

Minutes of the Garland City Council meeting held June 30, 2021, at the Garland City Building with the following council members present:

Todd Miller
Chuck Bingham
Linda Bourne
Roger Ogborn
Steve Peacock

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Mayor Miller called the meeting to order.

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

Mayor Miller stated the reason we are having this meeting is to discuss firework restrictions. Mayor Miller stated that they have been working on this for a couple of weeks. He stated they have discussed it with the city attorney about what's legal and possible and also what the city's responsibility is. He asked Fire Chief Steve Harrington to come up and give his thoughts on it.

Steve handed out a map and went over the areas and reasons why they should be the restricted areas.

Mayor Miller stated the legal way to restrict fireworks is for the fire marshal, Steve, to designate hazard zones which he has done very well. Then the city council has the option to adopt an ordinance that says fireworks will be restricted within a certain amount of feet of the hazard zones. He stated that whoever starts a fire is still liable no matter what. He asked Steve what his recommendation would be for a distance from a hazard zone. Steve stated at least 200 feet.

Steve stated that they are doing a paid-on-call over the holiday so they know they will have people available not just see who shows up in case something does happen.

Mayor Miller added that state law allows fireworks on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th from 11 am to 11 pm with an extended hour on the 4th until midnight. He stated it would be the same on the 23rd, 24th, and 25th as well. He stated that if citizens see or hear people doing fireworks outside these times that they need to report it.

Mayor Miller asked the council what they wanted to do. A discussion ensued. They decided on 250 feet from the restricted area.

Council Member Peacock made a motion to adopt Ordinance, O-21-07, fireworks restrictions with the update to the restriction zones and a 250 feet buffer. A second was made by Council Member Ogborn with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Council Member Ogborn made a motion to adjourn. A second was made by Council Member Bingham with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.


Sharlet Anderson, Recorder