



**Gardendale Council Meeting
Monday February 19, 2024 6:00 pm**

The Gardendale City council met in work session at 5:30 p.m. on February 19, 2024, at City Hall located at 925 Main Street to discuss general business relating to City operations and reviewing the agenda. Greg Colvert, President Pro-tempore called the meeting to order, and Melissa Honeycutt acted as recording secretary.

Members present were as follows:

Bryan Knox
Adam Berendt
Greg Colvert
Will Hardman

Also Attending: Mayor Stan Hogeland

City Attorney Ken Thompson was also present, arrived at 5:45 p.m.

Absent: Alvin Currington

Mr. Walker Gann with Dent Moses who presented the Financial Statements Audit for the fiscal year 2023. The city received an unqualified opinion with no significant deficiencies. Mr. Gann reviewed the audit report with emphasis on management discussion letter, changes from the prior year, and statement of net position and discussion of new leasing regulations effect on leased vehicles and equipment being reduced to present value. Melissa asked Walker to address the addition of the Ad Valorem Receivable that is now reflected on our statements. Mr. Hardman asked what is the city's position on a scale of 1 to 10. Walker stated net assets increased for the year and revenues increased by 4 million but he is just here for state the financials as presented are reflected correctly. Mayor Hogeland thanked Walker for working to get this to us tonight. Our goal is to be more efficient each year. As mayor have been pleased with Dent Moses and how they work with the city.

Mr. Colvert asked if anyone had anything further for the work session. Mayor Hogeland stated he did have a few questions. Asked if the ordinance for tonight was for the Smith Property, City Clerk stated it was. For RPC community grant authorization resolution melissa and Stan worked on this and we will begin the process for a new comprehensive plan and zoning audit for the city beginning in Summer 2024. Will be a lot of opportunities for the public and citizen to be involved in the future plan of the city. We struggled to get people to attend 10 years ago. Mayor stated tomorrow 3:30 first softball game and ceremony for Gardendale High School. Similarly, the baseball opening day is March 4 at 3:00p.m. at the High School. Jersey Mikes ribbon cutting

will be March 6th at 9:30a.m. Reminder lunch with Rotary and Gary Palmer Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Council and Department heads will be attending. Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is on Friday at 6:30pm

With no further items, the work session closed at 5:59pm

The Gardendale City council met on Monday February 5, 2023, at 6:00 pm for a regularly scheduled council meeting. Councilor Colvert presided over the meeting and Melissa Honeycutt acted as recording secretary.

Council President Colvert called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilor Hardman led the pledge of allegiance. Miss Henning sang the national anthem.

Mr. John McMath with Decatur Highway Church of Christ 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
Greg Colvert
Will Hardman

Also Attending: Mayor Stan Hogeland, City Attorney Ken Thompson

Absent: Alvin Currington

Councilor Colvert called for a motion for approval of Minutes from the February 5, 2024 Council meeting and February 12, 2024 Work Sessions. 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: Lynn Dodson and local Pageant competition winners were recognized and addressed the council. Miss Alabama pageant will be held in July. A Big thank you to the city for allowing these pageants to be held in the community. This is about scholarships, networking, and skill building for the ladies. The contestants spoke with public and council about their platforms to help children and people in the community. Mayor Hogeland asked those present to thank Lynne Dodson for the work she does coordinating and planning these events. Mr. Hardman stated he needs Ms. Henning to know he has seen no one on America Idol that sings as well as she does.

Correspondence/Announcements: none

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

Report from Council Members:

Bryan Knox a lot going on. Thank you to Chief Thomas for reports he requested showin calls they make monthly. Ms. Connie Saturday night was awesome, the Arts Council play was fun and entertaining. I am a firm believer that arts is a large fabric of the community and thank you for bring this back to city

Adam Berendt - no report

Alvin Currington was not present

Greg Colvert – No report

Will Hardman had daughters that did pageants Lynne runs an outstanding program. The baseball plays tomorrow night, our team this year is really good and hope they go along way in the season.

Report from Department Heads:

Administration Dept. Melissa Honeycutt, City Clerk/Finance Director – no report

Fire & Rescue Dept. Joe Thomas no report

Police Dept. Scott Banks no report

Inspections Dept. Eddie Deason no report

Public Works Dept. David Andrews Public Works will be doing a lot of patching tomorrow report

Parks & Rec. Dept. Dale Hyche a couple of weeks ago had over 600 participants in marathon at Rails to Trails. The disc golf course had a lot of visitors this week

Civic Center Dept. Keith Mosley Lynne does a great job and brings great things to the city. Bryar is very talented lady and sang at Food Truck night last year. Last youth basketball is Thursday. Will host Baton Twirling on June 6 as part of Alabama State Games.

Senior Center Georgiann Pickens Golden Eagles going to Helen Kellers homeplace this week. Big attendance today with pizza and ice cream party.

Library Dept Connie Smith great turn out for the event. Thank you to Civic Center employee for helping us stage this. Mayor said he guarantees he will hear someone knew nothing about it. Was promoted well and city tried several different ways to reach people. Was a great show and could not have been better.

Bill Noble Park Jesse Newsom Parade will begin at 8am in the morning and the route is unchanged from last year. Police will provide crossing guards for the event. Looking forward to it. Park facilities are being used and many visitors using it today for President's day. Registration for Pickleball runs through March 3. Cost is \$10. Will have another Kid's cooking class in Spring event. Spring Bash will occur March 22 as quarterly community event.

Chamber of Commerce Roz Jackson Chamber luncheon had 85 attendees at last luncheon.
March 8 will be annual banquet at The Club.
Old Business: none

New Business: Motion to Approve 2024 Bill Noble Park Opening Day Parade Permit was made by councilor Knox. Councilor Hardman seconded the motion and upon a voice vote was approved unanimously. Chief Banks stated he expects a smooth event.

Ordinances:

First Reading of 2024-006 to Rezone 2120 Decatur Highway; from R-1, Single Family Residential District to C-2 Business District was read by councilor Berendt.

Resolutions:

Resolution 2024-021 Hire Nicholas Odom as a Police Officer was read by councilor Knox who made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by councilor Berendt and upon a voice vote passed unanimously. Chief Banks introduced Nick, his dad is Officer Odom. Think he will be a great asset to the city. Will be heading to the academy. Nicks thanked the police and council for the great opportunity to work for this great city. Mayor stated for him this is a special hire to continue a family employment.

Resolution 2024-022 Local School Funding 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. Mr. Hardman as this was read remembered that people were unhappy about this tax. We have given much money over the past few years that they would not see these improvements if the city did not help fund the requests.

Resolution 2024-023 Budget Amendment FY2024 General Fund was read by councilor Hardman who made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by councilor Knox and upon a voice vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 2024-024 Surplus Items 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.

Resolution 2024-025 Authorize and Install Streetlight on Clover Ave was read by councilor Colvert who made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by councilor Hardman and upon a voice vote passed unanimously.


Resolution 2024-026 Regional Planning Commission Building Communities Grant Authorization was read by councilor Hardman who made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by councilor Knox and upon a voice vote passed unanimously. Mayor Hogeland stated this will update our Comprehensive plan last done in 2014.

Resolution 2024-027 Renew Admin Copier Contract with Xerox 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.


Councilor Colvert recognized Mayor Hogeland for Mayor Comments as follows: Mayor Hogeland stated having a lot of younger people in attendance tonight. Really proud we can fund our schools. Those things we are doing are things we could not do if we had our own system. Glad we are able to directly impact our students and proud of our relationship with Jeff Co Education. Great atmosphere watching the Basketball game Saturday night. Proud of those kids that played hard and did a great job.

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

Submitted:


Melissa Honeycutt, City Clerk

Approved:


Alvin Currington President