



**Gardendale Council Meeting
Monday April 1, 2024, 6:00 pm**

The Gardendale City council met in work session at 5:30 p.m. on March 18, 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

Councilor Currington called attention to resolution for storm drain repair, the quoted price is slightly higher than expected but still under the bid limit.

Councilor Knox stated still has concertation about the chamber contract funding.

Councilor Colvert stated he was approached by someone about purchasing our property on Cluster Springs. Gave him some information on the property and we will see what happens. Councilor Currington asked about a prior land swap in prior years, and this did not occur. Mayor stated the property closer to the interstate is the better piece.

Councilor Berendt stated hasn't looked at it cosey received a request from band uniforms. The band booster is also working on uniforms, so the amount may be less, they are still working on the design. Bill Casaday stated he has the email and will be discussed at the next Monday work session.

Mayor Hogeland met with Joe Thomas and Brody Cooper on the new fire station 3 property and one of the abutting neighbors on 633 Pineywood would like the city to entertain a portion of the property 90x90 feet to allow him to have a backyard. Fire department is in agreement that this is unneeded for the build and usage of the land and station. Mayor is pricing the survey and abatement and could cover that in the purchase if he decides to proceed. The council will consider if we receive an offer.

With no further items, the work session closed at 5:50 p.m.

The Gardendale City council met on Monday April 1, 2024, at 6:00 pm for a regularly scheduled council meeting. Council President 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.

Pastor Steve Baccus with Hope Church 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 (arrived at 5:47)

Councilor Currington called for a motion for approval of Minutes from March 18, 2024 and March 25, 2024 Work Sessions. Councilor Hardman made a motion to approve as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Colvert and upon a voice vote was approved by all council members.

Visitors:

Ms. Yashiba Blanchard is a candidate for Jefferson County Probate Court Place 1. She spoke to the council and public and asked for support from constituents. Ms. Blanchard is a attorney currently running for Place 1 district on April 16 runoff. Has been practicing for 10 years, graduated from Birmingham city schools and represents veterans and elderly people in probate court and clients. She has ability to sit a special judge and district judge. 3 things as probate is to increase docket efficiency to move cases quickly, this is a sitting judge and chief election official and educate voters about registration and absentee ballots for military and students, also advocate to primary election process to better facilitate the election with proper ballots, working machines and better staffing. Please "Bet on Blanchard" when you vote on April 16th.

Gardendale Elementary School principal and teachers were introduced by Bill Casaday. Several teachers and the principal at school discussed all the items or projects purchased with the money donated by the City of Gardendale to the local schools. This is the 3rd school to present in front of the council over last few meetings. Including Library furniture and book series for students, the librarian stated this added over 900 books for beginner readers and first chapter books. 3rd grade traveled to McWane Center and Chairback pockets for all students. 1st grade visited the Zoo and scholastic newspapers and 1st grade reader books. Teachers stated is a huge help to the schools and students and I am sure for the parents as well. 4th grade took trip to Montgomery State House and Majestic Caverns and water bottle filling station. Ms. Tinker Rogers, Principal was present and thanked the council for the improvements and funding. We funded gaga pit and

replacing all furniture in the schools. The furniture is in and being used at the schools. Ms. Rogers thanked citizens for tax dollars provided, the furniture is amazing and never happens in Jefferson county schools. It was amazing to see the faces of students and teachers when they saw the new furniture setup. The children love the gaga pit and is always used and full. City allowed educators to attend teacher conference for 14 teachers to learn new strategies to bring back to the local schools. Funded art program expenses for canvases and display of artwork. The kindergarten is attending the children's hands on museum in Tuscaloosa, this is a great trip for small kids to see pretend jobs and towns to explore. Will also go on a nature river walk to teach ecology as well. The exceptional education class is attending Camp McDowell, this is an amazing experience for the children. This is an overnight trip that also allows a sense of independence for the children who have often not been away overnight. Builds life skills for the students and allows them to learn in a fun manner. Mayor Hogeland stated to Ms. Rogers, you are thanking us but we thank you all. Often have long hard days and thank you for taking time out of personal night to visit us tonight. Says a lot about the staff of the schools and we are proud to give back to the schools.

Ms. Katie Wiswall with Alabama Forestry Commission was present and presented the city with our 4 year flag as a Tree City USA. Thank you for all you do for the trees and support of our program We received a new flag and 2 4 year decals. Gardendale Elementary also helped plant trees at the schools, thank you to the schools for helping.

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 great word for Brother Steve very encouraging. Glad to see electronic upgrades to the council room

Adam Berendt no reports, wish teachers were still present as wanted to thank them as well.

Alvin Currington if driven down Tarrant Road the Fire Station 3 construction site is now active. Hope to open in the 2025 year.

Greg Colvert no report

Will Hardman thank you to Public Works.

Report from Department Heads:

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

Fire & Rescue Dept. Joe Thomas no report

Police Dept. Bill Sharbono Banks no report

Inspections Dept. Mike Williams no report

Public Works Dept. David Andrews remind everyone April 4-12 is Spring White Goods Week The 13th is Jefferson County Hazardous Waste Day. Councilor asked if they would take an old boat fuel can? Bill stated thinks they will

Parks & Rec. Dept. Dale Hyché Magnolia Festival upcoming. Sprucing up for spring

Civic Center Dept. Keith Mosley no report

Senior Center Georgiann Pickens was not present. City Clerk stated that the senior center received a \$5000 grant from Representative Treadaway

Library Dept Connie Smith Mini golf night this Friday at 6pm

Bill Noble Park Jesse Newsom been really busy. Last week food truck lunch on 28th. Spring Bash went very well about 600 people there. Scavenger hunt was well attended. Interviews done with ABC and CBS local news. 45 softball one day tournament this weekend. Will have Pickleball tryouts. Miracle League will start on Aril 5th. April 7th begins adult kickball registration 20 people per team. Will have eclipse watch party at the park from 12-4 on the football field. Entrance fee is a canned good. Will have kite day at park with kids decorating kites. April 15-16 is Alabama softball sectionals. Every weekend will have beginner tennis clinics on Saturdays in April.

Chamber of Commerce Roz Jackson had a great time Friday at the Spring Bash. This Thursday is Washington DC update with Rep. Palmer and April 11 will be the State of the City address with Mayor Hogeland.

New Business:

Ordinances: None

Resolutions:

Resolution 2024-039 to Promote Tyler Tolbert to Apparatus Operator in the Fire Dept was read by Councilor Knox who made a motion to approve. Councilor Hardman seconded the motion and upon a voice vote passed unanimously. Mr. Tolbert was present and thanked the council for the promotion. Chief Thomas stated glad we were able to upgrade him and will be a great hire for the position.

Resolution 2024-040 to Hire Eric Quick as full-time unskilled laborer in Public Works was read by Councilor Hardman who made a motion to approve. Councilor Knox seconded the motion and upon a voice vote passed unanimously. David Andrews introduced Mr. Quick who thanked the council for the opportunity. Mayor stated in the interview mayor walked him through what a career with the city could be if they choose to continue with the city.

Resolution 2024-041 to hire Noah Samuel Martin as Part-time Temporary laborer in the Parks

and Recreation Dept was read by Councilor Berendt who made a motion to approve. Councilor Hardman seconded the motion and upon a voice vote passed unanimously. Dale Hyche stated Mr. Martin had a ball game tonight and could not attend but thanked the council for the position.

Resolution 2024-042 Chamber of Commerce Annual Funding Agreement was read by Councilor Berendt who made a motion to approve. Councilor Hardman seconded the motion and upon a voice vote passed unanimously. Mayor asked with Roz and asked if they had moved in to the Civic Center yet. We have the old lettering that was here that will be used at the civic center.

Resolution 2024-043 to enter in to an agreement for Grubbs Ave/Main St Storm Pipe Repairs was read by Councilor Hardman who made a motion to approve. Councilor Knox seconded the motion and upon a voice vote passed unanimously.

Councilor Currington recognized Mayor Hogeland for Mayor Comments as follows: Mayor Hogeland stated a lot of info about school funding tonight. Great to be able to impact so many. spring Break the addition to Snow Rogers playground was installed. Looking forward to State of City address, tickets are \$15.00.


Public Comments:

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

Submitted:


Melissa Honeycutt

Approved:


Alvin Currington, President