Minutes of the Garland City Council meeting held August 31, 2016 at 8:03 pm at the Garland City Building with the following council members present:

Todd Miller Mayor

Linda Bourne Council Member
Angie Johnsen Council Member
Josh Marble Council Member
Tom Perry Council Member

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order. Council Member Marble gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Johnsen.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Council Member Johnsen. A second was made by Council Member Bourne with all council members voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Miller asked if there were any requests for future agenda items or open comments from the public. Council Member Perry stated that he would like to have a closed meeting to discuss some personnel issues. Mayor Miller asked the recorder to put it on the agenda for the September 14th meeting.

Mayor Miller introduce Resolution, R-16-18, Adopting the Final Tax Rate. Sharlet explained that the state tax commission asked us to pass this resolution since the property tax increase that was proposed was voted down.

A motion was made by Council Member Bourne that we accept Resolution, R-16-18 final tax rates. A second was made by Council Member Perry with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Miller stated the motion passes.

Under new business were updates on the wastewater projects and awarding the West Factory Street Project.

Matt Cutler reported that they have dug down and replaced the sewer line around the middle school and made the changes to bring the high school back around to our sewer plant and are ready to lay asphalt in those trenches. He stated they have met and talked with the school district on routes for the busses. He stated they will be milling again next week for the rest of the areas to get through until spring. The North Main and East Factory areas will not be milled until spring just before those areas are done.

Matt explained that they have the bid sheets in front of them for the West Factory Street part of the project. He stated we have three bidders which all met the qualifications and CES is recommending that we go with the lowest bidder. The lowest bidder is Insituform. Matt explained this is not a dig up the street project. He stated it will be done in the manholes. He said they plan to start on September 26 and be done by October 14.

Mayor Miller stated that we need to vote on this and asked if there were any further questions. He stated the cover letter was from Tyson with his recommendation.

A motion was made by Council Member Marble to vote on awarding the bid for the West Factory Project bidder Insituform Technologies LLC. A second was made by Council Member Perry with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Miller stated the next item on the agenda is the reports of officers, boards and committees.

Fire Chief Rob Johnson reported that they have agreed to demonstrate their new extrication equipment at the emergency preparedness expo next month.

Council Member Marble reported for the water department that they are switching out the generators and soccer starts next week.

Council Member Perry stated that we have the emergency drill on the tenth.

Police Chief Chad Soffe reported that the new pedestrian crossing at the school won't be finished until the end of September because part of it is on back order.

Council Member Johnsen reported that planning and zoning did not meet at the first of the month but will be meeting a week from tomorrow. She stated that at the next council meeting they will give a report on Wheat & Beet. She reported the beautification committee had their first project the Saturday after Wheat & Beet with an okay turnout. She reported that Billy Kaufman is the head of the beatification committee.

Council Member Bourne stated there is a Suicide Prevention Towne Hall meeting on September 15 at the fairgrounds with Spencer Cox as the keynote speaker.

Melanie reported that the library has had a couple of weeks off with programs at the library. She stated they have moved story time to 2 pm. She also went over some of the programs that will be stating back up and when.

Mayor Miller stated the next item on the agenda is the approval of the coding for accounts payable and payroll and asked if there were any questions. There were several questions from Council Members Perry and Bourne that were answered to the best of the employee's present knowledge.

Council Member Perry made a motion to approve the coding for payroll and accounts payable. A second was made by Council Member Johnsen with Council Members Johnsen, Perry and Marble voting in favor of the motion and Council Member Bourne voting against the motion.

Under miscellaneous, Jan Davenport asked what we use the side by side for. Mayor Miller explained that we use it instead of a truck and is used by all departments. Sandy Roundy complained jokingly about only getting one piece of candy thrown at her at the fair parade.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:52 pm by Council Member Bourne and seconded by Council Member Marble. All council members present voted in favor of the motion.

Sharlet Anderson, Recorder