

Parks & Rec. Dept. Dale Hyche, Director New Bucket truck being used to remove Christmas decorations

Civic Center Dept. Keith Mosley, Director have a benefit singing with proceeds to Just Keep Smiling

Senior Center Georgiann Pickens, Director Ms. Kathy's dad had a stroke over Christmas please keep her in thoughts

Library Dept Connie Smith, Director Arts Council has Feb 17 Show and currently doing auditions, more details will be forthcoming.

Bill Noble Park Jesse Newsome in process of softball and baseball registration. Soccer coming up shortly. New Year and getting groups calling to reserve the parks for travel ball and tournaments.

Chamber of Commerce Roz Jackson Annual Banquet on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Club, with more information forthcoming.

Old Business: Councilor Currington opened a public hearing on Rezoning of 4938 Skyline and 251 Flippo Pkwy. The property owners were present to answer any questions. Phase 2 of Easterwood adding 2 new buildings to the project. The owners showed site plans and explained the topo challenges at the site. Same design and architecture as the existing buildings. With no public comments the public hearing was closed. Mayor stated he appreciates them working with the city and the way they worked with the city to come up with solutions to make this project come together. Mr. Ball stated it was complicated and tight site and appreciates the fire and inspections office time and work on this as well.

New Business: none

**Ordinances:**

First Reading Ordinance 2024-001 to Rezone Part of 4938 Skyline Ridge Rd and Part of 251

Flippo Pkwy was read by Councilor Currington. Councilor Knox made a motion to adopt. Councilor Berendt seconded the motion and upon a roll call vote the ordinance passed unanimously.

First Reading Ordinance 2024-002 to Annex 426 Beasley Road was read by Councilor Currington. Councilor Currington made a motion to adopt. Councilor Knox seconded the motion and upon a roll call vote the ordinance passed unanimously.

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 who made a motion to adopt. Councilor Hardman seconded the motion and upon a roll call vote the ordinance passed unanimously.

Resolutions:

Resolution 2024-001 Library Promotion and New Hires was read by councilor Hardman who made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by councilor Berendt and upon a voice vote passed unanimously. Employees were present and introduced by Connie. Mayor stated he enjoyed the visit with new hires and look forward to working with you.

Resolution 2024-002 Extend Postage Contract 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 2024-003 Surplus Items was read by councilor Knox who made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by councilor Hardman and upon a voice vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 2024-004 Install Streetlight on Highland Ave 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. Thank you to the city clerk for getting the quote and the council for approving.

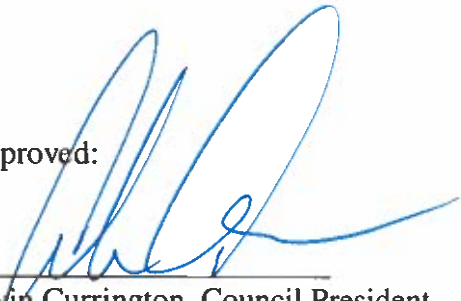
Councilor Currington recognized Mayor Hogeland for Mayor Comments as follows: Mayor Hogeland stated trying to get back in saddle from holidays. Had honor of speaking at Kermit Dooley' funeral was a great friend of the city and he can not be replaced. Hopeful and excited from the new year. Glad to see new Durango on the street. Many compliments of the designs. A lot of things going on and excited for the new year and what is to come. SFC has a new concession manger at Bill Noble Park and looking forward to working with them. Will be Jesse' first full year as manager and have confidence in his leadership.

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

Submitted:

  
Melissa Honeycutt, City Clerk

Approved:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several large, overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Alvin Currington, Council President

