



**Gardendale Council Meeting
Monday March 4, 2024, 6:00 pm**

The Gardendale City council met in work session at 5:30 p.m. on March 4, 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 Pam Sharbono acted as recording secretary.

Members present were as follows:

Alvin Currington
Bryan Knox- absent
Adam Berendt
Greg Colvert
Will Hardman

Also Attending: Mayor Stan Hogeland

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

Bill Casaday mentioned that the next three council meetings will have a different school each meeting as a visitor to share what they have been purchasing with funds provided by the city. Bragg representatives will be here tonight. Next will be Gardendale Elementary School, then Gardendale High School, and then Snow Rogers Elementary School.

He reminded everyone of ribbon cutting at Jersey Mike's on Wednesday at 9:30. Councilor Currington stated that he would not be there. Also, the chamber banquet is Friday night at 6 at The Club. All council members and spouses are attending except Councilor Hardman and his wife. Opening day for baseball is this Saturday with the opening parade starting at 8 a.m.

Mayor Hogeland announced that the contract for purchase of property on Flippo Pkwy with Dobbins fell through. They sent notification so the property is back on the market. As stated previously not much can go there, may have to get Rick Nail involved.

Also, he stated that he can now announce Guthrie's restaurant is coming back to Gardendale in the old Sonic building and he is still waiting to hear from Sonic on a plan for the start of construction on the new Sonic.

With no further items, the work session closed at 5:45 p.m.

The Gardendale City council met on Monday March 4, 2024, at 6:00 pm for a regularly scheduled council meeting. Council President Currington presided over the meeting and Pam

Sharbono 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 with Redeemer Presbyterian Church delivered the devotional.

Pam Sharbono called roll and asked for a voice response from those in attendance.

Members present were as follows:

Bryan Knox was absent.

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 February 19, 2024, Council meeting and February 26, 2024, Work Session. Councilor Colvert 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: Bragg Middle School principal and teachers were introduced by Bill Casaday. Several teachers and the principal at Bragg Middle School discussed all the items purchased with the money donated by the City of Gardendale.

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

Report from Council Members:

Bryan Knox - absent

Adam Berendt - No report

Alvin Currington – Thanked Mayor Hogeland and Paul Tidwell and the public works department for paving parts of Tarrant and New Castle Road.

Greg Colvert – No report

Will Hardman – Was at ceremony for new baseball fields and they are so nice; also, Gardendale won the game.

Report from Department Heads:

Administration Dept. Melissa Honeycutt, City Clerk/Finance Director – absent

Fire & Rescue Dept. Joe Thomas – will be testing hydrants for the next month or two so there could be dirty water.

Police Dept. – Bill Sharbono stated the police department is hiring.

Inspections Dept. Blake Castleberry no report

Public Works Dept. Paul Tidwell no report. Mayor Hogeland commented that Paul and his department had a hard day, losing a young employee in his 20's to cancer. His dad Daniel is also a public works employee. Jacob Wallace fought hard against cancer. Councilor Currington said our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Parks & Rec. Dept. Dale Hyché – Opening Day for baseball is this weekend starting with the parade at 8 a.m.

Civic Center Dept. Keith Mosley – elections will be held tomorrow from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Senior Center Georgiann Pickens no report

Library Dept Connie Smith – family fun golf night has been changed from March 15th to April 5th, 2024. Also, March 16th is a couples art class.

Bill Noble Park Jesse Newsom first guitar class had 13 kids; and first weekend of baseball tournaments had 63 teams. He also mentioned opening day this weekend on March 9th and a spring event on March 22nd at 5pm that will have easter egg hunt, car show, craft and food vendors.

Chamber of Commerce Roz Jackson was absent. Bill Casaday made two announcements in her absence: Jersey Mikes ribbon cutting is Wednesday the 7th at 9:30 and the Chamber banquet is Friday night at 6 at The Club.

Old Business: none

New Business: Public Hearing under Amendment 772 for public benefit for D-Bat. The four co-owners of D-Pat had a presentation explaining their business and the benefits to the City of Gardendale. D-Bat is a baseball/softball training facility. They will have camps and lessons. There will be 8-14 trainers. Three things emphasized tonight were that there will be 12-14 all-encompassing cages; camps based on local school schedules, such as having camps when school is out for a holiday etc.; and lessons. Can rent for events and birthday parties, have team practice or work individually and it will complement Bill Noble Park.

The question from a citizen was what ages could use the facility, and it was answered for all ages. Someone also asked when it would open and it is estimated that it will open before the end of the year.

Councilor Currington asked for the purpose of meeting the 772-hearing requirements what total investment would be for D-bat and was answered between 1.1-1.3 million dollars. \$600,000 not

counting improvements. The city investment is 150,000 dollars to improve property which is owned by the city and a zero lease for ten years.

Mayor Hogeland said to fully understand these improvements remember the Public Safety Building is in the old Food World building, and the improvements will mainly be to put up walls and create access across the front.

A citizen asked how many years it would be zero cost to D-Bat which Councilor Currington replied ten years.

Ordinances:

Second 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. Councilor Currington stated this was an error, the second reading should be on the March 18, 2024 agenda.

Resolutions:

Resolution 2024-028 a Development agreement with D-Bat was read by councilor Currington who made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by councilor Hardman and upon a roll call by the clerk passed unanimously. Councilor Knox was absent to vote.

Resolution 2024-029 request for Local School Funding 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 2024-030 to Hire Jacob Lewis as laborer in the Parks and Recreation department 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. Dale introduced Jacob and stated he would start opening day of baseball. Mayor Hogeland commented it was a pleasure meeting him and he went over with Jacob what he can achieve here and hopes he is a long-term employee.

Resolution 2024-031 to hire Trenton Hogan as a police officer was read by councilor Hardman who asked Trenton to stand and who then made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by councilor Berendt and upon a voice vote passed unanimously. Lt. Sharbono stated Trenton would start next Monday and is very smart and will do well and is glad to have him. Mayor Hogeland agreed Trenton is an impressive young man and he is proud to hire him.

Councilor Currington recognized Mayor Hogeland for Mayor Comments as follows: Mayor Hogeland states having lots going on with the schools. He said he was able to announce now that Guthrie's Restaurant is coming to Gardendale in the old Sonic building and that Sonic is going in the old Hoss Auto building and that would be a complete demo. There is no schedule for that to begin yet. Lots of good things happening and just waiting for the next one. He says he is looking forward to the State of the City address on April 11th.

Public Comments:

Jocelyn Travis of 2981 Summit Drive; Fultondale, Alabama asked for support of her daughter attorney Joy Travis in her run for probate judge, place 1 in the upcoming election. Ms. Travis

has lived in Fultondale for two years and has enjoyed being close to Gardendale and congratulated the leadership for all the Gardendale has accomplished. She asked to please take a flyer for Joy Travis on the way out.

With no further public comments & other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted:



Pam Sharbono

Approved:



Alvin Currington, President