

Minutes of the Garland City Council meeting held October 20, 2021, at 8:29 pm at the Garland City Building with the following council members present:

**Todd Miller
Chuck Bingham
Linda Bourne
Sharla Nelson
Roger Ogborn
Steve Peacock**

**Mayor
Council Member
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Mayor Miller called the meeting to order. Council Member Nelson gave the invocation and Council Member Peacock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Miller stated the next item on the agenda would be a motion to amend the agenda.

Council Member Bourne made a motion to amend the agenda with removing number ten. A second was made by Council Member Peacock with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

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

Mayor Miller stated the minutes for September 29, 2021, were not ready and asked for a motion to table them until the next meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Ogborn to table the minutes from September 29, 2021. A second was made by Council Member Bingham with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Miller asked if there were any requests for future agenda items. Council Member Nelson stated that the Garland City Code states that the planning and zoning committee is supposed to meet on Thursdays but is currently having meetings on Tuesdays. Mayor Miller stated that we would have to make a note of it and fix it.

Mayor Miller stated the first item under new business was a vote on the park security system.

Council Member Peacock made a motion to table that pending a little bit more discussion. A second was made by Council Member Bourne with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Miller stated the next item under new business was a vote to approve new library board members.

Council Member Nelson made a motion to adopt Marci Cox, Elizabeth Potter, and Breanna Parker as library board members. A second was made by Council Member Bingham with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Miller stated the next item on the agenda was the financial review and asked if there were any questions.

Mayor Miller stated that he thought we should make a fixed flat rate for seniors over a specific age so that as the city needs to raise rates for whatever and their social security checks don't change their not impacted. Mayor Miller stated that our utility bill is currently \$72 and will be going up another \$5 when the sewer plant is done. His proposal is for residents that live in a house and the youngest member is seventy or over then they would be at a fixed \$70 base rate. He says it won't affect a lot of residents but it will help the most vulnerable. He asked the city council if that base sounded good. They all liked the sound of it. Mayor Miller stated we would move forward with the process to make it happen.

Council Member Bingham made a motion to approve the coding for payroll and accounts payable and utility account adjustments. A second was made by Council Member Ogborn with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Council Member Bourne made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm. A second was made by Council Member Nelson with all council members present voting in favor of the motion.



Sharlet Anderson, Recorder